



NATIONAL
LOUIS
UNIVERSITY

Tutoring Impact Report

2024-2025



TUTORING FOSTERS EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS

National testing has shown a decline in children's math scores in 43 states and reading scores in 30 states. Quality tutoring combats those deficiencies.

Frequent tutoring in small-group or one-on-one sessions, where students can build relationships with their tutors, has proven outcomes:

LEARNING GAINS

Increases students' learning by an additional three to 15 months across grade levels.

MOVE PERCENTILES

Eleven to 15 percentile point increase in subject-level mastery.

EFFICACY

High-dosage tutoring is 20 times more effective than standard tutoring models for math and 15 times more effective for reading.



NATIONAL LOUIS UNIVERSITY'S TUTORING PARTNERSHIPS

NLU has established tutoring partnerships across Chicagoland, including two new-for-2025 partnerships in Hyde Park and South Shore.

Locally-based tutoring brings NLU students into Chicago Public Schools, community centers, and neighborhoods from Woodlawn to Lincoln Park, as well as suburbs such as Palatine, Wheeling, and Zion.

In addition to opportunities in Chicagoland, NLU students can participate in nationwide virtual tutoring.





"I enjoy seeing people learn and not give up when it gets hard. Helping children flourish in academics is incredibly fulfilling and a job that I look forward to doing every day."

- OnYourMark Literacy Tutor



A WIN-WIN FOR TUTORS & STUDENTS

By mobilizing aspiring teachers as tutors, students gain access to caring, knowledgeable adults who are committed to their success. Tutors have the opportunity to strengthen their skills, build more confidence in teaching and in their identity as a teacher, and in many cases, earn compensation while putting instructional knowledge into practice.

ONYOURMARK LITERACY TUTOR:

"I tutor because it allows me to foster children's self-confidence in their academic abilities. I aim to help students develop their critical thinking skills, gain a deeper understanding of concepts, and apply them to real-life situations. I believe these skills are essential for becoming a well-rounded scholar."

LIL' SCHOLARS SUMMER 2024 TUTOR:

"I find tutoring fascinating because it allows me to engage with individuals on a personal level, helping them navigate through their learning journey. It's rewarding to witness the "aha" moments when a concept clicks or when someone successfully tackles a problem they previously found challenging. Plus, tutoring gives me the opportunity to share knowledge and empower others, which is incredibly fulfilling."

HYDE PARK REFUGEE PROJECT TUTOR:

"I live in Hyde Park and come from a family of immigrants. I am a teacher and work at a school with a high immigrant population and believe I will be able to serve the local community."



“One of the best parts of being able to have students from NLU come in during their teacher preparation is to really have hands-on experiences with children. Our goal is that every child feels successful at the end of every day, and we want to make sure that these aspiring teachers have those moments. Being able to work through challenges with a child is very powerful as a student.”

- Lisa Bulzoni BA '87, MEd '05
CEO, Reading Power

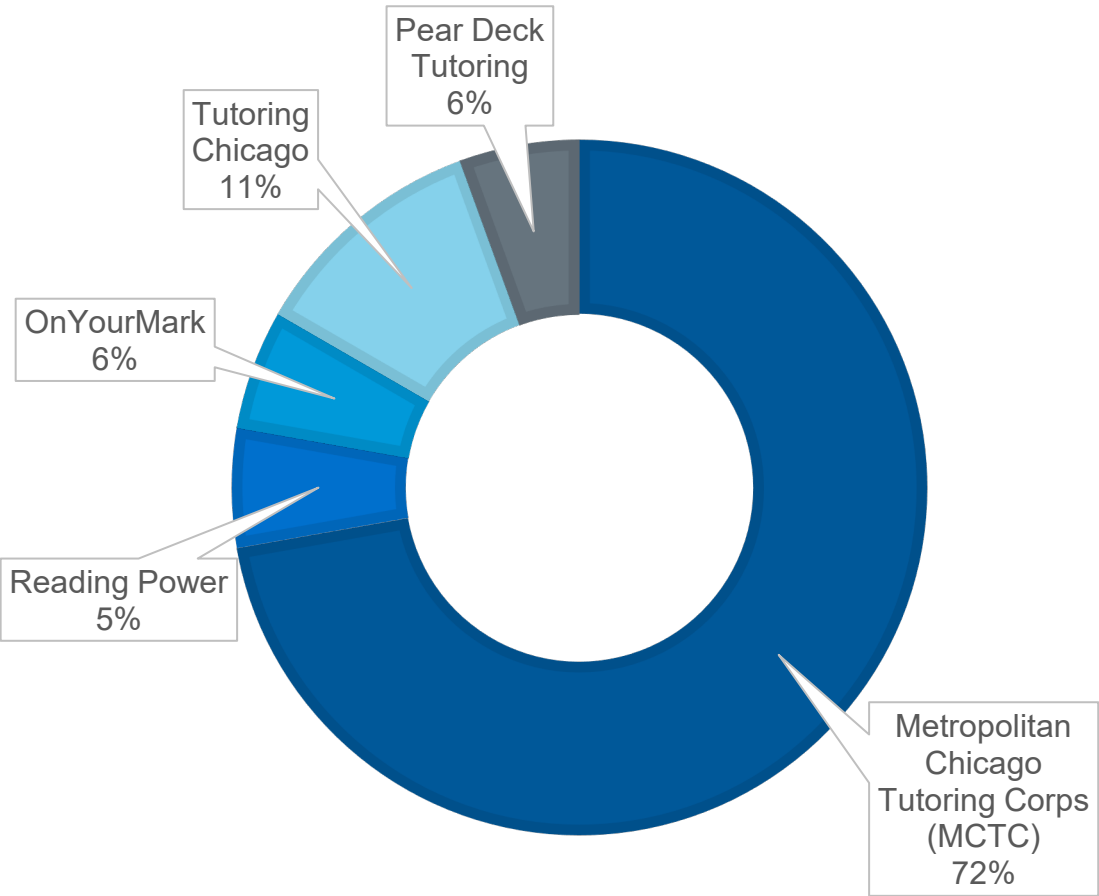


NLU STUDENT PARTICIPATION AND IMPACT

In 2024-2025, 21 NLU students participated in tutoring partnerships to impact children and youth.

NLU students who participate are compensated through Chicago Public Schools, OnYourMark, Pear Deck, and the support of generous donors.

Lisa Stukel, NLU Field and Tutor Placement Specialist, secures tutoring opportunities for NLU students. Lisa is a former classroom teacher and reading specialist of 24 years who has translated her passion for education equity into this important work. Lisa has leveraged her considerable experience to help build tutoring partnerships that maximize impact for NLU students and the children and youth with whom they work.



TUTORING IS VITAL FOR THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM

Now more than ever, tutoring partnerships are essential for meeting the needs of students, especially those of economically- and educationally-disadvantaged backgrounds. Every student deserves a fair and quality education.





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