



## **Mountaineer Academic Program Overview Information**

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### **Overview and Philosophy**

The only program of its kind in West Virginia, the Mountaineer Academic Program provides supplemental academic support services to meet the needs of, as well as to promote the retention of, undergraduate students with documented disabilities. This program was developed in response to student and parent requests for additional comprehensive services for students with disabilities that is not often found on the college level.

The Mountaineer Academic Program supports students in maintaining their focus, accomplishing their educational goals, and making college-level education accessible to those who learn differently.

This fee-for-services program provides students with a variety of service options. Students are encouraged to take part in both academic tutoring, as well as in academic coaching, as the combination of these two services have been shown to have the greatest impact on student success.

Student participants are undergraduates majoring in degree programs of their choice at West Virginia University. Students are expected to meet the same academic requirements as other students within their degree areas. Since the curriculum of these students is the same as other students, these students leave West Virginia University with the same degree as other graduates in their chosen degree field.

### **Mission Statement:**

The Mountaineer Academic Program is a fee-for-service, academic enhancement program, which provides student-centered supplemental academic support services for students with disabilities. These services meet the needs of, provide support for, and promote the retention of undergraduate students with disabilities at West Virginia University.

### **Vision Statement:**

The Mountaineer Academic Program will be the leading academic support program in the state of West Virginia for post-secondary students with disabilities. The Mountaineer Academic Program aspires to retain and graduate knowledgeable individuals who have acquired academic and life skills, allowing participating students to become successful members in his or her local community.

### **Academic Coaching:**

MAP Academic Coaches Provide:

- Consistency through regular contact and individualized support specifically designed for Mountaineer Academic Program students.
- Accountability through weekly meetings to discuss all aspects of academic progress.
- Guidance in using strategies to improve study skills, time management, and organizational skills.
- Assistance in major and career exploration, as well as major and career decision-making.
- Encouragement and guidance for co-curricular involvement to help students balance academic requirements with other commitments.

- Regular communication with tutors to share feedback about the student's progress and how to best meet his or her needs.
- Referrals and communication with various academic support services that are beneficial to the student.
- Regular contact if permitted by the student with parents, faculty, and staff involved in the academic progress of the student.

### **Tutoring Program:**

MAP Tutors Provide:

- One-on-one interactive content tutoring that fits the student's personal learning style and disability.
- Ongoing contact with the same person so rapport is built and the student's needs and situations are truly understood.
- Consistency, stability, and accountability through regular appointments that span the entire semester and occur at least once a week.
- Feedback to the counselors and other tutors working with the same student to increase consistency in services.

### **Program Cost for Fall 2009:**

MAP Coaching and Tutoring:

Full Service: \$850.00

- Provides students with weekly meetings with a MAP Academic Coach.
- Provides students with a structured student workbook to examine academic skill areas such as study skills, time management, goal setting, and major selection.
- Provides students with up to two hours a week of one-on-one tutoring.
- Provides students with access to the MAP Tutoring Center.
- Provides students with group learning opportunities.

MAP Tutoring Only Packages”

Level Three: \$420.00

- Provides students with the ability to use up to 35 hours of tutoring throughout the semester.
- Provides students with access to the MAP Tutoring Center.
- Provides students with group learning opportunities.

Level Two: \$300.00

- Provides students with the ability to use up to 25 hours of tutoring throughout the semester.
- Provides students with access to the MAP Tutoring Center.
- Provides students with group learning opportunities.

Level One: \$180.00

- Provides students with the ability to use up to 15 hours of tutoring throughout the semester.
- Provides students with access to the MAP Tutoring Center.
- Provides students with group learning opportunities.

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