

Grade First Aid

UNC programs help make the path to graduation an easier one to follow

A hhhh! Doesn't it feel good? You've finally got all of your stuff crammed in the cubicle that you will come to call home for the next nine months. Your entourage of family members is beginning to painfully separate themselves from you and your new university surroundings. Reality creeps in. You've done it! You're a UNC student, chosen from thousands. Now you can sit back and bask in the glory of being one of the best and the brightest.

Or can you? Although you will undoubtedly hear 1,000 variations of "Look at the person to your left. Now, look at the person to your right. One of these two people will not graduate from this university." More than likely you still have the mindset that you will not be among the many to fall by the wayside. Good! The university would not have picked you if you did not have the ability or the stamina to graduate from the University of North Carolina. However, the university also recognizes that even the best and the brightest need a helping hand once in a while. So when the going gets rough and the possibility of a 4.0 is beginning to appear to be a harder task than you thought, check out these programs and give yourself the boost you need to have a successful career at the UNC.

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Academic Support Services

Programs that are as varied as the students and their needs fall under the umbrella of Academic Support Services. Among these are the Math Tutorials, the Writing Center, the Learning Disabilities Services, the Learning Skills Center and the Student Government Tutorial Services. The Academic Support Services serves as a main directory for the majority of the support programs on campus. Dean Bobbi Owen, associate dean of Academic Support Services, said Academic Support Services was a type of "clearing house" in that she kept people from having to go to different places and having to speak with "middle men."

Owen stressed that she enjoyed working directly with students and was available to answer questions and guide a student toward academic success. Although many of the programs that fall under the Academic

Support Services category place special emphasis on students who are in the General College (usually freshmen and sophomores), programs are open to any one and offer services from which most students could benefit. For more information on these programs, you can either contact the department that offers the program, or stop in 211 Steele and make an appointment to speak with Dean Owen. To give you an idea of the type of programs offered, here are a few of the programs offered and a brief overview of what they do.

Math Tutorial

This program is designed to help students who are having extreme difficulty in their mathematics courses. Students whose math grades are a "D" or lower are referred to the program which provides each student with tutor. Tutors are available for Math 1, 2, 3, 4, 22, 30 and 31 and are assigned to a specific course.

