Can I register for PSY 100 even though it is not on the permitted list for students who must take Basic Writing Skills 2 –WRT040?
Yes. Students have special permission to take this course their first semester.

Can I register for one of these learning communities in my second or third semester if I do not do it now?
No, Learning Community Links is only for first time students at the college. It is designed to help first semester students to get off to a good start at the college.

Do I have to be a Full-Time student to be in Learning Community Links?
Yes. Students are expected to maintain full-time status for the semester.

How many credits do I need to be a Full-Time student?
Full-Time students must take at least 12 credits.

How can I be Full-Time when there are only 9 credits listed for the Learning Community Links?
Advisors help students choose one or two additional courses for their major.

How do I use the $150 stipend to help pay for books?
Students can use the stipend on or after the first day of classes. A student goes to the College Bookstore to select books and school supplies such as paper, pens and notebooks. The stipend is applied to the purchase when the student tells the college bookstore cashier that they are in Learning Community Links.

How are courses “linked”?
The teachers for Links courses plan together as a team. Joint planning allows for overlap of learning outcomes and assignments for Psychology of Adjustment, Basic Writing Skills 2, College Success Seminar and Career Planning courses. Students can relate what they learn in one linked course to what they are learning in other linked courses.

The tutorial fee is waived for students in the program. Do I have to go to tutoring?
Yes. Students are expected to participate in two learning assistance sessions each week.

Do I have a choice of what type of learning assistance I want to sign up for?
Yes. Students sign up for Freshman Learning Option (FLO) sessions that meet twice each week. After attending FLO sessions for three weeks, a student may choose to switch their learning assistance and go to the Writing Center and/or scheduled tutoring. Students get to decide which type of learning assistance; FLO sessions, Writing Center hours and/or scheduled tutoring, works best for them.

What is a FLO session?
A FLO session is a Freshman Learning Option where a student meets with a small group of students from their Learning Community classes. The group is led by the Learning Community Tutor who is in the Psychology of Adjustment, Basic Writing Skills 2 and College Success Seminar with the student. The focus of the sessions is on reviewing what was taught in class and developing college study skills. Students choose what they want to focus on and this helps them better understand what they are learning in class.

Are there any other advantages to being in Learning Community Links?
Yes. Students say that it is easy to make friends and to get to know their teachers.