



CTL – What is a Peer Tutor’s Experience? - video transcript

>> MEGAN BIXEL: And I thought, "Hmm, could I be a tutor? I don't know!" But here I am, two years later, and I love it! I couldn't imagine doing anything else. It's a blast. And the beauty of it is that as the peer tutor, I don't really have to be the "expert." I don't have to know everything. I don't even have to be an amazing writer, per se. It's more about the collaboration, and having someone to sit next to you and support you, and say "You got this! Let's learn about this together. Let's get you the resources you need, and the information you need, in a relaxed, nice environment, so that you can push your paper over the edge, into an excellent paper."

>> MEGAN BIXEL: And so it's worked well for me. I've grown a lot here, as the tutor, because I started out being a little unsure of my own writing. And so, working here I've gotten to know the other tutors, we've worked on papers together, and so I've experienced the other side of things, that students who come in experience. Because writing really is a collaborative sport! It's hard to do alone, and so having people around, having readers who aren't your teachers, who aren't going to grade or use the red pen-- unless you prefer red pen, we can make that happen--no one is a harsher critic than yourself, most likely. And sometimes in that perspective, it's hard to get going, it's really hard to know what to write about. "Am I writing about the right thing? Am I translating this assignment in the right way? Am I on the right track, once I have translated the assignment and started writing? Am I even on the right track?" We love helping with any stage of that writing process.

>> MEGAN BIXEL: If you have no idea of even how to start, we are here to help you start. If you have no idea what the assignment is even asking for, we are excellent translators for the instructors here at Antioch. And if you have an outline or you have a full paper and you just want to get a second opinion, or even just some moral support around the entire process while...we're very good at giving you that support wherever you are, and providing a nonjudgmental atmosphere to get you going! Or to keep you going. And having fun, if you can believe it, at the same time.