

AP - Center for Academic Assistance

SPRING 2021 VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

Workshops are free and advanced registration is required. All Collin College students are welcome. Since some instructors give added credit for attending workshops, we provide instructors the names of their students who were present. Sign up using the following link; workshops will be presented live and recorded. Sign up using www.mywco.com/cpc

Introduction to Grammarly Presenter: Professor Keith Elphick This workshop will introduce students to Grammarly, the AI-powered writing assistant available to all Collin College students at no cost.	Tue., Feb. 2	11:00-12:00 p.m.
Databases: How to Get the Most Out of Your Searches Presenter: Professor Tammy Turner This presentation will provide insight into how to effectively search the Collin College databases, including selecting a database for the purposes of your search, creating search terms that work, and using advanced search techniques to identify relevant information.	Wed., Feb. 3	1:00-2:00 p.m.
	Wed., Mar. 24	1:00-2:00 p.m.
The Basics of Essay Writing Demystified Professor: Nagia Moharram Finding yourself in a staring contest with a blank page and wondering what's the magic formula to write a stellar essay that perfectly addresses your professor's prompt? This presentation will clarify some of the basics of essay writing so you can feel confident in the process of crafting your essay with a methodical approach that will help you stay focused on the process and reach your goal of clear, concise writing.	Thur., Feb. 4	1:30-2:30 p.m.
	Thur., Mar. 25	1:30-2:30 p.m.
Chicago: My Kind of Style Presenter: Professor Melody Miyamoto-Walters Learn the basics of Chicago Manual of Style, which includes footnotes and endnotes. This style is often required in history classes. (Recorded Presentation)	Tue., Feb. 9	4:00-5:00 p.m.
	Tue., Apr. 6	4:00-5:00 p.m.
Factoring: Reviewing Key Concepts Presenter: Jill Cyr How to factor algebraic expressions and equations using different methods. Recommended for Math 0310, 1314, 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 2412, 2413.	Wed., Feb. 10	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Introduction to Literary Analysis with Little Red Riding Hood Presenter: Professor Raven Johnston A quick introduction to analyzing literary works with the Perrault and Grimm versions of Little Red Riding Hood. We'll be using Psychoanalytic, Marxist, and New Historicist critical lenses to find new ways of looking at this well-known fairy tale.	Thur., Feb. 11	11:00-12:00 p.m.
Conquering APA Presenter: Anna Rieve Learn how to manage documentation and formatting in APA, required in Psychology and many other social and natural sciences.	Thur., Feb. 11	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	Mon., Mar. 22	3:00-4:00 p.m.
The Argument Clinic Presenter: Anna Rieve Learn the basics of writing persuasive papers, including purpose, audience, and thesis.	Mon., Feb. 15	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	Tues., Apr 13	3:00-4:00 p.m.

The Most Important Email You Will Ever Write (The Application Cover Letter) Presenter: Professor Rusty Shelton This workshop focuses primarily on writing a compelling job application cover letter in email format that will take advantage of the less than 30 seconds a reader (and potential interviewer) will commit to it. I also provide a template for an interview follow-up, thank-you email.	Tue., Feb. 16	11:00-12:00 p.m.
All About You: How to Write a Personal Statement Presenter: Laurel Loyless Personal statements can be difficult to create and many students struggle with the dilemma of sharing their positive traits without sounding vain. This workshop will cover how to pick out what details to include, how to start writing, and how to craft the best essay for your application to graduate school, transfer school, or other program!	Tue., Feb. 16	2:00-3:00 p.m.
	Tue., Apr. 27	2:00-3:00 p.m.
Preparing Presentations Presenter: Associate Dean Brandy Fair If you need to do a speech for a class or a presentation at work, be sure to check out this workshop to learn some tips and tricks on organizing your presentation, what steps and information to include, and how to deal with speech anxiety.	Wed., Feb. 17	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Building a Professional Resume Presenter: Professor Rusty Shelton This workshop focuses on a template approach to creating a readable resume that guides readers' eyes to key information, thereby putting the applicant in the strongest light possible with the potential interviewer.	Thur., Feb. 18	11:00-12:00 p.m.
Outlining Backwards Presenter: Shannon Abbott Learn to identify a basic structure you can use for your persuasive/argument paper.	Mon., Feb. 22	12:00-1:00 p.m.
	Mon., Mar. 29	12:00-1:00 p.m.
Lab Reports Presenter: Brittany Whitstone Learn the basics of writing lab reports including structure, content, and citing. Suggested for students in the Health Sciences.	Tue., Feb. 23	6:00-7:00 p.m.
	Thur., Mar., 25	2:00-3:00 p.m.
Avoiding Citation Generator Mishaps—APA vs. MLA Presenter: Professor Jeni McMillin Citation generators are great tools, but they do not always produce correct citations. In this workshop, you will learn how to recognize correctly formatted APA and MLA citations and practice using a citation generator.	Tue., Feb. 23	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Tue., Apr. 20	7:00-8:00 p.m.
MLA Citation: The Basics and In-Text Citations Presenter: Michelle Morse 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.	Thur., Feb. 25	7:00-8:00 p.m.
	Thur., Apr. 22	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Coping with Anxiety Presenters: Amy Lenhart & Yajaira Diaz Learn how to recognize the signs and identify coping strategies.	Tue., Mar. 2	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Don't Write Me a Letter: Writing Effective Emails Presenter: Anna Rieve Just exactly how do you "speak" to your professor, boss, or colleague in an email? Learn how to communicate clearly and concisely and get the results you are looking for.	Wed., Mar. 3	3:00-4:00 p.m.
	Wed., May. 5	3:00-4:00 p.m.

Interviewing 101 Presenter: Associate Dean Brandy Fair So you've submitted your resume and have been called in for an interview – now what? In this workshop, we will discuss different types of interviews (online, committee, etc.) and how to handle the tough questions to help land the job you want.	Thur., Mar. 4	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Writing & Time Management Unmasked Presenter: Professor Salena Parker This presentation will explore how time and writing scaffold one another, tips on balancing your time with your writing process, and how you can implement these tips long-term outside the classroom.	Mon., Mar. 15	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Writing the In-class Essay Presenter: Professor Marc Azard Learn strategies that will help you “ace” timed writing essays. This workshop will cover techniques on organizing your notes in preparation for the essay as well as writing tips to use drafting your paper.	Wed., Mar. 17	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Three Steps for Effective Research Integration Presenter: Professor Keith Elphick One of the most challenging writing tasks is using research effectively, yet almost all instructors require students to use research in their writing. This workshop will provide students with an easy to follow three-step process for effectively integrating research into an academic essay.	Thur., Mar. 18	11:00-12:00 p.m.
The Annotated Bibliography: Making Research Writing More Accurate and Efficient. Presenter: Professor Toni McMillen Using MLA Style Annotated Bibliographies helps students to organize research, effectively cite materials appropriately, and encourages the evaluation of research in preparation for a short or long research essay. This activity also fosters help with understanding the difference between summary information and analysis content for effective essays. Students with annotated bibliography assignments or research assignments will benefit from attending.	Thur., Apr. 8	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Coping with Stress Presenters: Amy Lenhart & Yajaira Diaz Learn how to embrace it and handle it!	Thur., Apr. 15	1:00-2:00 p.m.
Plagiarism: How Do I Know Presenter: Brittany Whitstone Learn the simple differences between summarizing, paraphrasing, and quoting so you can avoid committing unintentional plagiarism.	Thur., Apr. 15	2:00-3:00 p.m.
	Thur., Apr. 29	6:00-7:00 p.m.
Matrix Row-ops Presenter: Jill Cyr Row, Row, Row your Row-ops. If you learned your calculator's Row-ops program in class and still don't have a full understanding of how to use it, then this is the workshop for you. Recommended for 1314 and 1324.	Wed., Apr. 28	7:00-8:00 p.m.