

Workshops Summer 2025



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If no Zoom link is listed in the individual description, use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/my/friscowc>.

Drop-ins, both in person and virtually, are welcome but be sure to tell the presenter if you need verification of attendance.

Thursday, June 12
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Key Words as Keystones: Constructing a Well-Organized College Essay

Presenter: Alisa Bovda, Writing Center Consultant and Adjunct Professor
In this workshop you'll learn a way to construct an organized college paper that can be adapted across a variety of courses and writing assignments. We will focus on the importance of key words as an organizing element of college papers.

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Tuesday, June 17
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Mission Possible: Writing Prompt Breakdown

Presenter: LaShell Whitley, Writing Center Consultant
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.

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Monday, June 23
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

American Pronunciation for ESL Speakers

Presenter: Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant
Does English pronunciation leave you tongue-tied? Learn tricks for sounding more like a native speaker, catching more of what others say when they speak to you in English, and pronouncing some difficult sounds unique to English. This workshop is geared toward students who speak English as a second language. **(In-person only)**

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<p>Wednesday, July 2 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</p>	<p>Avoiding Plagiarism: Summarizing and Paraphrasing Correctly <i>Presenter: Monica Davenport, Writing Center Manager</i> It can be difficult to put someone else's ideas or information into your own words, but if you don't do it correctly, you could end up plagiarizing without intending to. We will cover strategies for proper summarizing and paraphrasing, and how these skills are important for your future as a college writer.</p>	<p>LH142 & Zoom</p>
<p>Tuesday, July 15 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Creating Chicago Style Footnotes for The History of Pizza <i>Presenter: Regina Burns, Writing Center Consultant and Adjunct Professor</i> 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.</p>	<p>LH142 & Zoom</p>
<p>Monday, July 21 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>English Verb Tense Crash Course <i>Presenter: Darcy Rudnick, Writing Center Consultant</i> Do you know the difference between "I have been studying" and "I had been studying"? What about "I study" versus "I am studying"? English verb tenses express specific information about the timing of events or actions; they are also one of the most difficult parts of the language for learners of English to master. If verb tenses are giving you a headache, join us to learn about tenses that commonly cause problems for non-native—and even native—speakers and writers of English. (In-person only)</p>	<p>LH142</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 23 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Paragraph Structure Sandwiches <i>Presenter: Emily Buziewicz, Writing Center Consultant</i> Hungry for some insight about how to structure details in the body paragraphs of an essay? We will visualize each body paragraph as a sandwich, a method which will keep the essay organized and support the thesis statement with confidence.</p>	<p>LH142 & Zoom</p>
<p>Wednesday, July 30 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM</p>	<p>Reaching Your Word Count without Adding Fluff <i>Presenter: Cheryl Clark, Writing Center Consultant</i> Is your paper 250 words long, and you need 500? Maybe you're short a paragraph or two? Come to this workshop to learn how to add depth, complexity, and specificity to your paper without the extra padding and repetition that can ruin a paper.</p>	<p>LH142 & Zoom</p>
<p>Tuesday, August 5 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM</p>	<p>Misinformation 101 <i>Presenter: Milen Yassin, Reference Librarian</i> In this workshop, we'll explore how to identify and evaluate credible online sources and develop critical skills to navigate the information landscape.</p>	<p>LH142 & Zoom</p>