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Gregory Ogle works with students in the newly expanded UITS-Kokomo IT Training Center.

UITS-Kokomo IT Training Center expands opportunities

KOKOMO, Ind. — Do you have a new computer? Need help learning to use technology required for one of your classes?

Help — and chocolate — is just a few steps away for Indiana University Kokomo students, faculty, and staff, in the UITS-Kokomo IT Training Center.

Gregory Ogle and Mike Lynch, certified Microsoft Office Specialists, are available to help in the newly expanded training center, located in the Library, Room KA 221. They used to share the space with the tech support center, which has moved to the first floor.

“This new training center allows us to expand our technology training services in a unique way,” said Ogle, manager of IT training. “We provide one-on-one interactive, personalized sessions, in addition to directing students to online training or scheduled classes. Having a dedicated training center provides new and exciting opportunities to deliver tutoring and training to the campus community. We can do this with or without an appointment, and we’ll give you chocolate when we’re done.”

The trainers traditionally hand out chocolate during their training sessions.

In addition to one-on-one assistance, the new flexible workspace allows them to train groups of as many as eight to 10 students together, which means those working on group projects can get their training all in one session.

Walk ins are always welcome, but Ogle recommend appointments for group training or for more detailed questions about using technology for research papers, posters, presentations, podcasts, and other uses.

He plans to offer group training sessions on topics such as using citation and bibliography tools, creating PowerPoint presentations, posters, and podcasts, as well as group laptop set ups.

Ogle added that he and Lynch offer support to faculty as well, including coming to classes at the request of the instructor, to teach students how to use a technology tool the instructor wants to incorporate into the class.

“We may not be well versed in statistics, but we know the technology tools that support learning statistics,” he said. “Our mission is to remove technology roadblocks to enable student success.”

For more information, or to make an appointment, contact the IT Training Center at 765-455-9589, by email at kotrain@iuk.edu, on the Web at www.iuk.edu/it-training.

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