

COLLIN COLLEGE DISTRICT

APCAA District-Wide Workshops: Summer 2024

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CELINA CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

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

Success in Summer

Presented by Lisa Pierce, APCA Writing Tutor

Tuesday, June 11, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Students will learn best practices for organization, time management, studying, and note-taking.

Back to Basics Series (#1): Every Good Essay Begins with a Good Sentence

Presented by Courtney Schultz, APCA Writing Tutor

Wednesday, June 12, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

This workshop will focus on the basic construction of sentences. Topics to be covered include: phrases, types of clauses, types of sentences, and use of modifiers.

Sentence Variance

Presented by Keesilla Chan, APCA Writing Tutor

Monday, June 17, 10:15 a.m.-11:15a.m.

This workshop focuses on how sentence variety can create rhythm in your writing.

Back to Basics Series (#2): Sweetening Sour Sentences

Presented by Courtney Schultz, APCA Writing Tutor

Thursday, June 27, 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

This workshop will focus on common errors in sentence construction and how to correct them. Topics to be covered include: subject-verb agreement, run-ons, fragments, dangling and misplaced modifiers, and punctuation.

Back to Basics Series (#3): From Good Sentences to Great Paragraphs

Presented by Courtney Schultz, APCA Writing Tutor

Thursday, July 11, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.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.

Sentence Variance

Presented by Keesilla Chan, APCA Writing Tutor

Monday, July 15, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

This workshop focuses on how sentence variety can create rhythm in your writing.

Success in Summer

Presented by Lisa Pierce, APCA Writing Tutor

Tuesday, July 16, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Students will learn best practices for organization, time management, studying, and note-taking.

Back to Basics Series (#4): Words Matter

Presented by Courtney Schultz, APCA Writing Tutor

Wednesday, July 24, 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

This workshop will focus on word choice in academic writing, how to incorporate varied vocabulary, and crafting good transition sentences when writing essays.

Back to Basics Series (#5): Excellence in Editing

Presented by Courtney Schultz, APCA Writing Tutor

Thursday, August 1, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

This workshop will focus on spotting and correcting common errors in academic writing. Topics to be covered include: best practices in editing, review of run-ons and fragments, subject and object pronouns, use of prepositional phrases, plurals, possessives, and punctuation.

FRISCO CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Be Concise

Presented by Nathan Conard, Writing Center Consultant

Tuesday, June 11, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Expressing your ideas succinctly matters. Too many words can clutter an essay, leaving readers inattentive or confused. We'll discuss how to enhance your writing by removing verbiage and redundancy to maximize the force of your message.

Academic Writing: Tips to Keep in Mind

Presented by Brian Martin, Writing Center Consultant
Monday, June 17, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

This workshop will provide students with the necessary tools for writing with greater clarity and logical reasoning. Here, students will learn the “moves that matter in academic writing” --- a phrase coined by Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein in their book *They Say, I Say*.

Get Ahead of Writer’s Block: Brainstorming and Planning

Presented by Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant
Wednesday, June 19, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

From understanding the prompt through conquering the conclusion, we will discuss how to be ready for every stage of the writing process. Be ready to combat writer’s block and write solid essays!

Including Current Events and Opinion Pieces in Your Research

Presented by David Toye, Reference Librarian
Tuesday, June 25 11 a.m.-12:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Learn how the library provides access to current issues of newspapers and magazines from around the world and how you can add current events to your research and writing.

Reading and Writing Graphically: How Graphic Novels Impact Literacy

Presented by Noor Jafri, Writing Center Consultant
Sunday, June 30, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., **Zoom only**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Graphic novels and comic books have exploded in popularity across bookstores and libraries everywhere. However, many traditional readers question whether this recent trend is a good or bad thing for literacy. We will explore the value and usage of graphic novels as a reading tool, both for children and adults.

Email Etiquette

Presented by Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager
Monday, July 1, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

An email to your professor, boss, or other professional needs to follow certain guidelines in order to represent you appropriately. The principles are different from personal emails you may send. Come learn how to communicate effectively and represent yourself professionally through email.

Learn How to Use 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Person Points of View

Presented by Regina Burns, Writing Center Consultant
Monday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

What are first-person, second-person, and third-person points of view? When should you use them in your academic writing? What is the preferred point of view for a college application essay? Get answers and discover the best practices to implement viewpoints in your writing. Plus, this workshop will incorporate fun speed rounds to strengthen your effective use of each type.

Annotated Bibliography: How to Do it Right

Presented by Lopa Banerjee, Writing Center Consultant

Tuesday, July 16, 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

The annotated bibliography provides a crucial foundation for research-based assignments. However, students often need guidance on how to properly summarize, evaluate, or interpret a particular source, keeping in mind the assignment guidelines. This comprehensive workshop will familiarize students with not only the basics of writing an annotated bibliography, but also with its style and formatting.

Historical Research Treasure Hunt

Presented by Linda Andrews, Reference Librarian

Tuesday, July 23, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., **L115: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Historical research studies the meaning of past events in an attempt to interpret the facts and explain the causes, as well as 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.

Key Words as Keystones: Constructing a Well-Organized College Essay

Presented by Alisa Bovda, Adjunct Professor & Writing Center Consultant

Thursday, July 25, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

In this workshop you'll learn a way to construct an organized college paper that can be adapted across a variety of courses and writing assignments. We will focus on the importance of key words as an organizing element of college papers.

Reaching Your Word Count Without Using Fluff

Presented by Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday, July 31, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

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 a paper.

Formal Academic Tone

Presented by Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant

Friday, August 2, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

In this workshop, you will learn what language use is appropriate for formal academic essays. Activities to practice this tone will be included.

Improve your Grammar in 60 Minutes

Presented by Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager

Monday, August 5, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., **LH142: In-person and Virtual**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Tired of losing points on your essays due to grammar errors? This workshop addresses the most common grammatical stumbling blocks and provides tips for identifying and fixing them in your writing.

MCKINNEY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

APA Takeaways

Presented by Johnny Nguyen, Writing Center Consultant

Monday, June 10, 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!

What Goes Where: The Basic Structure of an Academic Essay

Presented by Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Center Consultant

Thursday, June 13, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., **C119A: In-person and Virtual**

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

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

Lab Reports

Presented by Johnny Nguyen, Writing Center Consultant

Monday, June 17, 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.

MLA Citation: The Basics and In-Text Citations

Presented by Michelle Morse, Writing Center Consultant

Thursday, June 20, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 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.

The Argument Clinic

Presented by Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Center Consultant

Wednesday, June 26, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m., **C119A: In-person and Virtual**

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

Learn the basics of writing persuasive papers, including purpose, audience, and thesis

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Monday, July 8, 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

Presented by Michelle Morse, Writing Center Consultant

Thursday, July 18, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., **C119A: In-person and Virtual**

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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.

MLA Format and Citations

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

Monday, June 24 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., **D210**

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

Resumes and Cover Letters

Presented by Rebecka Scott

Wednesday, July 30, 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., **D210**

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

PLANO CAMPUS ONLINE WORKSHOPS

MLA Format & Citations

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

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

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Connecting the Dots: Flow in Writing

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

Wednesday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.-3:00 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.

Integrating Sources

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

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

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MLA Format & Citations

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

Monday, July 22, 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 and the basics of MLA style, citations, and format.

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Presented by Brittany Whitstone

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TECHNICAL CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

Calculator Drop-In Session

Presented by the Technical Campus APCA Math Lab Staff

Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., **Online**

Join us for a TI83/84+ calculator drop-in session to get all your questions answered. Students will also receive a resource sheet after each session outlining basic operations on the calculator. These sessions are recommended for students enrolled in College Algebra and Statistics, but all students are welcome.

How to Succeed in College Math

Presented by the Technical Campus APCA Math Lab Staff

Wednesday, June 12, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m., **Online**

Come learn about study skills and tools to help you succeed in your math class.

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