

Reflection
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I was always thinking about becoming a math tutor at the University of Arizona. And I am very appreciative that the UTA program gave me a great opportunity to work and help students with their math questions. This not only improved my tutoring skills, but also gave me an approach to make friends who are interested in math as well. During my office hours, I realized that learning in the class from professors is totally different from explaining the problems to the students by myself. How to explain my own thoughts to others was a big challenge for me at first. However, after my continued practice this semester, I feel more confident answering students' questions. Although the course I selected is not very difficult compared to other courses, I still learned a lot of useful things during my tutoring time, such as being patient, careful and so on. At the same time, through attending the seminar each week, my presentation skills improved greatly. Before I attended this class, I never knew there were so many ideas we need to focus on when we are preparing for a presentation. I still remember the day we were discussing the presentation skills. I liked the brain storming session very much; it brought all the tutors together, and we got to know each other better. I like all my classmates in the seminar because all of them are interesting, charming, and have their own clear and unique opinions about math. In the last three weeks, I was impressed by their presentations and acquired a lot of useful skills from them, such as confidence, logical thinking, and clear handwriting. Overall, becoming a UTA was a great and unforgettable experience in my whole college life.