The Writing Center

Collin County Community College
Spring Creek Campus
What is the Writing Center?

- A resource that assists students with various writing projects
- Tutors are skilled writing specialists who can help students:
  - Clarify their writing tasks
  - Understand instructors’ requirements
  - Develop and organize their papers
  - Explore revision options
  - Detect grammar and punctuation errors
  - Properly document sources
- Receive help with:
  - Class assignments, research papers, English essays, speeches, lab reports, etc.
  - Scholarship applications and admission essays
What is the Writing Center?

Find help at any stage of the writing process:

- **Getting started:** *I have my assignment, but I don’t know how to start…*

- **Draft:** *I have some written, but I’m not sure what else to add…*

- **Final revision stages:** *I think it’s almost ready to go, but I still have a few questions…*
Who can use the Writing Center?

- Any student currently enrolled at Collin College
What help can I expect?

Our goal is to help you become a better writer. *We don’t fix or edit papers for you, but we will gladly help you identify problems and explain how and why to fix them.*

- Tutors focus first on “higher order” concerns that affect the whole paper
  - Thesis/Main Idea
  - Content Development
  - Organization
  - Unity
  - Audience

- Then they address “lower order” concerns
  - Sentence structure
  - Grammar
  - MLA, APA or other source citation styles
# Do I need an appointment?

**Yes & No**

There are two ways for you to see a tutor

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<td>To reserve a specific day &amp; time, make an appointment to ensure that a tutor is available when it best fits your schedule.</td>
<td>For those with flexible schedules, walk-in sessions are available</td>
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<td>Call or stop by the center (D203) to make an appointment</td>
<td>Sign in upon arrival at the center, and a tutor will take students on a first come, first served basis</td>
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Students are allowed two appointments/sessions per week
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- **Appointment Hours:**
  - 8:00am-8:00pm Mon.-Th.
  - 8:00am-5:00pm Fri.
  - 8:00am-5:00pm Sat.
  - 1:00pm-5:00pm Sun.

- **Walk-in Hours:**
  - 12:00pm-5:00pm Mon.-Fri.

- **Location:** SCC, Room D-203

- **Phone:** 972-881-5843

- **Online:**
  - [www.collin.edu/writingcenter/online](http://www.collin.edu/writingcenter/online)

Please allow 3 days for return on any online submittal.
What should I bring to the Writing Center?

- CWID# for check-in
- Assignment directions, writing prompt, or application instructions
- Any notes or research
- Comments from your instructor on this or other writing
- A typed, printed copy of your draft (recommended)
Tips to make the most of your visit

- Visit the Writing Center early
- Come with a clear goal in mind: getting started, developing paper contents, learning how to cite sources, etc...
- Bring all relevant materials: drafts, sources, directions, etc...
- Be aware that it will typically take more than one session to fully address all areas of the assignment
Tips to make the most of your visit

- Visit the Writing Center more than once so you get a feel about how the tutoring process works
- Visit at least one day before your paper is due so you have time to make the changes you and your tutor discuss
- Follow up your visit with any questions to your instructor