Meet our Academic Skills Program Coordinators

Jenna Storey

Jenna is passionate about helping students envision their best selves and finding resilience through programming and one-on-one consultations. Jenna oversees the Undergrad Peer Tutoring Network (UPTN) and Academic Coaches. Before joining McMaster, Jenna was a Secondary School English teacher for 12 years in the Peel District School Board. Jenna is an animal rights advocate who promotes pet adoption and works with provincial city councils to enact animal bylaws. Jenna lives with her husband and five fur-babies.

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Mary McCaffery

After teaching overseas for several years, Mary completed her Master’s degree in Education (2013). She became an advocate for practical and straightforward writing instruction while teaching English for academic purposes at Yukon College. When she began working at McMaster, she had been working on curriculum projects as a consultant in the private sector and for Yukon College. Mary manages the Undergrad Writing Centre, runs events, and delivers workshops. She began her PhD in Higher Education with the University of Toronto in January, 2019.

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Academic Skills Development
A Guide for Undergrad Students
Fall 2020

Services and Support Available Online: https://studentsuccess@mcmaster.ca/academic-skills/
Workshops and Annual Events

Academic Skills Workshops
- Participate in small, informal group workshops with professional staff members
- Enhance academic skills such as note-taking, studying, test prep and essay writing
- Develop personal skills such as time management and goal setting

**How:** Register on OSCARplus
**When:** Tuesday – Thursday
**Where:** Workshops will be online

Late Night Study Sessions
Come study in a quiet, student-friendly space so you can focus on assignments, papers and studying. Late Night Study Sessions are held in the Fall and Winter terms.

Academic Reboot
Work with professional staff members to enhance skills for success. Learn about research-supported strategies to help you thrive.

Writing Contest
Engage your creativity and win some fantastic prizes! New themes are announced each year.

For the most up-to-date offerings, check OSCARplus and our website.

One-on-One Appointments

Academic Coaches
- One-on-one sessions with trained student peers
- Find support to meet your academic and personal management skills, such as scheduling, goal setting, online learning, test and study strategies
- Be mentored by upper-year students
- Get help booking appointments with trained writing peers, workshop sign-up and locating other information and resources

**How:** Book appointments on OSCARplus (Appointments>Student Success Centre)
**When:** Monday – Friday
**Where:** Appointments online

The Writing Centre
- One-on-one sessions with trained student peers
- Up to 10 (50-minute) sessions can be booked per term in advance or accessed through drop-in
- Get help with essays, reports or just discuss your ideas

**How:** Book appointments on OSCARplus (Appointments>Student Success Centre)
**When:** Monday – Friday
**Where:** Appointments online

Academic Skills Program Coordinators
- Receive additional support focused on academic and personal skills from academic skills professional staff
- Co-create individual action plans to meet academic goals

**How:** Email skills@mcmaster.ca
**When:** By appointment
**Where:** Appointments online

Tutoring

Undergrad Peer Tutoring Network (UPTN)
- Affordable and accessible quality tutoring
- Course specific support provided by McMaster undergrads who have earned an A- or higher in the course
- $18 per hour

**How:** Register on mcmaster.tutorocean.com and enter the course code
**Where:** Tutoring sessions take place in-person or in the online classroom

Have questions? Contact us at: skills@mcmaster.ca

Felt like I really dug deeper into certain thoughts about my writing that I wouldn’t have done by myself.

Student Feedback

Our tutors receive ongoing professional training that has been accredited by the College of Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) in order to provide you with quality support.