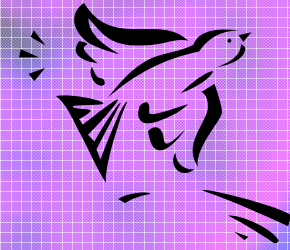




The Writing Center

“Faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life” (NIV, Titus 1.2).



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What is a Writing Center?



- We are a friendly team of trained Writing Consultants and one faculty member who offer informed peer review for student writing projects.
- We also offer study modules for specific writing skills.
- We are a technology-enhanced environment of collaborative learning.
- We offer resources and ideas to support, supplement, and enrich writing instruction across the curriculum.

Who Visits the Writing Center?

- All Vanguard students are welcome to use our consultation services for developing their writing and critical thinking skills.



What Should You Expect During a Writing Center Appointment?

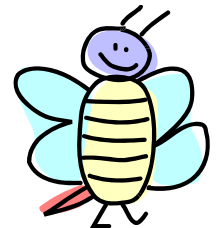
- We read your writing assignment and give you verbal and written feedback.
- We work with you at any stage of the writing process.
- We answer any questions you have about writing.
- We ask ***you*** questions to focus your ideas and improve your writing and critical thinking skills overall.

How to Make an Appointment

- Sign up in our Red Appointment book.
- For a paper that's 5 pages or less, sign up for a half-hour appointment.
- For 10 pages, sign up for a one-hour appointment (two back-to-back appointments with the same Writing Consultant).
- For our “Grammar Bugaboo” lessons on specific grammar topics, sign up for a one-hour appointment.

What's a Grammar Bugaboo?

- One-hour consultations using on-line study sheets and Blue Pencil's interactive grammar exercises to help you recognize and correct grammatical errors (bugaboos).
- Bugaboo topics include pronouns, apostrophes, run-on sentences, subject-verb agreement, and sentence-level revision.
- Bugaboo Bee Points are editing check lists students may use.



Who Are the Consultants?

- Writing Consultants are student writers who love to explain the processes and structures of writing to others.
- Writing Consultants are selected through a rigorous application process and undergo training.

What Else Does the Writing Center Offer Students?

- A collection of on-line writing resources such as editing sheets, grammar modules, and research citation style sheets:
www.vanguard.edu/writingcenter
- A small computer lab for researching on-line databases, formatting papers for citation style requirements, and using Blue Pencil's interactive grammar exercises.
- We publish a free newsletter called *Rhema: The Living Word*.
- We offer a Christ-centered thinking and writing space where people integrate faith, learning, and life.

Writing Center Stamps



- A Writing Center stamp is proof that you visited us.
- If your professor requires that you receive a Writing Center stamp, be sure to tell the Consultant so she or he can stamp your paper.
- We'll stamp your paper at the end of your appointment.

What the Writing Center Won't Do

- Won't write your paper for you.
- Won't guarantee an A++ on your paper.
- Won't read your dropped-off-without-an-appointment paper.
- We are very friendly and approachable. We won't even scare your yellow-crowned parakeet.

Yellow-Crowned Parakeet



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What We WILL Do

- Guide you towards developing stronger analytical writing.
- Focus on both atomistic and holistic revision.
- Help you establish long-term retention of writing skills.



What YOU Can Do

- Reserve appointments well ahead of time, especially during busy mid-terms and finals weeks.
- Bring a description of your writing assignment so we can understand your professor's expectations.
- If you'd like to work on our computers, bring your project on disk.

Can Faculty Get Involved?

- Yes! Please feel free to refer students to the Writing Center throughout the academic year.



What Else? Final Words

- “May our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who loved us and by His grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word” (NIV, 2 Thess. 2.16).
- We served over 1,750 appointments last year. 😊 Remember: Our services are free!





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