

COLLIN COLLEGE DISTRICT

APCAA District-Wide Workshops: April and May 2025

Students can find APCA online workshops in two ways. Students can access the APCA calendar Cougarweb and navigate the APCA Workshops, Seminars, and Reviews link. Or they may register for workshops through the Trac.Cloud tile on OneLogin.

CELINA CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

All workshops are held in **APCAA (Library, Room 002)**, *except as noted.

Improve Your Credit: Using MLA and APA In-text Citations Properly

Presenter: Mary Hoilman, APCA Writing Tutor

Saturday, April 5, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Avoid anxiety about plagiarism and improve your academic skill set by learning how to credit your sources properly.

You Tell Me: Scholarship as Conversation

Presenter: Reference Librarians

Monday, April 7, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **OR** Tuesday, April 8, 1:00pm-2:00pm

Learn more about how you, as students, can participate through research.

Scientific Writing in Biology

Presenter: Samina Sabir

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

This presentation will focus on the essential elements needed to complete lab report assignments.

Reviewing Algebra Basics

Presenter: Dr. Georgiy Klimenko, APCA Math Tutor

Tuesday, April 15, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

This workshop will be a short review of the basic Algebra concepts.

The Career Series: Prepping for Job Interviews

Presenter: Suzette Cass, Career Center Manager

Wednesday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This workshop will offer students best practices for job interview preparation.

Transfer 101: What You Need to Know about Transferring

Presenter: Sheila Lokko, District College and Career Counselor

Tuesday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

This student-centered workshop will focus on the transfer admissions process, reviewing Collin College's university partnerships, learning about scholarship opportunities for transfer students, and discussing resources to help students transfer successfully.

Seating Limited: Students must pre-register with Student Enrollment Services in Room 102.

Just Getting Started: How to Write Great Introductions

Presenter: Juhi Karnalkar, APCA Writing Tutor

Wednesday, April 23, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

This workshop will cover tips and tricks for writing introductions in academic essays.

Let's Find Out: Searching as Strategic Exploration

Presenter: Reference Librarians

Monday, April 28, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

OR

Tuesday, April 29 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Take your research skills to the next level and learn how to get “unstuck” in your search.

Biology Finals Review Session

Presenter: Samina Sabir, APCA Science Tutor

Thursday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

This review is open to all Biology/A and P students to ask questions and review material in preparation for final exams.

Mathematics Finals Review

Presenter: Dr. Georgiy Klimentko, APCA Math Tutor

Saturday, May 10, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

This review is open to students in Math 1314, Math 1324, and Co-requisite classes. Bring your questions and concerns.

FARMERSVILLE CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Critical Thinking and Decision-Making Process

Presenter: Professor Charles David

Tuesday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Room FVC 111

Do you feel like you are unable to make good decisions? Critical thinking and decision-making can be very challenging until you know and understand it is process. Once you understand the process, you will be able to make better decisions, no matter how small or large the decision is.

FRISCO CAMPUS WRITING WORKSHOPS

Resume Workshop

Presenters: Dr. Tara Lewis, Student Success Specialist - IT/Cybersecurity & Monica Davenport, Frisco Writing Center Manager

Tuesday, April 8, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

In-person ONLY at IT Center, Room 116.

Come with your resume draft in hand to learn principles of writing and designing your resume to make sure it represents you effectively—and gets noticed. Special guest Kendall Reese, Chief Information Security Officer of Simmons Bank, will offer insights as well.

APA Style: An Overview

Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager
Thursday, April 10, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

We'll cover the basics of APA style, including guidelines for formatting essays and correctly citing sources typically used by Collin students. Students taking courses in the sciences, business, social sciences, or criminal justice will particularly benefit from this workshop.

American Pronunciation for ESL Speakers

Presenter: Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant
Monday, April 14, 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Does English pronunciation leave you tongue-tied? Learn tricks for sounding more like a native speaker, catching more of what others say when they speak to you in English, and pronouncing some difficult sounds unique to English. This workshop is geared toward students who speak English as a second language.

College Application Essays: The Art of Personal Narratives

Presenter: Lopa Banerjee, Writing Center Consultant
Tuesday, April 15, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

The art of writing an effective personal narrative that resonates with readers is something any writer worth their salt would like to master. However, when it comes to writing a personal narrative for their college application essay, students often struggle to merge their personal journey with the overall purpose of the prompt. In this workshop, we will discuss how to connect the dots between these to create a successful essay.

Paragraph Structure Sandwiches

Presenter: Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant
Wednesday, April 23, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Hungry for some insight about how to structure details in the body paragraphs of an essay? We will visualize each body paragraph as a sandwich, a method which will keep the essay organized and support the thesis statement with confidence.

In Search of the Elusive Peer-Reviewed Article

Presenter: Linda Andrews, Reference Librarian
Thursday, April 24, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Room L115: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

What is a peer-reviewed article, and where do I find them? Why does my professor want me to use them? Come learn more about searching the library databases to find just what your professor is asking for.

Polishing and Proofreading Your Work

Presenter: E.J. Vernon, Writing Center Consultant

Saturday, April 26, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Editing your own work can be challenging. Join us to learn about different proofreading techniques and common mistakes students make. These will be useful techniques to avoid plagiarizing and to prevent using AI inappropriately in your writing.

ReVisioning Your Writing

Presenter: Jalyn Fiske, Library Reference Associate

Tuesday, April 29, 3:00–4:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Struggling with a blank page? Stuck halfway and realize it's not working? Learn to let go of what you have written so you're free to rewrite it even better. More than editing, this is rewriting! Practice techniques that will make it easier for you to hit that delete button and rewrite a sentence, restructure a paragraph, or level up your introduction.

When Reason Breaks Down: An Overview of Logical Fallacies

Presenter: Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday, April 30, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Virtual/Zoom ONLY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

You know those claims people make that seem bogus, which they back up with sketchy evidence? You know they're wrong, but you can't pinpoint what logical leaps they are making. In this workshop, you'll learn about some logical fallacies that come up in everyday argument. You'll be able to spot them out in the wild and name them as well.

A Roadmap for Analysis

Presenter: Jarrett Wilson, Writing Center Consultant

Saturday, May 3, 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Hit the road with the writing center to discover how to analyze media, literature, rhetoric and just about any other form of human expression. Don't forget your driving gloves and your driving scarf!

Connecting Ideas with Transitions

Presenter: Cassie Martin, Writing Center Consultant

Virtual/Zoom ONLY

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Learn to use transitional words and phrases to improve the clarity and flow of your writing. They indicate the logical chain of ideas and signal changes in direction to your reader.

Making Sentences Work Harder

Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager

Wednesday, May 7, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

Is every sentence in your essay pulling its weight? Or are your sentences being dragged down by vague language, wordy constructions, or simplistic structures? Learn how to pack meaning into every sentence of an essay.

Framing Your Essay from Beginning to End

Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager

Tuesday, May 13, 5:00–6:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

The introduction of your paper sets the reader on the right path, and the conclusion makes sure he ends up in the right place. Come learn how to create effective introductions and conclusions to frame your essay.

MCKINNEY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

APA Takeaways

Presenter: Johnny Nguyen, Writing Consultant

Monday, April 7, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

Wanting tips on APA formatting? Bring your questions to this forum about APA style and learn ways to improve writing reports and analyses.

Lab Reports

Presenter: Johnny Nguyen, Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

Learn the basics of writing lab reports including structure, content, and citing. Suggested for students in the Health Sciences.

Math Foundations Finals Review

Presenter: Professor Cassandra Howell
Tuesday, May 6, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

Math Foundations Finals Review
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Wednesday, May 7, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

Conceptual Physics Finals Review
Presenter: Baily Hale, Math Lab Tutor
Wednesday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

College Physics I Finals Review
Presenter: Baily Hale, Math Lab Tutor
Wednesday, May 7, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

University Physics I Finals Review
Presenter: Baily Hale, Math Lab Tutor
Thursday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

University Physics II Finals Review
Presenter: Baily Hale, Math Lab Tutor
Thursday, May 8, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

College Algebra Finals Review I
Presenter: Ryu Musashi, Math Lab Instructor
Thursday, May 8, 2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

College Algebra Finals Review II
Presenter: Ryu Musashi, Math Lab Instructor
Friday, May 9, 12:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
C119A: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3656240201>

PLANO CAMPUS IN-PERSON WORKSHOPS

All in-person workshops are located at the Plano Campus in room D210. Students do not have to register for in-person workshops in advance.

Research Design: Materials and Methods

Presenter: Kimberly Wren

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Room D210

Writing a lab report? Interested in understanding scientific research at a deeper level? Learn how to use research design principles to test your hypothesis.

Integrating Sources

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Thursday, April 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Room D210

Go beyond the basics for your research paper with new techniques for how and when to summarize, paraphrase, and directly quote sources without plagiarizing.

MLA Format and Citations

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Monday, April 14, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Room D210

What even is MLA? Why is your professor making you jump through all these hoops? Come learn the answers to these questions as well as the basics of MLA style, citations, and format.

Results, Discussions, and Conclusions

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Wren

Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Room D210

Writing a lab report? Need to figure out how to use a journal article in your paper? Learn how experiment and study results are presented and interpreted, with many examples.

Résumés and Cover Letters

Presenter: Rebecka Scott

Thursday, April 24, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Room D210

Use the basic principles of audience analysis and business writing to present your best self to potential employers.

Revision Remedies: Easy Strategies for Any Draft

Presenter: Dr. Lisa Davis

Wednesday, April 30, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Room D210

Revision doesn't need to be scary! Drop by to take some usable strategies to help any draft move from early stages to more polished results.

PLANO CAMPUS ONLINE WORKSHOPS

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Connecting the Dots: Flow in Writing

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Learn how to connect your ideas and convey them clearly to your audience by using the old-new principle of sentences and keeping your audience in mind.

How to Read Scholarly Journal Articles

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Wren

Tuesday, March 4, 12:00 p.m.-1 p.m.

Writing a research paper? Here, students will get armed with strategies to filter, read, and interpret journal articles from a variety of disciplines.

Integrating Sources

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Monday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Go beyond the basics for your research paper with new techniques for how and when to summarize, paraphrase, and directly quote sources without plagiarizing.

TECHNICAL CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Writing an Effective Cover Letter

Presenter: Student Enrollment Specialist Erica Betz

Monday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6527017097>

Students will learn how to convey to the employer why they are a great candidate for the job through a one-page business letter submitted at the time of application.

The Library Has That?

Presenter: Technical Campus Library Branch Manager Rebekah Lee

Wednesday, April 9, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83346276911>

The library has just about everything you need for class, plus a whole bunch of other stuff. Join us for a quick review of library services and events. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We hope you join us!

Getting Started: Navigating Online Platforms and Resources

Presenter: Instructional Designer Ophelia Eftekhar

Friday, April 11, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4011203783?omn=84353997530>

This workshop introduces students to Collin College's essential online platforms, including OneLogin, Canvas, CougarWeb, Office 365, and more. It provides guidance on accessing key resources like Collin's email, tutoring, financial services, and technical support to ensure a smooth college experience.

Health and Health Insurance Basics

Presenter: Professor of Health Professions Theresa Mackie, MSN, RN

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89233887495>

The workshop will cover the importance of annual physical examinations. In addition, basics of how to interpret health care insurance will be covered. Preventative care versus treatment will be explored.

Late Night Drop-In Writing Lounge

Presented by Professors of English Dr. Sarah Fish and Dr. Marc Azard

Thursday, April 17, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86941642171>

Need accountability to work on an assignment? Need help with writing something you're working on for class? Dr. Azard and Dr. Fish, Collin English professors, can help with everything from getting out of writer's block to locking down the best content. Join us for an open hour of doing the thing.

The Cheating You Didn't Know You Were Doing

Presenter: Dr. Anna Genneken, Professor of English

Thursday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85356562325>

This workshop will explain exactly how to summarize, paraphrase, and quote so you don't end up in the Dean's office for plagiarism. Formatting and citations will be covered. What exactly does it mean to put something into your own words? Come find out!

Programmatic Thinking: How to Think Like a Programmer

Presenter: Computer Science Tutor Temiloluwa Ogunleye

Friday, April 25, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88378937539>

This workshop is aimed at teaching Computer Science and related majors problem solving skills that will be helpful in their courses and during technical interviews.

Getting Started: Navigating Online Platforms and Resources

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Tuesday, May 6, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4011203783?omn=84353997530>

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