

PRC Fall 2014 Writing Workshops

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.

Monday, Sept 8, 3:00-4:00 in L220

Presenter: Darcy Rudnick

Getting Started: Invention Strategies

Learn creative strategies for exploring possibilities for topic development. Have fun capturing first thoughts about your topic.

Thursday, Sept. 11, 2-3 in LH 157

Presenter: Joan Kennedy

A Quick Checklist to Improve Your Essays

Grammar and all that “picky” stuff do count! Tune in to “Conjunction junction, what’s your function?” for a brief review of sentence elements to bolster your confidence and improve your sentence variety. This mini-workshop squeezed in among your classes can improve your overall writing competence.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 10:00-11:00 in L 218

Presenter: Karen Hayden

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.)

Monday, Sept. 22, 2:00-3:00 in L218

Presenter: Joy Wood

Beyond Wikipedia: Using Academic Sources

Identify reliable sources for research, find articles and books online, and use the college library’s resources from home.

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

Creating More Effective PowerPoint Presentations

Create compelling Power Point presentations using images, audio, embedded video, animations, and narration. Resize or crop images, screen shots, and zoom in and out using Prezi—something for all skill levels. All participants will have access to detailed instructions.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

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.

Monday, Oct.20, 1-2 in LH 131

Presenter: Kim Parker Nyman

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Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6:00-7:00 LH 147

Presenter: Kim Parker Nyman

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 whatevvvver!

Thursday, Oct. 23, 12:00-1:00 in J 106

Presenter: Kat Balch

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.

Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2-3 in J 106

Presenter: Monica Davenport

Googling Google

Understand how to use Google effectively and evaluate your search results. Learn some advanced search syntax and see how results from typical web search engines compare with Collin Library research tools.

Wednesday, Oct. 29, 1-2 in the Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Beth Adkins

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.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 12:00-1:00 in L218

Presenter: Gary Wilson, PhD

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.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 6-7 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Beth Atkins, Reference Librarian

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Tuesday, Nov. 11, 12:00-1:00 in Library Wireless Lounge

Presenter: Terri Karlseng

So Gimme a Job Already!!! Resume Writing for a New Economy

Learn to craft a resume that will stand out from the rest. Learn how to maximize and tailor your experience for nearly every job posting.

Thursday, Nov. 13, 12:00-1:00 in J 106

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Presenter: Joy Wood

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, Dec. 2, 4:00-5:00 in L 219

Presenter: Steven Rizzo, PhD