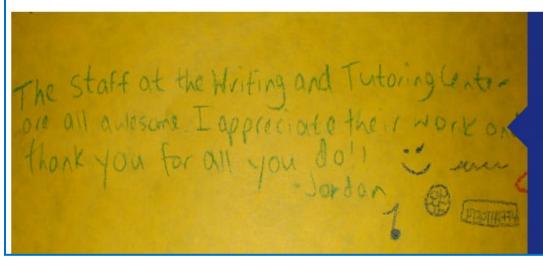
Tutoring & Writing Center

From our website: rollins.edu/library/twc

Students helping students! Click on this link to make an appointment with one of our peer tutors or writing consultants. Read on to see the difference and to see our staff lists.



Meet the Staff

Looking for a list of our tutors and writing consultants? Click here for our full staff listing!

Looking Back at 2014-15

This academic year was our first year using *WCOnline* for scheduling and storing data. The amount of data rose enormously with its electronic session reporting. **We have saved almost 10,000 sheets of paper (in 4,937 sessions)** and now have access to detailed information about the sessions and our clients' satisfaction with their tutors or consultants. Inside you'll see some quantitative data for tutors and writing consultants for each semester, what we've been able to collect in the past and what is new, thanks to *WCOnline*.



Say goodbye to our front desk in the Lakeview area of Olin Library. Olin's Checkout and Reserves (Circulation Desk) staff and some work-study students will connect student clients with their tutors or consultants and show students how to make appointments.



TJ's Tutoring and Writing Consulting at Olin Library

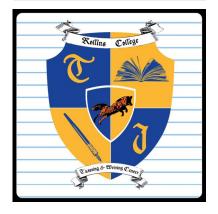
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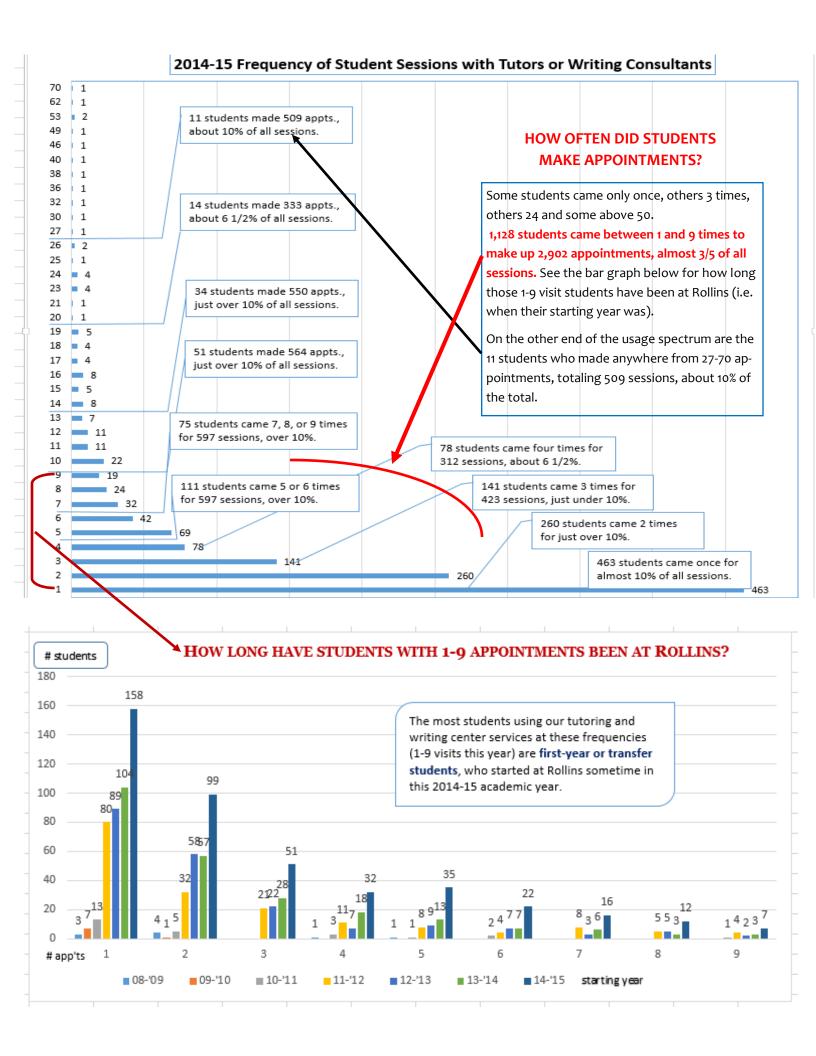
See our staff lists, apply to be on staff, find useful resources in our website: http://www.rollins.edu/library/twc/index.html

Make your appointment from the R-Net links (Tutoring/Writing), from our website, or directly at https://rollins.mywconline.com/index.php

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Who are our student clients? How often do they make appointments? What are their needs? When in their college career do they come? Which professors require students to make appointments with tutors or consultants? What do students like, or not, about their time with us?

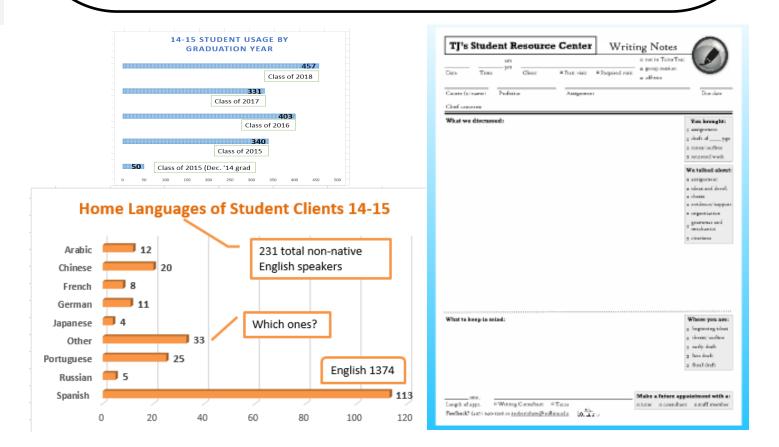
WCOnline, with its online reporting, has given us much richer data to mine for answers to these questions. Some comes from students' registration data (home language, first semester at Rollins College, graduation year). All the other data comes from the online reports that tutors and writing consultants fill out each for of their appointments.

During the almost 5,000 appointments this year, peer educators helped students try new study and writing techniques, get a more realistic check on where they stood, and make adjustments in the future. Online reports serve as reminders to students and feedback on sessions to professors and administrators.

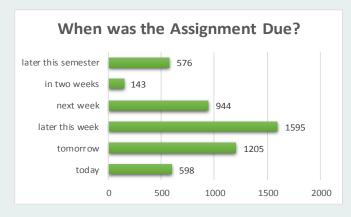
From 1985 until fall 2014, peer tutors and writing consultants filled out three-ply (or two-ply in later years) 8 1/2 x 11 session notes (see the image below). We gave students the top copy, we sent professors the next copy in campus mail, and we kept the third copy for reference. Changing from paper (analog) to digital reporting was the biggest change for our 90+ tutors and writing consultants this year as we started using WCOnline. Along with checking off category boxes (see p. 4-5 for that data), tutors and consultants write summaries of their work. Some do this during the session, on laptops or in computer labs, while others fill out the reports afterward. Students, professors, staff and tutors get these digital reports once the report is saved. WCOnline also sends a link to the student inviting them to fill out a survey on their session and tutor or consultant (see facing page). We hope to do some qualitative research using NVivo on the almost 5,000 session summaries this coming year.

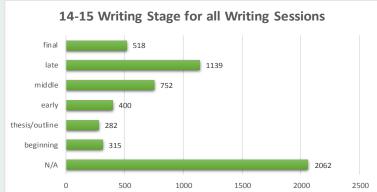
Some examples: (Unlike the first example, writing consultants usually write much longer summaries than tutors do!)

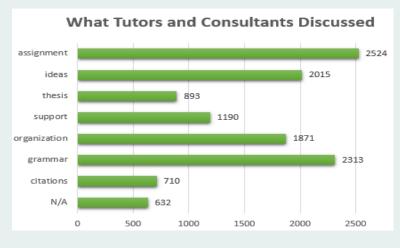
"Relate back to the main point." "The reaction order equations were fairly tricky but i think we figured it out. You can always check to see if the finer details are right. You've become very good at writing the lab reports so I think that part will be easy to do as long as the equations make sense. This chapter is tricky so we'll try to meet up again soon."



APPOINTMENTS FOR PAPERS WITH WRITING CONSULTANTS AND TUTORS









All of our peer educators need to determine the needs of the students they are working with. Fundamental to this analysis are the assignments and the learning behaviors of the student clients.

Writing centers and tutoring programs strive to help students understand the learning and writing process. In their digital session reports, peer educators indicate what they actually spent time doing, even if it's five minutes for one thing and 35 minutes for another.

These categories remind students of everything involved in learning and writing. They also act as prompts to follow as tutors and consultants conduct their sessions.

The charts on these two pages quantify in the aggregate what this year's sessions involved, where peer educators and student spent time, and what they discussed doing next.

DUE DATE & WRITING STAGE

On the individual level, students and professors can see how the needs of each student and their paper draft were categorized and addressed. The summaries that tutors write in each report (see page 3 for examples) give more specific information to remind students after the session, to inform professors about student needs and consultant/tutor strategies, and to reveal to program administrators what happens in the almost 5,000 sessions per year.

Peer educators can see how their colleagues are writing up their summaries: how much detail, how many suggestions for future work, how many (if any) references for students to consult, etc. They also look at some of these in individual conferences with the Coordinator as they discuss what they do in their sessions, what they have learned in training and on the job, what they do differently after gaining experience and with different clients.

APPOINTMENTS FOR PAPERS WITH CONTENT TUTORS

Content tutors know the courses they tutor and the professors who teach them. In writing—and reading-intensive courses, tutors bring content expertise and experience to the session.

Students come to content tutors for papers when they want feedback on connecting course themes, using appropriate evidence to support claims, organizing and acknowledging disciplinary knowledge in appropriate ways.

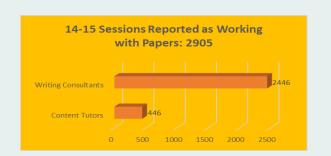
Some students see the same tutors for non-writing tasks: studying for exams, understanding and practicing concepts, etc. It is these tutors' contextual knowledge that makes professors want them working as tutors and that makes students choose to see them instead of, or in addition to, writing consultants.

DATA-DRIVEN TRAINING

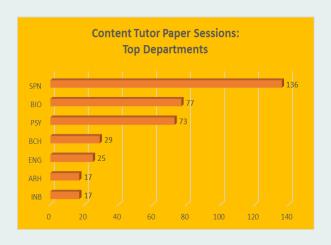
Training needs to ensure that tutors as well as writing consultants can identify and address the specific needs of student writers and their papers in all stages of the writing process. However, content tutors are not expected to help students with expression, grammar, and mechanics.

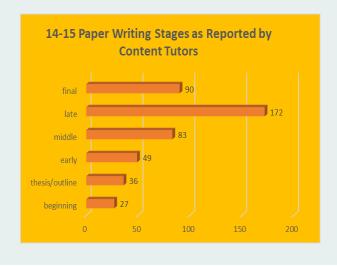
From their reports, tutors worked with writers in all stages of their students' writing process. We wonder how exactly they helped these writers in the late and final stages? Did they categorize each paper's writing stage the same as writing consultants did? We can use this data to underscore the need for tutors to assess accurately each paper's writing stage as well as for us to equip them with appropriate techniques to model and pass on.

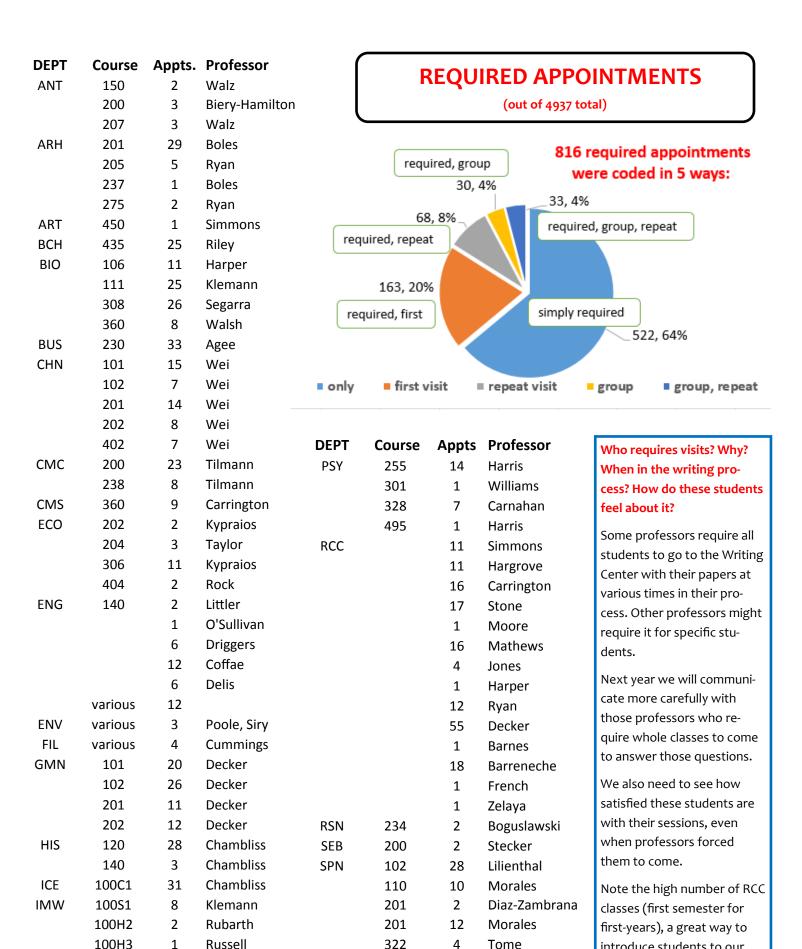
This data also showed us which tutors spent time with papers; some departments were real surprises! Science tutors, for example, had not previously had so many writing clients. BIO and BCH professors got several students on staff specifically to help with papers, and encouraged their students to make appointments with them. The high number of Spanish tutors' work with papers was also unexpected. We need to investigate the nature of those papers, since feedback for a paper using "15 vocabulary words from Ch. 5" should be very different from research for a 300-level Spanish literature course.



These writing assignments can vary by department: lab reports for science, research papers for art history, literature reviews for preliminary assignments in research papers.







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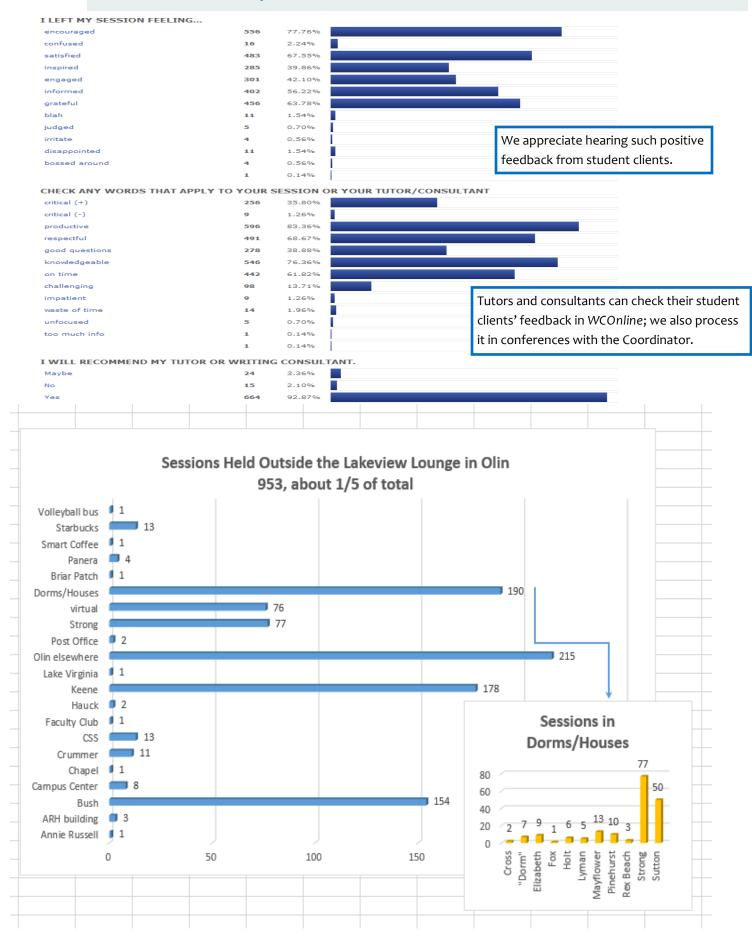
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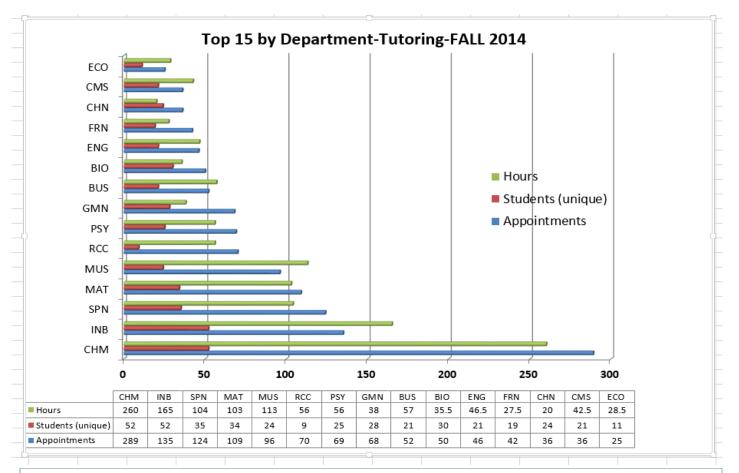
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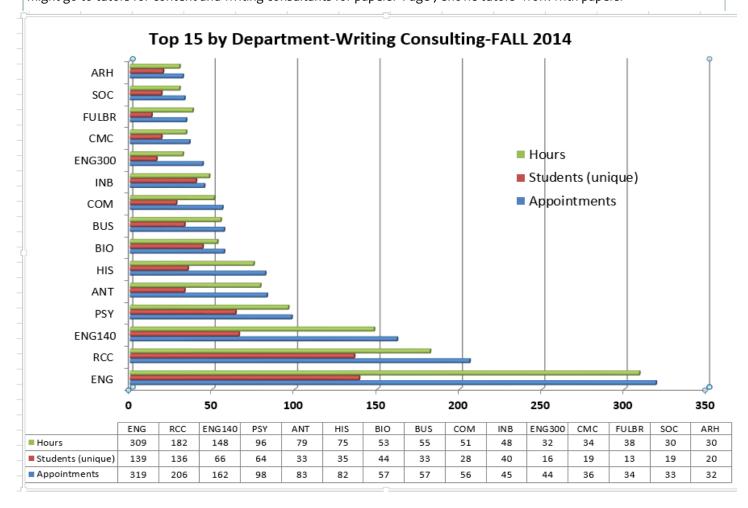
715 Student Surveys of their Sessions: We hope to get more next year!

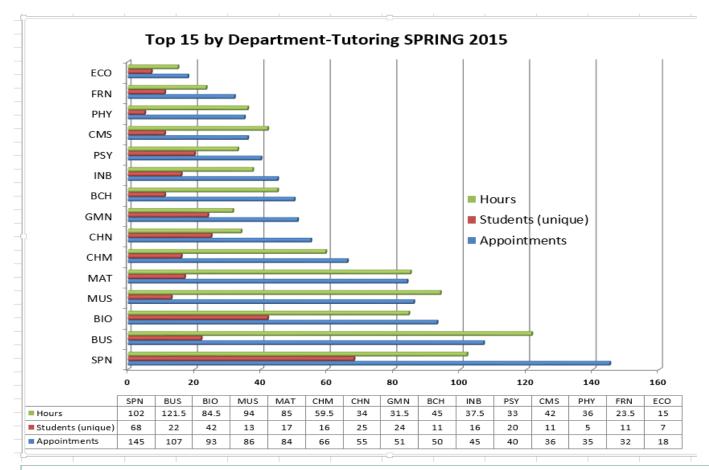




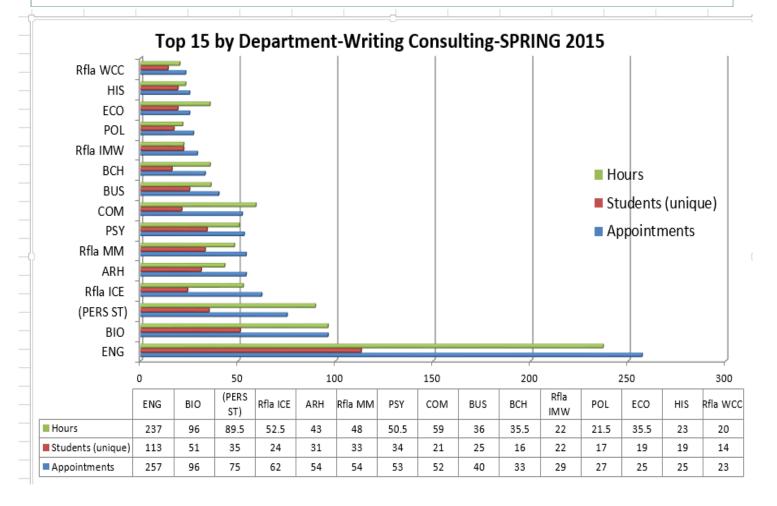
Looking vertically, we can compare student use of specialist content tutors and generalist writing consultants.

Students in certain departments prefer tutors: SPN, FRN, GMN, for obvious reasons; some sciences, music. Other students might go to tutors for content and writing consultants for papers. Page 7 shows tutors' work with papers.





Looking horizontally (to p. 4), we can compare student use of tutors and consultants across semesters. CHM tutoring is higher in fall than spring, and BIO the opposite, when first-years take BIO I. Senior science students take seminar papers to tutors and writing consultants; RCC students in the fall and RFIa (new general education courses) in the spring use the WC.



Tutor Training Topics & Materials by CRLA Levels 1, 2, and 3 a

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CRLA level 1 certification: min. 8 topics, 10 hrs. training, 25-49 hrs. tutoring

Resources for Level 1 CRLA certification topics:

(minimum 8 of these: find the specific readings, meetings, activities, etc. from the training course syllabus, log those you have done into your CRLA certification sheet) defining tutoring and responsibilities, basic tutoring guidelines, beginning and ending a session, adult learners & theory & learning styles, assertiveness, working with difficult clients, setting goals & planning, communication skills, active listening & paraphrasing, referral skills, study skills, critical thinking skills, ethics & philosophy, avoiding sexual &workplace harrassment, modeling problem-solving



CRLA level 2 Certification: Review Level 1 Topics & 4 more; 10 more hrs. training, 50-74 hrs. tutoring

Resources for Level 2 CRLA certification topics:

(review + minimum 4 of these: find the specific readings, meetings, activities, etc. from the training course syllabus, log those you have done into your CRLA certification sheet)

use of probing questions, cultural awareness & intercultural communication, special needs students, indentifying and using resources, specialty tutoring in quantitative, foreign language and intensive reading/writing courses, record keeping



CRLA level 3 Certification: Review Levels 1 & 2 and 4 more; 10 more hrs. training, 75+ hrs tutoring

Resources for Level 3 CRLA certification topics:

(review levels 1&2; do minimum 4 of these: find the specific readings, meetings, activities, etc. from the training course syllabus, log those you have done into your CRLA certification sheet)

Memory, targeting specific populations, (English as a second language, athletes, Greeks, etc.), group management skills, special projects



International Tutor Training Program Certification

The training courses that new tutors and writing consultants take in their first semester (TPJ 106 and 111, each one credit) address the training topics set by the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA).

Tutors and consultants keep track of the work they do in meetings and on their own in each category using this checklist. We keep track of the hours they spend with their fellow students (for which they get paid).

Our program has been certified by CRLA for over ten years.

CRLA Certified Tutor, Level 1	10 hours of training; 25-49 hours of tutoring			
TOPICS in each level (minimum 8)	Minutes/Hrs	Readings/Videos	Meetings	Activities
Defining tutoring & responsibilities Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
Basic tutoring guidelines Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
Beginning & ending a session Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
Adult learners, learning theory and styles Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
Assertiveness; working with difficult clients Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
Setting goals and planning Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.			
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