



## SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Colleagues,

We are excited to welcome all students back to campus this Spring! As they return, we would like to share some updates and reminders so you can help students connect with our services to support their success. Learning Center services are open to all RU-NB students and enable them to build connections with a community of learners both in-person and online.

Actively engaging with our services early in the semester will help your students optimize their studying efforts, so please encourage them to start the semester strong by using our **free** services early and often.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu).

For more information please visit our [website](https://learningcenters.rutgers.edu) or email us at [learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu](mailto:learning.centers@echo.rutgers.edu).





## SPREAD THE WORD:

To help students easily connect with support, we are asking all faculty and staff to please:

### **Provide a Direct Link to Services in Canvas**

To access our services, students just sign in to Penji with their NetID and password. We are asking instructors to add a direct link to Penji in their Canvas sites so students can easily access them. See our three-step instructions for [how to add](#) the scheduling link directly to a Canvas course.

### **Introduce Students to the Learning Centers**

There is a page available through [Canvas Commons](#) that introduces students to our services. Instructors can also add this statement to syllabi or send it to students as an announcement: "Rutgers is committed to your success and offers free academic services to all students. The Learning Centers provide tutoring, writing support, study groups, and review sessions for your courses. They also host workshops and provide individual academic coaching to help further develop your study strategies and task-management skills. To learn more about how the LCs can help you succeed, visit [learningcenters.rutgers.edu](https://learningcenters.rutgers.edu)."

## HOW TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR YOUR COURSES:

Instructors can request tutoring for their courses through our [contact form](#). They can also request for an academic coaching workshop to be presented during class time.

## Learning Assistant Program

Our Learning Assistants (LAs) are undergraduate students trained to provide instructional support to faculty. Through taking a pedagogy course, ongoing trainings, and weekly preparation sessions with faculty, LAs can help to provide an active and engaging learning environment for students. This past Fall semester 399 LAs supported 56 courses from 20 Departments across 5 different schools. This Spring semester, we have hired 368 LAs to support 61 courses across 4 schools.

The faculty application for LA support during the 24-25 academic year is now closed. The next opportunity to apply for LA course support will be during the Fall 2024 semester.

For more information on the LA Program and to submit an application, please go to the Learning Assistant Program website.

For additional support or to get answers to your questions, please fill out our [contact form](#).







## NEWLY ADDED RESOURCES:

The Academic Coaching Program offers a number of online learning modules for students on Canvas that can be completed asynchronously. Please [check this page](#) for updates and new modules available.

You can integrate the module into your Canvas course and use it as an assignment. Students will earn a badge upon completion for each module.

## REQUESTS FOR TRAINING

Our Peer Leader Training Program offers training and professional development workshops for undergraduate and graduate students working in peer leadership positions, as well as for faculty working with peer leaders. [Learn more on our website about the training program](#) or [use our contact form](#) for requests and questions.

## WHAT'S COMING UP:

- **Presentation Skills Tutoring**
  - The Learning Centers will be offering Presentation Skills tutoring beginning the Spring 2024. Look for the announcement on the LC website.
  - Presentation skills tutors will be available by appointment both in-person and via Zoom to help students develop their academic presentation skills for class assignments, conferences, poster sessions, research symposiums, and more!
- **Academic Success Workshops**
  - Students will learn techniques to improve focus, concentration, memory, emotional well-being, and effective strategies to take control of their learning. Learn more about workshops like Monday Motivation and Friday Focus. Students can [register](#) online.
- **Drop-In Build-A-Study-Schedule Sessions**
  - Students can drop in to work with an Academic Coach on building a study schedule tailored to their individual needs. Coaches will help them make a schedule based on best practices for studying and effective time management.
- **Study Groups**
  - Study groups offered through the Learning Assistant (LA) Program will begin on **Tuesday, January 30th** and end on **Monday, April 29th** this semester.
  - Registration opens on **Tuesday, January 23rd** for all RU-NB students.

