**Cultivating Voice: A Writing Tutor’s Craft Spring 2017**

**Tacoma Campus**

Class Meetings: Tuesday 3-5 pm

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***Cultivating Voice: A Writing Tutor’s Craft*** prepares students to become peer tutors in the Evergreen Tacoma Writing Center using readings, seminar discussion, guest lectures, practicum, and personal reflection. We have a challenging but fun workload for a two-credit class. We will explore the writing process, examine the role of a peer tutor, and develop effective tutoring strategies across significant student differences. Students will observe and reflect upon peer tutoring and graduate to supervised tutoring by the end of the quarter.

Students will be evaluated on the basis of class attendance, active engagement in class, and the timely completion of all assignments. Students will turn in a portfolio of their program work during Week 10. The portfolio will include all weekly written reflections, all drafts and a final copy of your *How I Write* essay, all drafts of the *My Tutoring Philosophy* essay, and a draft of your self-evaluation.

**Required program texts:**

All the readings are provided at no cost. Articles will be available in two ways: 1) I’ll provide photocopies for use in the Center; 2) PDFs will be available on the Writing Center’s website, under *Cultivating Voice*.

**Practicum**:

An essential part of *Cultivating Voice* is observing yourself and others in tutoring sessions. The practicum is designed to give you experience tutoring and being tutored. Please schedule practicum appointments at the Writing Center.

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| Option 1 | Have a session with a Writing Center tutor on your own writing. Bring any project: academic writing, personal writing, evaluations, brainstorms, or assignments for *Cultivating Voice* or another program. This is a 1-hour appointment. |
| Option 2 | Shadow a session. (Shadowing means silently and respectfully observing a session between a Writing Center tutor and a student. There will be ample opportunity *after* the session is over to discuss your observations.)  Shadowing a session requires the consent of both the tutor and the writer. It may be easier to schedule an observation session when another *Cultivating Voice* Student is being tutored. |

**Written Reflections**:

In *Cultivating Voice* we value self-reflection and learning from each other. Each week you will be asked to write about your experiences in and surrounding *Cultivating Voice*, and you will be asked to share these reflections with each other. The length, content, and format of your written reflections are up to you, but you must bring two copies to class. One copy will go to Sandy, and the other will be exchanged with a classmate. After the exchange you will a read classmate’s reflection and write a short response, to be returned the following week. Please Note: I do not offer much response on these. They are to help you process your genuine thoughts and questions, not to impress me at all costs, which often can lead to suppressing your own voice. This is an intentional part of my pedagogy for *Cultivating Voice*.

**Written Assignments**: (You will get many more details about these assignments in class.)

* Weekly Written Reflections
* *My Tutoring Philosophy* Essay
* *How I Write* Essay—
* *Cultivating Voice* self-evaluation, due with portfolio

**Interviews:**

During the last class, you will be able to sign up for an interview, and if eligible to be hired as a paid tutor, you will be scheduled to tutor student writers, beginning fall quarter, in the Writing Center.

**Other Opportunities:**

I also encourage you strongly to attend any workshops the Writing Center offers during spring quarter.

**For reading assignments, please see the week-by-week breakdown of this syllabus.**

**Marta Harvey (Sandy’s Assistant-Tacoma) Room 124**

360-867-6420 (Scheduled hours only)

Appointments for tutoring sessions can be made in person or by calling the Olympia Writing Center at 360-867-8961. Please be sure to say you want an appointment in Tacoma.