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OC Student Success Center receives certification by College Reading and Learning Tutor Program

ODESSA (Jan. 11, 2011) – The Odessa College Student Success Center Tutor Training Program recently received re-certification for five years by the College Reading and Learning Association.

The International Tutor Program Certification (ITPC) a division of the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) certifies tutor-training programs at the post-secondary level. The Odessa College Student Success Center tutor-training program has received Level 1 re-certification. This certification authorizes the Student Success Center program to certify tutors who have met the ITPC tutor training requirements.

The OC Student Success Center initially received Level 1 certification in 2007 when it was the Student Learning Center. That certification was for three years. The most recent Level 1 certification is for five years expiring in December 2015.

Level 1 certification requires:

- 1) Tutors receive a minimum of 10 hours of training.
- 2) A minimum of six of those hours must be Tutor-trainer supervised, interactive, live and real-time and can be in the form of workshops, seminars or face-to-face discussions. The remaining training time can be done using videotapes, DVDs and other training tools.
- 3) Tutors are trained in areas such as Tutor Roles and Responsibilities, Tutoring Guidelines, Tutoring Techniques, Communications Skills, handling various tutoring situations, and more.
- 4) Tutors must have a minimum of 25 hours of tutoring experience and;
- 5) Tutors are selected on the basis of an application, interview and at least a 3.0 GPA in the subject being tutored.

This certification assures students using the Student Success Center that the tutors working in the Center are receiving ongoing training and currently are either certified or working toward the Level 1 certification. Students also can be assured that every tutor at the Center has taken the subject being tutored and maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in that subject. For more information please contact the OC Student Success Center at 335-6878.