

Writing Center Workshop Descriptions

Come to the Writing Center's FREE 60 - 75 minute workshops taught by Writing Center staff. All workshops are available to current Mt. SAC students. Workshops are located in Bldg. 26B, and students can sign up for workshops at the front desk of the Writing Center or on the Mt. SAC website at www.mtsac.edu under "Featured Events." Please call (909) 274-5325 for more information.

- ✓ **Adjective Clauses**—This workshop helps writers learn to create complex sentences with adjective clauses to improve clarity and sentence variety. (Designed for English Learners and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Analytical Paragraphs Using the MEAL Plan**—Learn how to write analytical paragraphs based on strategies from the MEAL Plan (Main Idea, Evidence, Analysis, and Link).
- ✓ **Analyzing Literature and Film**—Come learn literary analysis techniques useful for papers about literature and film.
- ✓ **APA Style**—Learn the rules of APA style for citing sources in a research paper.
- ✓ **Article Usage: A, An, The**—This workshop covers the grammatical rules for using *a*, *an*, & *the*. (Designed for English Learners and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **A.W.E. Information**—This session is designed for students preparing to take the A.W.E. (Assessment of Written English Placement Test). Discover the basics of this placement test and what readers are looking for. **Verification card is unavailable.**
- ✓ **Better Brainstorming and Essay Planning Tips**—This workshop covers helpful brainstorming and essay planning techniques.
- ✓ **Breaking Down the Writing Assignment**—Learn how to decode the vocabulary and parts of writing assignment prompts to understand how to write your papers.
- ✓ **College Reading Strategies**—Come learn about successful Reading Apprenticeship strategies for college texts.
- ✓ **Complex Sentences with Adverb Clauses**—Students will practice creating complex sentences with adverb clauses using appropriate connectors and punctuation. (Designed for English Learners and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Conquering Commas**—This workshop offers a review of correct comma usage.
- ✓ **Fixing Fragments, Run-ons, and Comma Splices**—Discover easy ways for fixing these common errors.
- ✓ **Fragments DLA Workshop**—Complete the Fragments DLA (Directed Learning Activity) during this workshop.
- ✓ **Gerunds and Infinitives**—This workshop helps writers learn when to use a gerund (verb + ing) or an infinitive (to + verb) verb form. (Designed for English Learners and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Guessing Meaning from Context**—Learn about using context clues to decipher the meaning of unknown words and increase understanding of texts. (Designed for English learners and non-native English speakers. Also appropriate for native English speakers.)
- ✓ **In-class Essay Writing Tips**—Learn and practice strategies for successful in-class writing. (Designed for native and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Mastering MLA 8th Edition**—Learn the rules of MLA format for citing sources in a research paper.
- ✓ **NoodleTools—Citations Made Easy**—Discover the stress-free way to create a bibliography using NoodleTools software. Come learn the easy step-by-step process.
- ✓ **Note-Taking Strategies**—Come learn different note-taking strategies in order to take quick and effective notes on lectures and reading assignments. (Designed for native and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Paragraph Writing Basics for English Learners**—This workshop is designed to help English language learners understand the basics of paragraph writing and practice writing well-developed and unified paragraphs.
- ✓ **Parts of Speech and Word Forms**—This workshop is designed to help English learners and non-native English speakers recognize different parts of speech and utilize correct word forms in sentences.
- ✓ **Pronoun Agreement**—Learn how to fix pronoun agreement problems. (Designed for native and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Simple and Compound Sentences**—Students will practice simple sentences and different methods for creating compound sentences using appropriate connectors and punctuation. (Designed for non-native English speakers. Also appropriate for native speakers.)
- ✓ **Steps to a Strong Thesis**—Develop tools for creating strong thesis statements for your essays.
- ✓ **Subject-Verb Agreement**—Learn how to fix subject-verb agreement problems. Designed for native and non-native English speakers.
- ✓ **Summary Writing**—Come learn the best techniques for writing summaries. (Designed for native and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Understanding and Avoiding Plagiarism**—Come learn what is considered plagiarism in the U.S. and ways to avoid it. (Designed for native and non-native English speakers.)
- ✓ **Using Quotation and Paraphrases Correctly**—Learn how to correctly integrate quotations and paraphrases into your papers while avoiding plagiarism. This workshop is designed for students writing research papers.
- ✓ **Verbs Boot Camp**—Designed for English learners and non-native English speakers, this is a four-part series, intensive session on the present, past, and future verb tenses. **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL FOUR SESSIONS TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.**
- ✓ **Verb Tense Shifts DLA Workshop**—Complete the Verb Tense Shifts DLA (Directed Learning Activity) during this workshop.
- ✓ **Word Forms DLA Workshop**—Complete the Word Forms DLA (Directed Learning Activity) during this workshop.
- ✓ **Writing Boot Camp** - This four-part series workshop is designed to help English learners and non-native English speakers with writing issues like subject-verb agreement, sentence structure, sentence boundary, and sentence combination. **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL FOUR SESSIONS TO RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.**
- ✓ **Writing Your Research Paper**—Learn how to draft, organize, and incorporate sources into your research papers.