

Center for Writing, Learning, and Teaching

Experience: Tutor

Reflection Assignment: Observing your colleagues

Prior to this short self-reflection, you will be observed in an appointment by another tutor. Don't worry – this observation isn't an evaluation of your performance, but an opportunity for you to debrief an actual tutoring appointment and ask advice from a peer.

After the appointment, both the observer and the observed should take some time to reflect on the following questions and come to the staff meeting prepared to discuss your experience.

Observer:

1. Describe the appointment: what happened, generally?
2. What strategies or approaches did the tutor use to encourage the student to do their own learning? Did they seem effective? Why or why not?
3. What strength(s) do you see the tutor having? Can you give an example of this from the appointment?
4. What lessons will you take away from observing this tutor for your own practice?

Observed Tutor:

1. What about the appointment went well? What did not go so well?
2. What strength(s) do you see yourself having? Can you give an example of this from the appointment?
3. What area(s) for growth do you want to work on? Can you give an example of this from the appointment? How did it feel to be observed by another tutor? What did you learn about yourself?