

COLLIN COLLEGE DISTRICT

April and May 2024 Workshops

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CELINA CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

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

April and May Workshops

Scales and Slithers: Come Meet the Celina Critters

Presented by Beth Smith, Chemistry Lab Instructor
Monday, April 1, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.

Learn about Pierre and Lyra, the Celina Campus Ball Pythons. Where is their native habitat, what do they eat, and how do they move?

Disclaimer: LIVE snakes will be present!

Finding Flow: Connecting Ideas in Your Essay

Presented by Lisa Pierce, APCA Writing Tutor
Monday, April 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

This workshop will help students learn strategies for revising their essays to improve organization and fluency.

Let's Find Out: Searching as Strategic Exploration

Presented by Emily Plagens, Reference Librarian
Tuesday, April 16 or Wednesday, April 17, 2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Scientific Writing for the Biology 1406/1408 Lab

Presented by Eric Haas, Biology Lab Instructor
Friday, April 19, 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.

This presentation will focus on the essential writing needed for the Biology 1406/1408 Lab.

How to Support Your Ideas: Types of Evidence and When to Use Them

Presented by Hannah Harkins, APCA Writing Tutor
Wednesday, April 24, 5-6 p.m.

Every convincing argument is supported by solid evidence. This workshop reviews some of the ways you can support your ideas in college essays.

Transfer 101: What You Need to Know about Transferring

Presented by Sheila Lokko, District College and Career Counselor
Thursday, April 25, 2 p.m.-3 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.**

Math Finals Review

Presented by Michael Holtfrerich, Mathematics Professor
Thursday, May 2, 2:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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

Biology Finals Review Session

Presented by Eric Haas, Biology Lab Instructor
Friday, May 3, 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.

This review is open to all Bio/A&P students to ask questions and review material in preparation for final exams. Bring your questions and your concerns.

FRISCO CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

April and May Workshops

Coordinating Introductions and Conclusions

Presented by Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant
Monday, April 1, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Learn about the role of introductions and conclusions and how to structure them in a way that effectively frames your essay.

Structuring an Essay

Presented by Diane Hedrick, Writing Center Consultant
Wednesday, April 10, 2 p.m.-3 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Having trouble getting organized? Learn principles and strategies for effectively structuring an essay.

You're Hired! Writing a Strong Resume

Presented by Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager
Monday, April 15, 3 p.m.-4 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Your resume is the face you present to the professional world, determining whether or not you will be invited for an interview. This workshop covers what employers are looking for in this document, as well as tips for distinguishing yourself as a candidate.

Finding Evidence to Support Your position

Presented by Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant
Wednesday, April 17, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Your professor has assigned you an argumentative essay or a position paper, and oh yeah, you have to include evidence from library resources! Do you turn to databases you're familiar with like Academic Search Complete or JSTOR, or do you go straight to Google? How about neither? In this workshop, we will look at three library databases that are tailor-made for argumentative essays and position papers. You will learn how to use them and incorporate the information you find into your paper.

What's Your Issue?

Presented by Linda Andrews, Reference Librarian
Thursday, April 25, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., L115: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

At some point one of your professors is going to ask for a paper covering a current issue that may or may not be controversial. In this workshop you will learn how to find hot topics for research, topic overviews, viewpoint articles, statistical sources, journal articles, magazine articles, and newspaper articles from the databases. Come bring your issues to research.

Commas, Semicolons, and Periods, Oh My!

Presented by Monice Davenport, Writing Center Manager
Tuesday, April 30, 5 p.m.-6 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Punctuation may not seem that important, but if you choose the wrong mark, you may create fragments or run-on sentences. Too many of those will undermine the effectiveness of your message. This workshop will help clarify the correct use of commas, semicolons, and periods so you can begin choosing them with confidence to improve your sentences.

Cutting the Clutter: Avoiding Wordiness

Presented by Monice Davenport, Writing Center Manager
Monday, May 6, 5 p.m.-6 p.m., LH142: In-person and Virtual
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3432868195>

Learn how to trim the fat from your sentences and state your ideas more clearly and concisely.

MCKINNEY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

April and May Workshops

MLA Citation: The Basics and In-Text Citations

Presented by Michelle Morse

Monday, April 15, 5 p.m.-6 p.m., C119A: In-person and Virtual

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.

College Algebra Final Exam Review

Presented by Ryu Musashi

Wednesday, May 1, 3 p.m.-4 p.m., C119A: In-person and Virtual

Come review for your MATH1314 final exam.

Math Foundations Final Exam Review

Presented by Professor Cassandra Howell

Thursday, May 2, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., C119A: In-person and Virtual

Come review for your MATH 0405 final exam.

PLANO CAMPUS 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.

April and May Workshops

MLA Format and Citations

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

Tuesday, Apr. 9, 11 a.m.-12 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.

Scientific Literature Reviews

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren

Thursday, Apr. 11, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., D210

Learn how to distinguish between different types of sources and how to construct a literature review to explore questions and problems in various disciplines.

Easy Revision Strategies

Presented by Dr. Lisa Roy-Davis

Monday, Apr. 15, 1-2 p.m., D210

Sometimes, all you need to jumpstart the revision process is a few key strategies to help you see your writing from a new angle. This workshop will dig into 2-3 great approaches to use on your draft in progress to unlock better thinking and stronger writing.

Research Design: Materials and Methods

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren

Thursday, Apr. 18, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., 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.

Results, Discussion, and Conclusions

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren

Thursday, Apr. 25, 12 p.m.-1 p.m., 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.

PLANO ONLINE WORKSHOPS

April and May Workshops

Connecting the Dots: Flow in Writing

Presented by Brittany Whitstone

Wednesday, Apr. 3, 6 p.m.-7 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.

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Integrating Sources

Presented by Brittany Whitstone
Tuesday, Apr. 30, 12 p.m.-1 p.m.

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

TECHNICAL CAMPUS WORKSHOPS

April and May Workshops

Vision Board Workshop

Presented by Professor of Pharmacy Technology Melissa Jones
Wednesday, April 10, 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., A290E: In-person
We will create a positive vision board to help stay focused on our life goals.

Late Night Drop-In Writing Lounge

Presented by Professors of English Dr. Sarah Fish and Dr. Marc Azard
Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m., Online
Drop into this come-and-go style writing workshop with some of your Collin College professors. We will be here the entire hour to answer your quick questions on all things writing, whether you are working on a class assignment, personal writing project, or just have a random grammar question.

Conducting Academic Research

Presented by Professor of English Dr. Anna Genneken
Friday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m., Online
Search terms and JSTOR and books, OH MY! This session will attempt to demystify the research tools necessary for creating outstanding papers and projects.

Practical Math

Presented by the Technical Campus APCA Math Lab Staff

Monday, April 15, 3 p.m.-4 p.m., Online

Come learn how you can use math in your everyday life! From tipping to baking, we will cover scenarios where math is used outside of the classroom!

Excel for Beginners

Presented by Professor of Economics Lorena Rodriguez

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Online

In this workshop, you will be guided through a beginning Excel tutorial and then will create your own personal budget and college comparison tracker using templates.