COLLIN COLLEGE DISTRICT

APCAA District-Wide Workshops: February and March 2025

Students can find APCAA online workshops in two ways. Students can access the *APCAA Activities* section of the Collin College *Events & Calendars* on their dashboards behind Cougarweb, or they may register for online workshops through the Trac.Cloud tile behind OneLogin, then choose *Online Services*, and, finally, the *Online Workshops* section.

CELINA CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

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

What is a College Essay?

Presenter: Dr. Brian DiNuzzo, APCAA Manager

Tuesday, February 3, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

This workshop attempts to define "college essay" and discusses what readers expect from a college essay. Library, Room 002

From Start to Finish: Understanding and Constructing Useful Introductions and Conclusions

Presenter: Mary Hoilman, APCAA Writing Tutor

Tuesday, February 11, 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.

This workshop will offer ideas for constructing an outstanding introduction and a satisfying conclusion. Library, Room 002

Crossing the Finish Line: What are the Habits and Beliefs of Students Who Succeed in College

Presenter: Courtney Schultz, APCAA Writing Tutor

Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

This workshop will offer actionable suggestions for improving students' engagement with their classwork, both in and out of the classroom. Library, Room 002

The Consequences of Scholastic Dishonesty

Presenter: Amy Weilert, Student Conduct Officer

Thursday, February 20, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Your professor suspects that you plagiarized on a paper, and you don't know what will happen next. In this presentation, the Dean of Students Office will cover the consequences of plagiarism, including possible academic penalties and its impact on transferring to another institution.

Library, Room 002

Order of Operations: How to Approach a Math Problem

Presenter: Dr. Georgiy Klimenko, APCAA Math Tutor

Tuesday, February 25, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

This workshop will define and discuss order of operations in mathematics. Students will get hands-on practice. **Library, Room 002**

The Career Series: Crafting a Resumes Employers Will Love

Presenter: Suzette Cass, Career Center Manager Thursday, February 27, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

This workshop will focus on best practices for resume writing. Library, Room 002

No Problem: Common Techniques for Solving Math Problems

Presenter: Dr. Georgiy Klimenko, APCAA Math Tutor

Saturday, March 1, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

This workshop will explore some of the common techniques used to solve Math problems.

Library, Room 002

Success in Science

Presenter: Samina Sabir, APCAA Science Tutor Wednesday, March 5, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Does success come from ability, temperament, hard work, or just plain luck? This workshop will offer academic success tips specifically designed for students taking science classes.

Library, Room 002

From Good Sentences to Great Paragraphs

Presenter: Courtney Schultz, APCAA Writing Tutor

Thursday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

This workshop will focus on best practices in structuring paragraphs for academic writing. Topics to be covered include planning your paragraph, strong beginnings and endings, and checking for clarity and cohesion. **Library, Room 002**

The Use of AI and Academic Integrity

Presenter: Amy Weilert, Student Conduct Officer

Monday, March 10, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This workshop will examine the basic functions of ChatGPT and other content generators, their impacts on academic integrity, the limits of AI Detectors, and how students can protect themselves from false accusations of using AI. Library, Room 002

What Do You Know? Research as Inquiry

Presenter: Reference Librarians

Wednesday, March 12, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

OR

Thursday, March 13, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Learn more about how to form a research question and start gathering information.

Library, Room 002

Communication is Everything: Professional Writing and Speaking in the College Environment

Presenter: Juhi Karnalkar

Monday, March 24, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Learn best practices for emailing, messaging, and communicating in a professional manner with professors. **Library, Room 002**

Writing a Research Paper: Where Do I Start?

Presenter: Courtney Schultz, APCAA Writing Tutor

Wednesday, March 26, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

This workshop will provide students with a step-by-step approach to getting started on a research

paper. Library, Room 002

FARMERSVILLE CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Harnessing AI (Artificial Intelligence) for Critical Thinking and Idea Generation: Leveraging Technology for Deeper Insights

Presenters: Leroy Giles, Student Conduct Officer and Kendra Gay, College and Career

Counselor

Tuesday, February 18, 1:00 p.m-2:00 p.m.

Room FVC 111

FRISCO CAMPUS WRITING WORKSHOPS

What Am I Supposed to Do? Understanding Your Writing Assignment

Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager

Thursday, February 6, 5:00–6:00 p.m. **Room LH142: In-person and Virtual**

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

Need help breaking down a tricky assignment description? This workshop provides you with strategies for understanding the goals and expectations of your writing assignments.

Connecting Ideas with Transitions

Presenter: Cassie Martin, Writing Center Consultant

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 12:00-1:00 p.m. **Room LH142: In-person and Virtual** https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc

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

College Application Essays: The Art of Personal Narratives

Presenter: E.J. Vernon, Writing Center Consultant

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 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 elements to create a successful essay.

Historical Research Treasure Hunt

Presenter: Linda Andrews, Reference Librarian

Thursday, February 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Room L115: In-person and Virtual

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

Historical research studies the meaning of past events in an attempt to interpret the facts and explain the causes, as well what their effect may be on present events. How did people and groups triumph over adversity? How do the Kardashian family and the Medici family compare? And you thought history was boring? It's not! Come learn how you can participate in the treasure hunt of historical research.

Paragraph Structure Sandwiches

Presenter: Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday, February 26, 4:00-5:00 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.

Reaching Your Word Count Without Using Fluff

Presenter: Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday. March 5, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In-person and Virtual

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

Is your paper 250 words long, and you need 500? Maybe you're short a paragraph or two? Come to this workshop to learn how to add depth, complexity, and specificity to your paper without the extra padding and repetition that can ruin it.

Locating and Evaluating Sources for Research Papers

Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager

Monday, March 10, 5:00 p.m. − 6:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In-person and Virtual

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

The internet and the Collin College Library databases put a world of knowledge at your fingertips. But with so much information out there, it can be difficult to find sources that are both reliable and relevant to your interests or the guidelines of your project. Come learn about the types of sources available to you and how to find quality information.

Reading Efficiently in College

Presenter: Morgan Eoff, Writing Center Consultant

Tuesday, March 25, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Room LH142: In-person and Virtual

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

Reading is an essential skill for success in college. It is not just recognizing words on the page but fully comprehending the ideas and information that those words express in order to help enhance your understanding of course content. This workshop will provide tips to help you become an active and efficient reader.

Creating Digital Portfolios

Presenter: Jenny Forwark, Library Reference Associate

Thursday, March 27, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Room LH142: In-person and Virtual**

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

Learn how to construct online portfolios for academic or career purposes. Discover how to craft standout profiles and use compelling language to leave a lasting impression.

MCKINNEY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Accessing and Utilizing Your Collin College Resources

Presenter: Martha Van Slyke, Writing Consultant

Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

Collin College offers a wide variety of platforms, programs, and resources to help students navigate the college system. Learn about how to access and utilize these resources to help excel during your time at Collin and to generally set yourself up for academic success. We will cover accessing your Outlook email, finding and using article databases for research papers and assignments, and scheduling tutoring sessions.

Introduction to Grammarly

Presenter: Professor Keith Elphick

Wednesday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

This workshop will introduce students to *Grammarly*, the AI-powered writing assistant available to *all* Collin College students at no cost.

APA Takeaways

Presenter: Johnny Nguyen, Writing Consultant Monday, February 10, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

What Goes Where: The Basic Structure of an Academic Essay

Presenter: Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Consultant

Tuesday, February 11, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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The basic college essay consists of an introduction with a thesis, a body, and a conclusion, but what goes into each section? Learn what goes into each of these areas to produce a strong, cohesive essay.

Lab Reports

Presenter: Johnny Nguyen, Writing Center Consultant Wednesday, February 12, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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MLA Citation: The Basics and In-Text Citations

Presenter: Michelle Morse, Writing Center Consultant

Monday, February 24, 5:00 p.m-6:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

Stuck on where to get started with MLA? This workshop offers a refresher on the basics of MLA citation and guidance on the sometimes tricky in-text citations.

Preparing Presentations

Presenter: Associate Dean Brandy Fair Tuesday, February 25, 1:00 p.m-2:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

If you need to present a speech for a class or a presentation at work, be sure to check out this workshop to learn some tips and tricks for organizing your presentation, what steps and information to include, and how to deal with speech anxiety.

The Argument Clinic

Presenter: Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Consultant Thursday, February 27, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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Three Steps to Effective Research Integration

Presenter: Professor Keith Elphick

Wednesday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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One of the most challenging writing tasks is using research effectively, yet almost all instructors require students to use research. This multidisciplinary workshop will provide students with an easy to follow three-step process for effectively integrating research into an academic essay.

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Math Foundations Midterm/ Exponents Review

Presenter: Professor Cassandra Bowell Friday, March 28, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

C119A: In-person and Virtual

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

Come review for your Math0405 midterm exam.

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.

To Study or Not to Study

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Wren

Tuesday, February 11, 12:00 p.m.-1 p.m.

Room D210

This workshop will focus on how to eliminate distractions and set reasonable study goals, discuss the importance of breaks and a semi-flexible study schedule, and explore helpful tools for tackling small and large assignments.

Introductions and Thesis Statements

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Monday, February 17, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Room D210

Getting started is always the hardest part of writing an essay. This workshop will show you how to motivate your reader with a problem or question and satisfy them with a strong answer.

Writing with Style!

Presenter: Dr. Scott Farrin

Thursday, February 20, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Room D210

In the best writing, every word carries its appropriate weight, and what isn't is cut. In this seminar, we'll do a fun group exercise to illustrate the process.

Ebonics to Standard American English

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Wren

Tuesday, February 25, 12:00 p.m.-1 p.m.

Room D210

Learn about the history of Ebonics and code-switching in academia and acquire the tools to assist a transition in language to succeed at college.

How to Read Scholarly Journal Articles

Presenter: Dr. Kimberly Wren Tuesday, March 4, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Room D210

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

Writing about Literature

Presenter: Dr. Camin Melton

Thursday, March 6, 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Room D210

This workshop will walk you through how to write thoughtfully about a work of literature, analyze instead of summarize, and effectively use textual evidence.

Reread, Review, Rewrite: The Art of Revision

Presenter: Dr. Lisa Kirby

Monday, March 10, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Room D210

Most writers claim that revision is the most time-consuming and difficult stage of the writing process. However, too often, this stage is misunderstood and gets short-changed. Learn what revision really is, as well as some useful strategies to help you revise your own essays.

PLANO CAMPUS ONLINE WORKSHOPS

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MLA Format and Citations

Presenter: Brittany Whitstone

Wednesday, February 26, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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.

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TECHNICAL CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Getting Started: Navigating Online Platforms and Resources

Presenter: Instructional Designer Ophelia Eftekhar

Wednesday, February 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Online

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

Time Management And YOU!

Presenter: Professor of Psychology Henry Canfield

Thursday, February 13, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Online

Do you have trouble getting things completed promptly? Is procrastination a habit that you would like to break? This workshop on time management just might be for you!

A Tour of Chicago (Manual of Style)

Presenter: Professor of History Dr. Melody Miyamoto Walters

Friday, February 14, 11:00-11:45 a.m.

Online

This workshop will introduce students to the Chicago Manual of Style, the style guide for historians. We will cover grammar and formatting, with hands-on training.

Essay Framework

Presenter: Writing Tutor Kim Thompson Wednesday, February 19, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online

It is much easier to draft an essay when you have a formula to follow. Do you want to know how to write a strong introduction, body paragraph, and conclusion? If so, then this workshop - packed with helpful hints and clever techniques - is for you.

Calculator Basics

Presenter: The Technical Campus Math Lab Staff

Tuesday, February 25, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Online

Your calculator is your new best friend. Learn how to use the TI-83/84+ to perform operations and graph functions.

TSI Study Tips

Presenter: Writing Tutor Kim Thompson Wednesday, February 26, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online

Do you need help understanding the TSI and what will be required of you when you take the exam? Do you need helpful hints on how to study for the reading and writing sections of the TSI? If you answered "yes," then this workshop is for you.

Essay Framework

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Late Night Drop-In Writing Lounge

Presented by Professors of English Dr. Sarah Fish and Dr. Marc Azard Thursday, March 6, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Online

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.

Getting Started: Navigating Online Platforms and Resources

Presenter: Instructional Designer Ophelia Eftekhar

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Interview Skills: Mastering the First Impression

Presenter: Student Enrollment Specialist Erica Betz

Thursday, March 13, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online

This session will equip students with the necessary knowledge to perform confidently in job interviews, covering aspects like preparing responses to common questions, understanding proper interview etiquette and presenting qualifications effectively.

Tools for Research

Presenter: Professor of English Dr. Anna Genneken

Tuesday, March 25, 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Online

This session will attempt to demystify the research tools necessary for creating outstanding papers and projects.

Securing the Bag: Personal Finance for College Students

Presenter: Computer Science Tutor Temiloluwa Ogunleye

Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Online

This workshop will focus on educating college students about important personal finance topics like budgeting (with basic Excel tips), credit cards, and investing.

WYLIE CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Wylie Writing Center Genius Bar—Walk-in Writing Help EVERY Friday

Presented by: Wylie Writing Center Tutors

Starting Friday, February 07, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Library building, WLB217A: In-person

Do you have a paper in need of fine-tuning? Questions about an assignment? Want to know where the transition goes or what verb tense to use? The experts in the Wylie Center for Academic Assistance are waiting to assist you every Friday from 1:30 - 3 p.m. Bring your essays, cover letters, resumes, transfer essays, and writing questions to the library building, room 217A, and we'll be waiting to help you find the answers. Walk in at any time between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Questions? WylieAPCAA@collin.edu

Available on the following Fridays:

Feb 14, 21, 28, Mar 07, 14, 21, 28, Apr 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9

Finding Zeros of Quadratics

Presented by Professor Austin O'Reilly and Math Lab Instructor Bryan Valenzuela Friday, February 28, 12 – 1:30 p.m.

Library building WLB217A: In-person

After a brief review of factoring, attendees will learn how to tackle quadratic equations using the zero-product property and the quadratic formula. Also, how to solve other types of equations that result in quadratics after algebraic manipulation.

Related Rates

Presented by Professor Austin O'Reilly and Math Lab Instructor Bryan Valenzuela Friday, March 7, 12 - 1:30 p.m.

Library building WLB217A: In-person

Are you lost when it comes to related rates in calculus? Learn a four-step process for solving those pesky related rates word problems.

Optimization Problems Simplified

Presented by Professor Austin O'Reilly and Math Lab Instructor Bryan Valenzuela Friday, March 28, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Library building WLB217A: In-person

Attend this workshop to get a crash course on optimization of word problems in calculus. Presenters will illustrate the method with several real-world examples and attendees will have time to practice.

The Wylie Center for Academic Assistance offers in-class reviews and workshops in science, math, and writing. Faculty may choose from a variety of topics that fit their students' needs. Our Math Lab instructors will also conduct math exam reviews for faculty. We will present at Wylie, Rockwall, and all dual credit sites affiliated with the Wylie Campus. Please access the following menus for topics:

Writing and Reading

Math and Science

To schedule a Wylie APCAA workshop or review, contact Joani Reese at jreese@collin.edu