

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

By Appointment

- To reserve a specific day & time, make an appointment to ensure that a tutor is available when it best fits your schedule.
- Call or stop by the center (D224) to make an appointment
- Appointments last 30 minutes

Walk-In

- For those with flexible schedules, walk-in sessions are available
- Sign in upon arrival at the center, and a tutor will take students on a first come, first served basis
- Sessions last 30 minutes

Students are allowed two appointments/sessions per week

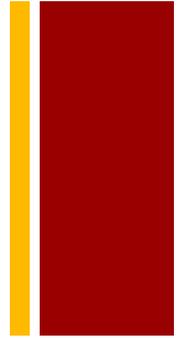
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- Appointment Hours:
 - 9:00am-8:00pm Mon.-Th., 9:00am-4:00pm Fri., and 9:00am-4:00pm Sat.
- Walk-in Hours:
 - 12:00pm-5:00pm Mon.-Th., 12:00pm-4:00pm Fri.
- Location: Library D224
- Phone: 972-881-5843
- Online:
www.collin.edu/writingcenter/online

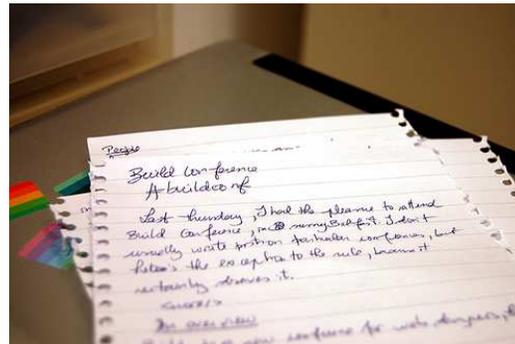
Please allow 3 days for return on any online submittal



+ 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