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Accounting students look to help others with income taxes

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Students seeking free tax help can find it from accounting students on the UW-Whitewater campus.

A Volunteer Income Tax Assistance clinic will be held every Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through April 10 in Hyland Hall 1001.

VITA is a program of the Internal Revenue Service designed to assist individuals who make less than \$50,000 in the filing of their income taxes. VITA's IRS-certified volunteer preparers provide basic income tax preparation at no cost to taxpayers who qualify for the program.

At UW-Whitewater, VITA clinics

are held in association with Accounting 455, an upper level accounting course overseen by Lecturer Michael MacDonald. Students enrolled in the course act as the volunteer preparers.

"All of these [students] are regarded by the Internal Revenue Service as qualified preparers," MacDonald said. "They've gone through the pain of completing 20-30 hours of online training sponsored by the IRS."

While VITA also exists outside of college campuses, it's incorporated into a course offered by the accounting department so students are

able to receive firsthand experience they would otherwise not receive within the university setting.

"Students who participate get the experience of preparing Wisconsin state income tax returns and using the same software used in private [accounting] practices," MacDonald said. "This is experience they don't get in Tax I."

Several of the student preparers who plan to use their skills as tax preparers after graduation have already begun to realize the benefits of their experience as VITA volunteers.

"It's very beneficial," student VITA preparer Sarah Dornier said. "You get hands on experience with actual tax returns and clients."



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Individuals who plan to attend a VITA clinic should bring original copies of:

- Photo identification
- Social security card
- Birth Dates of primary & secondary dependents
- Current year's tax package, if received
- Wage earning statement(s) W-2, W-2G, 1099-R from all employers
- All Forms 1099 (interest and dividend statements)
- All Forms 1098 (statements of tuition or interest paid)
- A copy of last year's federal and state returns, if available
- A voided check
- Other relevant info about income and expenses
- Total paid for daycare
- Daycare provider's ID number
- A renter's certificate or 2011 property tax bill of your residence



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