

Group Name: Tutor Group

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App Name: Private Tutor

App Description:

This app will provide a platform for students to connect with tutors in the areas that they are looking for academic help in. Professionals and upperclassmen from various fields can apply to become a tutor and once they have been accepted, they will be available to be hired through the app. Students who are looking for a tutor can make a positioning indicating what subject/course, when, duration. Tutors who have been accepted by the app can then submit their information to listings that they are a good match for. This application will show tutors appropriate listings that match their abilities!

Overview of Similar Apps:

Care.com - <https://www.care.com/>

Care.com is a platform to connect individuals with available caregivers in their area.

Care.com allows families to find caregivers for a variety of tasks, including school work and tutoring. Slightly different from our application which is aimed at the higher education community. Care.com allows individuals who are seeking caregivers to specify what type of service and when. Care.com performs a background check on any caregivers on their website, to ensure the safety and responsibility of caregivers. In addition, payments between parties can be made through the Care.com payment center, or payments can be made outside of Care.com. Care.com is very similar to our application. However, Care.com is different from our application because it runs background checks of those who provide services and has many different types of services outside of tutoring.

Wyzant - <https://www.wyzant.com>

Wyzant is a web application that helps individuals to connect with experts in more than 300 skills and subjects, some of which include: algebra, chemistry, spanish, english, accounting, coding, test prep, guitar, study skills, etc. While using this app you can search online for a tutor with the preferred qualifications and affordable hourly rates, as well as

book your lessons at the time that you want to meet, paying only for your chosen time slots. As a tutee you can choose to meet with your tutor online or in-person if possible. To look for tutors nearby that you can meet in person Wyzant provides a classification of tutors by location. If you want to be listed on Wyzant as a tutor, there is an application page you need to fill with your personal information, then select your students, set your rate, and also set up a direct deposit for quick and secure payment. Our application idea is to construct something similar to what Wyzant is, with qualities that resemble what this app offers. However, our app will be different from Wyzant as this will only be offered to UMaine students, therefore it is going to be able to help UMaine students in a more precise way than Wyzant or possibly any other tutoring application, since the contents of the app will revolve around the subjects that UMaine provides.

Mytutorlab - <https://mytutorlab.com/>

MyTutorLab is a tutoring service that offers a website and apps for both Apple and Android users. This service is easily accessible with appealing features to both students and parents who want to help their children in their studies. Once one is signed up MyTutorLab offers private tutoring with a scheduled tutor. These tutors meet with students in private meetings where the student is able to rate the tutor after the session. The service offers both on demand tutors (tutors needed asap) or scheduled session which are with your favorite tutors with routine meets. What makes MyTutorLab great is that users can make a student account for themselves or if a parent wants to they can get parental control over a student's account. This allows both parents who want to help their children and solo students to fully immerse themselves in their tutoring. A parent can even rate the tutors just like the students can. MyTutorLab also offers a tracking service that lets students and respective guardians track their progress. MyTutorLab has an application process so that if one wants to become a tutor one can simply apply! Our application idea is very similar to this. The tracking feature is something interesting and inspiring to think about within our own application service.

Tutor - <https://www.tutor.com/>

Tutor.com is an online tutoring company that connects students to tutors in online classrooms. This service provides students from different backgrounds resources such as standardized test preparation, general help with courses, or even help develop habits that will make you a more studious person. This service allows students and tutors to schedule the time in which they will meet to cover almost every class in many subjects, such as math, science, technology, english, writing, world languages, social studies, and business. Tutor.com has partnered with many institutions such as libraries, the military, colleges, and corporations to give benefits to students within these fields. Our application is

looking to do something very similar to this except with the scale of our project the partnerships will not be feasible.