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- Could you use more resources to help you learn & retain info?
- Do you create your own study aids to ensure you learn the course content?

A student’s use of study aids consists of having a good understanding of resources available to you and how to use those resources to help you become a more effective and efficient learner.
STUDY AID RESOURCES

• Your textbook & related materials
• Online learning labs & resources
• Flash cards
• Group study sessions
• Tutoring
• Graphic organizers
Get the big picture-

- Skim your text to get an overview of the topic by reviewing the table of contents, illustrations, etc..

- Read what the author says is important by surveying the chapter title, major headings & subheadings, objectives and summary.

- Check out extra support materials such as the appendix, glossary, index, and online learning resources.
Focus in-

- Do your reading assignment using all resources that will help you understand and learn the topic.

- The process of selecting & highlighting certain passages can force you to find the main ideas.

- Mentally summarize the main ideas after reading each page.

- Keep notes on key points & questions you have.
• **Online textbook resources**

Some textbooks have online learning environments designed to help students with customized content such as self-testing tools, multimedia learning aids and individualized learning plans.

"I get so excited when I had to work on my MyWritingLab assignments, it's like playing a game, I want to get all the answers correct and understand it."

~ Student Testimonial

WCCC instructors use online resources such as Mylabs, WileyPlus, Connect, etc.

Watch a video that shows how online textbook resources can help students to be more successful!

[http://tinyurl.com/phh2ln3](http://tinyurl.com/phh2ln3)
MAKE YOUR OWN STUDY AIDS

Flash Cards

A customized memory system to master and retain facts and concepts.

• Select info from your notes, course handouts, & textbook that you must learn or memorize.
• Make flash cards by printing part of info on one side and the rest of the corresponding info on the other side.
• You can make digital flashcards – Go to https://quizlet.com
• Practice the data on your flash cards by reciting answers. Mark cards that you don’t remember.
• Work with the flash cards until you know the material!
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Graphic Organizers

- Also called knowledge maps, concept maps, cognitive organizers, etc.
- A series of visual charts and tools used to organize a student’s knowledge and show relationships between facts or ideas.
- Allows the mind to discover patterns and relationships to help with learning.
- Some types of graphic organizers include the Venn diagram, cause & effect, word web, the five W’s, and flow charts.
- See more examples at http://www.eduplace.com/graphicorganizer/
A word web helps you break topic facts down into its details.

A flow chart is used to breakdown a complicated process into simple steps.
The 5 W’s

- What happened?
- Who was there?
- Why did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- Where did it happen?

Completing the 5 W’s for a reading assignment can help you learn details.

Venn Diagram

A Venn Diagram is used for brainstorming and comparing two topics.

- Characteristics of one topic
- Common Aspects
GROUP STUDY SESSIONS

- Meet with other students in your class to compare lecture notes, talk about assignments and review materials together.
- Decide where to meet, day & time, how long each session will last, and what to bring to each session.
- Designate a group leader who will keep everyone on task and informed of future meeting plans.
- Show up prepared and resist the temptation to socialize more than study.
CAMPUS STUDY RESOURCES

Tutoring

- In the College Learning Center or at your education center
- Free. Apply by completing an application.
- Apply as soon as you believe you could use the help of a trained tutor.
- Peer and Professional Tutors have experience with the subject and often with how the instructors teach the course.
- You will learn techniques, strategies and study aids to assist in learning and studying the course content!
Learning Resource Center

- Founders Hall, Room 500
- The college library
- Books, e-books, periodicals, & electronic databases
- DVD’s-educational & leisure
- Computers to search for resources
- The traditional reading and study spot.

Computer Resource Center

- Founders Hall, Room 600
- Computers, printers, & scanners
- A quiet place to do work
- Microsoft & Adobe software
- Do online assignments
RECAP OF STUDY AIDS

So... if you want to become a more skilled learner using the least amount of time, be sure to select the study aids that work for you!

- Library-LRC
- Flash Cards
- Group Study Sessions
- Online Resources
- Graphic Organizers
- Computer Resource Center
- Your Textbook
RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT WCCC

College Learning Center, Founders Hall, Room 565, 724-925-4135  
• Offers tutoring sessions to review course material, answer questions on course content, learn test-taking strategies, and provide study skills & writing assistance

Disability Services, Founders Hall, Room 130, 724-925-4189  
• Provides services and/or academic accommodations to support students with disabilities

Counseling Services, Founders Hall, Room 130, 724-925-4121  
• Provides academic advising, career testing, and personal counseling, as well as referrals to outside agencies

Student Services Support Assistants, Founders Hall, Room 555, 724-925-6893  
• Offers assistance and referrals to first-semester students


Please respond to the following questions by answering true or false:

1. Creating a word web is a type of graphic organizer to help you organize and study the course content.

2. It is not helpful to get a big picture view of your textbook by skimming the table of content, illustrations, chapter objectives & summaries.

3. Tutors can never assist you with study aids for your course.

4. By selecting information from your notes, course handouts, & textbook you can design custom flash cards to help you master the material.

5. The Computer Resource Center is a suitable location to do homework.

*Name one skill you have used in this workshop that you will use to improve your study skills.
Please take a moment to complete our brief survey. Please print this slide (CTRL-P in the Design View) and return it to the College Learning Center, Founders Hall Room 565.

Name of workshop: ________________ Date taken: __________

Using the following scale, please rate each item below.
(1) Not very much (2) Somewhat not  (3) Somewhat  (4) Very much

- After completing this workshop, my knowledge has increased on this subject: ____
- I found the information in this workshop to be helpful to me: ____
- I am likely to use the information in this workshop in my life: ____
- Other comments: __________________________________________
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