Summer 2014 Writing Workshops—Preston Ridge Campus

Summer I

**Getting Started: Invention Strategies**
Learn creative strategies for exploring possibilities for topic development. Have fun capturing first thoughts and ideas about your topic.
**Thursday, June 12, 1:00-2:00 in L214**
Presenter: Joan Kennedy

**Introductions and Conclusions**
Getting off to a good start and ending with a bang can help give your papers more “bling.” Attend this workshop and learn to write effective college-level introductions and conclusions for essays in any discipline.
**Friday, June 13, 3:00-4:00 in L220**
Presenter: Darcy Rudnick

**Tips for More Effective Writing and MLA Strategies**
This refresher workshop covers basic writing rules as well as an overview of current MLA standards. Learn how to correct the most common errors in academic writing and MLA formatting.
**Monday, June 16, 1:00-2:30 in L214**
Presenter: JP Reese

**Why My Standard Ain’t Standard**
Like learn why you can’t communicate like normal in college and how usage like affects your message and like how people judge you by that stuff and whatevvver!
**Tuesday, June 17, 12:00-1:00 in L219**
Presenter: Kat Balch

**Beyond Wikipedia: Using Academic Sources**
Identify reliable sources for research, find articles and books online, and use the college library’s resources from home.
**Wednesday, June 18, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge**
Presenter: Terri Karlseng

**Writing the Literary Analysis**
Learn the language of literary analysis and strategies for composing an effective literary analysis using identified elements of literature. Also learn how to formulate an effective thesis for your analysis.
**Thursday, June 19, 1:00-3:00 in L219**
Presenter: JP Reese

**Introduction to APA Formatting**
Learn to write papers in the social and natural sciences with proper formatting and documentation. Learn significant differences between the MLA and APA formats.
**Monday, June 23, 12:00-1:00 in L214**
Presenter: Monica Davenport

**Making a Good E-Pression**
Learn how to write effective, professional e-mails. Whether you’re going on a first date, to a job interview, or just to class, you usually change your physical appearance and speech patterns in order to make a good first impression, but when it comes to e-mail, you may neglect this important aspect of self-presentation. Remedy this problem by attending this hour-long workshop.
**Tuesday, June 24, 1:00-2:00 in D 164**
Presenter: Kim Parker Nyman

**The Research Roadmap: What’s Your Plan?**
Learn how to select and refine a topic, form a research question, and generate keywords and synonyms for searching library databases. Library research is much easier when you can focus on a good research question and find the right databases with appropriate keywords. Come to this workshop, and polish up all these essential research skills.
**Wednesday, June 25, 6:00-7:00 in Library Wireless Lounge**
Presenter: Beth Atkins, Reference Librarian

**Making Sense with Sentences**
This workshop focuses on the awesome power of revising the right things so you can achieve the right results in your sentences. Effective sentences require just a few items (five to be precise, according to Aristotle) that must be present to convey impact and clear meaning to your audience.
**Thursday, June 26, 5:00-6:00 in D157**
Presenter: Gary Wilson, PhD
Precision and Conciseness
There is a reason why we should be concise and precise in our writing and all written work, so students such as yourselves, here at Collin, can gather together to think or ponder how to really avoid wordiness and be concise or definite in your writing and also in all your spoken or verbal communication. (Learn how to eliminate the deadwood and clutter in your writing and substitute precise and concise language to convey meaning.)
Thursday, July 3, 2:00-3:00 in L214
Presenter: Joy Wood

Summer II

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MLA Format: What’s It All About?
Stop worrying about applying correct MLA format to an academic essay. Learn the proper notations and general formatting in a snap.
Learn how and where to find information for more complex MLA issues
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Presenter: Jeannie Dickerson

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Wednesday, July 30, 11:00-12:00 in L218
Presenter: Monica Davenport

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Thursday, July 31, 12:00-1:00 in D177
Presenter: Gary Wilson, PhD

The Details of Life
Learn how to paint with words and bring your writing to life with concrete details. Wow your friends and impress your writing instructors. We will consider examples from songs, poems, short stories, and creative nonfiction essays.
Tuesday, August 5, 1:00-2:00 in D130
Presenter: Steven Rizzo, PhD

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Friday, August 8, 2:00-3:00 in L218
Presenter: Joy Wood