



# webster centre for teaching and learning

THE PIT { A dynamic centre for active learning  
and group projects

**DO YOU NEED HELP WITH: WRITING ESSAYS? ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE? TIME MANAGEMENT?  
STUDY SKILLS? MATH? SCIENCE?**

If so, the Webster Centre for Teaching and Learning is the place for you! The Centre provides support and a multitude of resources to help students achieve academic success.

Located in the Robertson Library Annex, Room 225, the Centre includes The PIT or “People In Thought” — a student-centred area for active learning where you can visit the STEP tutoring area, the Write Place, and the Math and Science Help Centres. Students often use The PIT as a convenient place to work on group projects.

The Webster Centre partners with UPEI’s Student Services, the Centre for Life-Long Learning, and other groups on campus to meet all your learning needs.

**UPEI**  
UNIVERSITY  
of Prince Edward  
ISLAND



### **PATHWAYS TO ACADEMIC SUCCESS (902) 894-2835**

The **Pathways to Academic Success (PAS)** office aims to help students develop the skills necessary to succeed at university, through established programs, individual student advising in study skills, and outreach student workshops.

The **Student Success Program (SSP 101)** is a non-credit course designed to help improve academic performance. The curriculum includes such topics as motivation, goal-setting, time management, study skills, and exam preparation. Students are either referred to SSP 101 as a condition of academic probation, or they may register voluntarily to improve their study skills and identify their learning needs.

The **Options Program** allows students to engage in self-reflection, assess their academic strengths and challenges, explore career and educational paths, and develop the academic and professional tools they require to succeed. An academic and career portfolio is used to guide students through this process. The goal is to create a meaningful plan of action for each student's return, continuation, or entry to post-secondary studies.

The **PAS Workshops** are free workshops to assist students with their studies. Students can attend them at the Webster Centre in a traditional one-hour seminar format, or through the PAS online workshop series. In both cases, they will be provided with study skills information, and encouraged to try different strategies such as effective reading, note-taking, presentation skills, time management, referencing and much more. It is also possible to connect, one-on-one, with PAS staff for academic coaching. Our knowledgeable coaches provide students with confidential guidance tailored to their individual needs.

### **ACADEMIC SUPPORTS**

#### **Accessibility Services and Adaptive Technology (902) 628-4364 or 894-2825**

Accessibility Services and Adaptive Technology provides support services for all UPEI students. Accommodations are also provided for students with documented physical and learning disabilities. Mentoring supports offer students regular personalized assistance with study strategies and time management. Students benefit from technological support for reading texts, notes, and articles and improving their writing.

### **Adult Connections in Education (902) 566-0790**

Adult Connections in Education (ACE) is a four-year inclusive post-secondary program for students with an intellectual disability. Throughout the program, ACE provides individualized academic support, facilitates participation on campus and in the community, and offers a series of skills development workshops. ACE also provides more than 60 UPEI students with volunteer mentoring experience each semester.

### **English Academic Preparation (902) 894-2817**

The English Academic Preparation (EAP) program supports international students in the challenge of taking university courses in a foreign language. EAP helps reinforce students' competence and confidence by working with the campus community to provide a good first-year experience and a successful transition to North American university culture. EAP is a bridging program that allows students to begin working toward a degree while perfecting their English skills.

## **STUDENTS HELPING STUDENTS**

### **The PIT – People In Thought**

The PIT in Robertson Library Annex is a drop-in centre where upper-level students serve as tutors for writing, science, and math.

### **Writing Centre (902) 628-4320**

The Writing Centre offers free writing consultation to all students, in any subject, at any stage of the writing process. Writing assistants are available at The Write Place in The PIT. Third- and fourth-year and graduate students can arrange appointments with the Writing Centre Coordinator. The Writing Centre has many online resources and hand-outs to help students with writing.

### **Science Help Centre**

The Science Help Centre provides assistance to students in biology, chemistry, physics, engineering, and family and nutritional sciences.

### **Math Help Centre (902) 566-6052**

The Math Help Centre tutors provide individual help to undergraduate students in any first- or second-year mathematics or statistics course.





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#### OTHER PROGRAMS

##### Transition Program (902) 894-2896

The Transition Program (TP) gives students who leave high school, with an average between 65 and 69.9 per cent, the opportunity to attend UPEI on a conditional basis for their first year, as long as all other admission requirements are met (62.5–65 per cent averages may be considered). TP is also available to mature students seeking extra support in first year. The Program provides a scaffold of supports and strategies to help students integrate into a regular course of study, and full admission by the second year. Students who fully participate in the TP have a high rate of retention and success between first and second years.

##### Tutoring Services (902) 566-0790

The UPEI Student Tutoring Education Program is a one-on-one program that connects high school students with a UPEI student tutor. Making a smooth transition to university requires a high level of knowledge in core subject areas and tutoring gives students the necessary skills and confidence to prepare for future studies at UPEI. We also offer one-on-one peer tutoring for UPEI students through UPEI Tutoring Services.

#### SERVICES FOR FACULTY

The **Faculty Development Office** hosts a variety of workshops to assist with faculty development, including a Let's Talk Teaching day, a Brown Bag Lunch series, a Teaching Dossier workshop, and the Teaching Partners program for new faculty. It offers resources to assist in creating new and exciting methods of teaching and connecting with students.

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*Our goal is to provide a caring, open, and helpful centre where students and faculty receive the academic help they ask for in a timely, practical, and confidential manner. Our teaching and learning environment provides a culture where helping students and supporting faculty is what we do!*

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**Dr. Barbara Campbell**  
Director of the Webster Centre

