The Academic Center for Excellence maintains the Tutoring and Learning Center (TLC) for Sul Ross State University students who wish to seek help outside the classroom for problems with life skills and study skills as well as tutoring in such academic areas as reading, writing, and mathematics. This tutoring center is located on the first floor of the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library, staffed by student tutors, and open to students of all disciplines. The services of the TLC are provided at no cost to SRSU students.

The TLC’s tutor-training program has been certified by the College Reading and Learning Association’s International Tutor Training Certification Program (CRLA/ITTCP) at Level One. All tutors are either certified at CRLA/ITTCP Level One or are in the process of being certified. Tutors are available to help their fellow students in a variety of courses. The TLC attempts to have tutors in reading, writing, and math available during all center hours. Dependent upon the discipline specialties of the tutors, they are often able to help in other academic areas such as the sciences and humanities.

The primary goal of the Tutoring and Learning Center is to help students improve their academic skills. Therefore, students seeking help with writing, for example, will obtain assistance in developing such skills as prewriting and writing strategies, document organization, correct documentation formatting, and proofreading and editing, but will not be able to leave their papers for editing. Students seeking help with reading or mathematics will be guided to strategies for enhancing their reading comprehension or strengthening their understanding of mathematics, but tutors will not do the work for them.