

## **COLLIN COLLEGE DISTRICT**

### **APCAA Districtwide Workshops: September and October 2025**

Students can find APCA online and on campus workshops in various ways -- Access the APCA tile on the [Cougarweb Dashboard](#) and navigate to the APCA Workshops, Seminars, and Reviews link, or access the Dashboard's Upcoming Events Calendar, and, finally, students may register for workshops through the [Trac.Cloud](#) tile on OneLogin.

#### **CELINA CAMPUS WORKSHOPS**

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

##### **Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Consequences of Scholastic Dishonesty**

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

In this presentation, the Dean of Students Office will cover the consequences of scholastic dishonesty and plagiarism, including possible academic penalties and their impact on transferring to another institution.

Presented by Amy Weilert, Student Conduct Officer

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

##### **Celina Campus APCA Workshop: Exponents and Logarithms**

Tuesday, September 16, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The topics for the workshop will include the definitions and properties of exponential and logarithmic functions.

Presented by: Dr. Georgiy Klimenko, APCA Math Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

##### **Celina Campus APCA Workshop: How to Take Notes in a Math Class**

Wednesday, September 17, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

This workshop will go over note-taking practices to help you succeed in your math class!

Presented by: Madison Utterback, APCA Math Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

##### **Celina Campus APCA Workshop: Voice Through Word Choice: Developing an Academic Tone**

Tuesday, September 23, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Learn how to make small, but significant changes in wording to convey your ideas academically.

Presented by Mary Hoilman, APCA Writing Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: Careers in Biology: Academia, Industry, and Beyond**

Wednesday, September 24, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Explore your future in Science: from research to biotech to science communication.

Presented by: Samina Sabir, APCA Science Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Use of AI and Academic Integrity**

Tuesday, September 30, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This workshop will examine the basic functions of ChatGPT and other content generators, their impacts on academic integrity, the limits of AI Detectors, and how students can protect themselves from false accusations of using AI.

Presented by: Amy Weilert, Student Conduct Officer

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Basics of Sentence Structure**

Wednesday, October 8, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

This workshop will explore the building processes for good sentence structure when writing essays.

Presented by: Julia Loeffler, APCA Writing Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Career Series: Crafting a Resume with Impact**

Tuesday, October 14, 11:30-12:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on best practices for resume writing.

Presented by: Suzy Cass, Career Center Manager

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Basics of MLA Citations**

Wednesday, October 22, 3:30-4:00 p.m.

Learn the new MLA rules for citing research material in college essays and professional writing.

Presented by: Julia Loeffler, APCA Writing Tutor

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

**Celina Campus APCA Workshop: The Career Series: Prepping for Job Interviews**

Wednesday, October 29, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

This workshop will offer students best practices for job interview preparation.

Presented by: Suzy Cass, Career Center Manager

Celina Campus APCA

Library, Room 002

## **FARMERSVILLE CAMPUS WORKSHOPS**

### **Farmersville Campus APCA Workshop: Time Management**

Monday, September 15, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Do you ever feel like you could manage your time and work on being better organized? This seminar will provide you with tips and strategies that will help you with time management, increase your productivity, and reduce your anxiety. The last half hour will be used to work on the student's calendar and update it with help.

Presented by Dr. Charles David, English Faculty

Farmersville Campus APCA

Room 111

### **Farmersville Campus APCA Workshop: APA Formatting for the Social Sciences**

Wednesday, October 8, 3:00-4:00 PM

Learn the basics of citing in APA format including how to create in-text citations and a reference list.

Presented by: Saba Khan, Leading Writing Tutor, Wylie Campus

Farmersville Campus

Room 117

## **FRISCO CAMPUS WRITING WORKSHOPS**

**Most workshops will take place on campus (Lawler Hall 142) and on Zoom simultaneously but read the location details on each listing. Registration is available through [TracCloud](#); drop-ins, both in person and virtually, are welcome but be sure to tell the presenter if you need verification of attendance.**

### **Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Get Ahead of Writer's Block: Brainstorming and Planning**

Tuesday, September 9, 5:30pm – 6:30pm

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!

Presented by Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9101234567>

LH142

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Creating Chicago Style Footnotes for The History of Pizza**

Saturday, September 13, 11:00am-12:00pm

In this workshop, students will learn how to cite sources from the Collin College databases in Chicago style for an imaginary assignment called The History of Pizza. The goals are to learn what a footnote is and what role it serves in a History course. Plus, students will create footnotes for journal articles and books using a template.

Presented by Regina Burns, History professor and Writing Center Consultant  
Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

LH142

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Mission Possible: Writing Prompt Breakdown**

Thursday, September 18, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

**Objective:** Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to dissect and analyze the writing prompts given to you by your professors. This task is critical for developing a clear and focused response.

**Instructions:** Join me for detailed strategies to accomplish this mission in person or online

**Note:** This message will self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck, agent. Your writing prowess depends on it.

Presented by LaShell Whitley, Writing Center Consultant  
Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

LH142

**Frisco Campus Writing Center On Campus Workshop: IT/Cybersecurity Resume Workshop**

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Join our presenters and an industry expert and learn how to create a powerful resume that lands interviews. Held in-person ONLY.

Presented by Tara Lewis, IT/Cyber Department & Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager  
IT 116

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: MLA Made Easy**

Wednesday, October 1, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

If you're in a Composition class, you have probably heard of MLA. In this workshop, we will break down MLA in a simple way, explaining how to format your paper and create a Works Cited page with coordinating in-text citations.

Presented by Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager  
Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

LH142

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online Workshop: Digging into the Databases**

Learn tips and tricks to make searching Collin's databases easier so you can find what you're looking for faster!

Presented by Allison Vance, English professor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online Workshop: Academic Writing: Tips to Keep in Mind**

Saturday, October 11, 11:00am – 12:00pm

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 authors Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein in their book *They Say/ I Say*.

Presented by Brian Martin, Writing Center Consultant

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online Workshop: Connecting Ideas with Transitions**

Monday, October 13, 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Learn to use transitional words and phrases to improve the clarity and flow of your writing. They indicate the logical chain of ideas and signal changes in direction to your reader.

Presented by Cassie Martin, Writing Center Consultant

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

**Frisco Campus Writing Center On Campus Workshop: Pen to Paper: Journal Writing**

Thursday, October 16, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Join us for a prompt party where we'll explore guided writing exercises designed to spark your creativity. All supplies will be provided. Held in-person ONLY.

Presented by Frisco Library Staff

L115

**Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Comics 101!**

Tuesday, October 21, 2:00pm – 3:00pm OR 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Our guest speaker, a published illustrator and author of graphic novels, will help attendees explore the comics process, covering writing, art, and lettering in this hour-long presentation, which includes time for Q&A. Online and On Campus

Presenter: Jerry Bennett, Freelance illustrator and graphic novelist

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

IT116

### **Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Finding Evidence to Support Your Position**

Wednesday, October 22, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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.

Presented by Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

LH142

### **Frisco Campus Writing Center On Campus Workshop: Don't Crash Out! Crush that College Application!**

Saturday, October 25, 9:00am - 12:00 noon

This extended hands-on workshop is designed to help you craft compelling, authentic, and well-structured college application essays. You will learn strategies for brainstorming unique topics, developing a strong personal voice, and organizing ideas into a clear and engaging narrative.

Through guided exercises, peer feedback, and individualized support, you will leave with a strong draft—or even a completed essay—that reflects your story and strengths.

Presented by LaShell Whitley, Writing Center Consultant

LH142

### **Frisco Campus Writing Center Online and On Campus Workshop: Author Talk: Faculty in Print**

Wednesday, October 29, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Join us for a panel discussion with faculty who are published authors. Learn more about their writing process and their experiences with getting their work published. You may wish to come with questions for our guests.

Presented by Collin College Faculty

<https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>

Frisco Campus Conference Center

## **MCKINNEY CAMPUS WORKSHOPS**

### **McKinney Campus Online and On Campus Workshop: APA Takeaways**

Monday, September 15, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wanting tips on APA formatting? Bring your questions to this forum about APA style and learn ways to improve writing reports and analyses!

Presented by Johnny Nguyen, Writing Consultant

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

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**McKinney Campus Online and On Campus Workshop: Audience-Centered Sentences**

Wednesday, September 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This workshop's goal is to help students create more intentional, clear, and persuasive prose. Attendees will practice identifying and addressing loaded questions, wordy sentences, and passive voice.

Presented by Professor Keith Elphick

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On Campus Workshop: MLA Citation: The Basics and In-Text Citations**

Monday, September 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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.

Presented by Michelle Morse, Writing Consultant

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: What Goes Where: The Basic Structure of an Academic Essay**

Tuesday, September 23, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

Presented by Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Consultant

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

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: Using Your Collin College Resources**

Wednesday, September 24, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Learn to navigate Canvas, Cougarweb, Outlook email, and more.

Presented by Martha Van Slyke, Writing Consultant

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: ChatGPT and Academic Integrity**

Thursday, September 25, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This workshop examines the basic functions of ChatGPT, its impact on academic integrity, the limits of AI detectors, and how students can protect themselves from false accusations of using AI.

Presented by Amy Weilert, Student Conduct Officer

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: Mastering Anatomy and Physiology: Essential Strategies for Academic Success**

Monday, September 29, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Many students encounter significant challenges in college-level science courses, particularly in Anatomy and Physiology. This workshop provides foundational strategies to enhance study habits and classroom engagement—before, during, and after lectures—empowering students to succeed in these demanding courses.

Presented by Professor Roberta Cravo

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: The Argument Clinic**

Tuesday, October 7, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Presented by Anna Rieve, Lead Writing Consultant

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

C119A

**McKinney Campus Online and On-Campus Workshop: Three Steps to Effective Research Integration**

Wednesday, October 15, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

One of the most challenging writing tasks is using research effectively, yet almost all instructors require students to use research. This multidisciplinary workshop will provide students with an easy to follow three-step process for effectively integrating research into an academic essay.

Presented by Professor Keith Elphick

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

C119A

**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.**

**Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: Show, Don't Tell: Descriptive Writing Strategies**

Thursday, September 11, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This workshop will help you sharpen your writing with vivid, engaging details! Learn techniques to enhance clarity, evoke emotion, and immerse your readers in every moment. Perfect for essays, stories, and creative projects.

Presented by Dr. Tawnya Hillin-Smith

Online

<https://zoom.us/j/9473195800>



**Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: To Study or Not to Study**

Thursday, September 18, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This workshop will focus on how to eliminate distractions and set reasonable study goals, discuss the importance of breaks and a semi-flexible study schedule, and explore helpful tools for tackling small and large assignments.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

Plano Campus D210

**Plano Campus APCA On Campus Workshop: From Blank Page to Breakthrough: Prewriting Strategies to Jumpstart Your Writing**

Monday, September 22, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Staring at a blank page? Brainstorming and prewriting are crucial parts of the writing process.

This workshop will present and model several specific prewriting strategies students can use with their writing projects.

Presented by Dr. Lisa Kirby

Plano Campus APCA

D210

**Plano Campus APCA On Campus Workshop: Introductions and Thesis Statements**

Wednesday, September 24, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Getting started is always the hardest part of writing an essay. This workshop will show you how to motivate your reader with a problem or question and satisfy them with a strong answer.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Plano Campus APCA

D210

**Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: MLA Format and Citations**

Tuesday, September 30, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7977976513?pwd=L1BvY3lUN2hoOHZSdUtZajJJdmtUUT09>

**Plano Campus APCA Online and On Campus Workshop: Ebonics to Standard American English**

Thursday, October 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Learn about the history of Ebonics and code-switching in academia and acquire the tools to assist a transition in language to succeed at college.

Presented by Dr. Kimberly Wren, Anthropology Faculty

Online and On Campus

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5997124900>

Plano Campus D210

**Plano Campus APCA On Campus Workshop: Writing about Literature**

Tuesday, October 7, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

This workshop will walk you through how to write thoughtfully about a work of literature, analyze instead of summarize, and effectively use textual evidence.

Presented by Dr. Camin Melton, English Faculty

Plano Campus APCA

D210

**Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: Integrating Sources**

Wednesday, October 22, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

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

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7977976513?pwd=L1BvY3lUN2hoOHZSdUtZajJJdmtUUT09>

**Plano Campus APCA Online Workshop: APA Format and Citations**

Monday, October 27, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Writing in the sciences and social sciences can come with different requirements than writing for your English class. Come learn the basics of APA style, citations, and format.

Presented by Brittany Whitstone, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7977976513?pwd=L1BvY3lUN2hoOHZSdUtZajJJdmtUUT09>

**TECHNICAL CAMPUS WORKSHOPS****Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Compelling College Application Essays**

Wednesday, September 24, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Are you looking for helpful hints and creative techniques to help your essay stand out? Do you want to learn four character traits that colleges look for in a candidate? If you answered “yes,” then this workshop is for you.

Presented by Kim Thompson, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89298517196>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Solving Word Problems in Algebra**

Friday, September 26, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Learn the strategies to solve word problems in Algebra.

Presented by Dr. Yassmin Ansari and Dr. Nasrin Bemani, Professors of Mathematics

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87877416279>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: The Basics of Essay Writing Demystified**

Tuesday, September 30, 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Finding yourself in a staring contest with a blank page and wondering what's the magic formula to write a stellar essay? This presentation will clarify some of the basics of essay writing using a methodical approach to help you stay focused on the process and reach your goal of clear, concise writing---no magic or secret formula needed. Write away, own that page, and know that you can do this!

Presented by Nagia E. Moharram, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6550342747>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Calculator Basics**

Thursday, October 2, 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Your calculator is your new best friend. Learn how to use the TI-83/84+ to perform operations and graph functions.

Presented by Math Lab Staff

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87303891550>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Let's Write a Spooky Story**

Wednesday, October 8, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

It's the best time of year to create a haunting tale. This workshop is designed to help you brainstorm and write an unforgettable story for the Technical Campus APCA's Spooky Story Writing Competition.

Presented by Kim Thompson, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89900275423>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Late Night Writing Lounge**

Thursday, October 9, 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Need accountability to work on an assignment? Need help with writing something you're working on for class? Dr. Azard and Dr. Fish, Collin English professors, can help with everything from getting out of writer's block to locking down the best content. Join us for an open hour of doing the thing.

Presented by Dr. Sarah Fish and Dr. Marc Azard, Professors of English

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86916003036>

**Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Time Management and YOU**

Tuesday, October 21, 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Do assignment due dates sneak up on you? Would you like to manage your time better? We will explore what time management actually is and how to get better at it!

Presented by Henry Canfield, Professor of Psychology

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87151152374>

### **Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: TSI Study Tips**

Thursday, October 23, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

This workshop will help you understand the TSI and what will be required of you when you take the exam. It offers helpful hints on how to study for the reading and writing sections of the TSI. The goal of this workshop is to give you confidence that you will know how to prepare for the TSI exam.

Presented by Kim Thompson, Writing Tutor

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84348471331>

### **Technical Campus APCA Online Workshop: Math Study Skills**

Tuesday, October 28, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Set yourself up for success in your college math course. We will go over tips and strategies for studying math.

Presented by Math Lab Staff

Online

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84978793040>

## **WYLIE CAMPUS WORKSHOPS**

### **Wylie Campus APCA On Campus Math Workshop: Graphing Calculator Basics and More {TI 83, TI 84 – All series}**

Friday, September 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m.

This workshop introduces students to basic functionalities of the graphing calculator, including evaluating mathematical expressions with multiple operations involving integers, fractions, exponents – integer and fractional, and order of operations. Students will also learn to evaluate and simplify radicals, combine imaginary numbers, absolute value, lowest common multiple, greatest common divisor/factor, graphing, navigating the table feature, and factoring quadratic polynomials.

**A limited number of calculators will be available for student use. First come, first served.**

This free workshop is for all students, but particularly for those in math foundations, college algebra, business math, and for those needing a refresher. Statistics will not be covered.

Presented by Professor Julie Turnbow and Bryan Valenzuela

Wylie Center for Academic Assistance, library217A

## **Wylie APCA Writing Workshops Available to Faculty for In-Class or Field Trip Presentation**

**Tips for More Effective Writing** Improve your writing with essential grammar, punctuation, and word choice tips for clearer and more professional assignments.

**Field Guide to Formatting** Master the essentials of formatting, citing, and academic writing to avoid common pitfalls and create polished assignments.

**MLA Formatting Rules**

### **APA/Chicago Style Formatting**

**Database Scavenger Hunt** Students work in teams to locate articles using Collin College Library databases as they build MLA citation skills through this fun, clue-based competition.

**Citing Government Documents** Wonder how to cite a bill, law, or government hearing? This workshop makes it easy to cite official sources.

Presenters will come to your classroom, or faculty may bring classes on a field trip to the Center, located on the second floor of the library building, WLB217. We are happy to arrange workshops outside of class if there is enough interest to attract students.

**To schedule an in-class workshop, class visit, or to arrange a field trip to the APCA:**

Contact Joani Reese, Wylie APCA Manager  
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