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What We Do

The Office of Academic Services (O.A.S.) fosters inclusive excellence through a family of support centers that promote meaningful engagement in learning and equal access to educational opportunities. Services are tailored to address individual or shared needs; and they are offered in a safe, supportive environment where all students are welcome and challenged to realize their full potential.

Who We Are

Our staff serves the needs of PC students in areas that include disability services, student success and retention, student-athlete services, and tutorial services. Combined, we have decades of experience and hold graduate degrees in subject areas that include applied linguistics, sports leadership, higher education, guidance and counseling, English, secondary education, and religious studies. We can be contacted by going to <https://academic-services.providence.edu/contact/>.

1

Academic Skills

Through workshops and one-on-one meetings with members of our staff, students learn skills that promote success in college and beyond. Discussion topics may include time management, note taking, and active reading.



2

Tutoring Center

The Tutoring Center offers individual and group tutoring in most subject areas. Peer tutors are eager to assist fellow students by reinforcing concepts, building confidence, and strengthening general study skills.



3

Writing Center

The Writing Center's goal is to help students of all levels and disciplines become better writers. Tutors are available to help at any stage of the writing process, whether you are brainstorming a topic or polishing a final draft.



4

Disability Support

The O.A.S. provides academic support for students with documented disabilities. Staff members are available to discuss each student's unique needs and determine reasonable accommodations.



5

Student-Athlete Services

The O.A.S. offers specialized support to student-athletes in light of their unique time demands and the rules that govern intercollegiate athletics. Services include space for quiet study, academic mentoring, and life skills programming.



Testimonial

The Office of Academic Services and its expert, hardworking staff are indispensable. The O.A.S. helps to encourage and produce better students, and, in this regard, its performance is well-documented. Yet, the O.A.S. takes this winning approach one, important step further – the office assesses its own performance regularly and uses these findings for ongoing planning and improvement. As such, the O.A.S. is a leader and a model. The College is stronger for these efforts. – Dr. Brian Bartolini, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs