

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 (unless otherwise indicated), 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.

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **College Reading Strategies**—Come learn about successful Reading Apprenticeship strategies for college texts.
- ✓ **Comma Splices and Run-Ons DLA Workshop**: Complete the Comma Splices and Run-Ons Directed Learning Activity (DLA) during this workshop.
- ✓ **Comma Usage DLA Workshop**: Complete the Comma Usage Directed Learning Activity (DLA) during this workshop.
- ✓ **Complex Sentences with Adverb Clauses**—In this workshop, students will practice creating complex sentences with adverb clauses using appropriate connectors and punctuation.
- ✓ **Conquering Commas**—This workshop offers a review of correct comma usage.
- ✓ **Correct Article Usage**—Designed for NNES*, this workshop covers the basics of properly using *a*, *an*, & *the*.
- ✓ **Creating Adjective Clauses**—Designed for NNES*, this workshop helps writers learn to create complex sentences with adjective clauses to improve clarity and sentence variety.
- ✓ **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.
- ✓ **Guessing Meaning from Context**—Learn about using context clues to decipher the meaning of unknown words and increase understanding of texts.
- ✓ **How to Summarize**—Come learn the best techniques for summary writing.
- ✓ **In-class Essay Writing Tips**—Learn and practice strategies for successful in-class writing.
- ✓ **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 for NNES and Native Speakers**—Come learn different note-taking strategies in order to take quick and effective notes on reading assignments and lectures.
- ✓ **Paragraph Writing Basics for English Learners**—This workshop is designed to help NNES* students understand the basics of paragraph writing and practice writing well-developed and unified paragraphs.
- ✓ **Simple and Compound Sentences**—In this workshop, students will practice simple sentences and different methods for creating compound sentences using appropriate connectors and punctuation.
- ✓ **Steps to a Strong Thesis**—Develop tools for creating strong thesis statements for your essays.
- ✓ **Timed Writing Tips for English Learners**—Designed for NNES*, this workshop provides useful tips and practice to help learners improve their performance in timed writing.
- ✓ **Understanding & Avoiding Plagiarism for English Language Learners and Native Speakers**—Come learn what is considered plagiarism in the U.S. and ways to avoid it.
- ✓ **Understanding Gerunds and Infinitives**—This workshop is designed for NNES* and helps writers learn when to use a gerund (verb + ing) or an infinitive (to + verb) verb form.
- ✓ **Understanding Parts of Speech and Word Forms**—This workshop is designed to help NNES* recognize different parts of speech and utilize correct word forms in sentences.
- ✓ **Understanding Pronoun Agreement**—Learn about pronoun agreement problems and how to correct them.
- ✓ **Understanding Subject Verb Agreement**—Learn how to fix subject verb agreement problems.
- ✓ **Using Quotations 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 NNES*, this is a week-long, intensive session on the present, past, and future verb tenses. **Note: STUDENTS MUST ATTEND EACH OF THE FOUR SESSIONS TO RECEIVE A VERIFICATION CARD.**
- ✓ **Writing Boot Camp**—This week-long workshop is designed to help NNES* with writing issues like subject-verb agreement, sentence structure, sentence boundary, and sentence combination. **Note: STUDENTS MUST ATTEND EACH OF THE FOUR SESSIONS TO RECEIVE A VERIFICATION CARD. *NNES: Non-Native English Speakers.**
- ✓ **Writing Sentences with Clarity**—Learn how to write clear sentences and improve your papers.
- ✓ **Writing Your Research Paper**—Learn how to draft, organize, and incorporate sources into your research papers.