Scheduling is simple – Writers can drop in or use their favorite electronic device to register, log in, and choose a time that is most convenient: flcc.mywconline.com

WHO WE SERVE

The Writing Center is staffed by FLCC instructors and professional mentors with expertise in basic and creative writing, composition and rhetoric, and science writing who can mentor writers in any content area.

Who mentors instead of tutors? When we think of tutoring, we think of supplemental instruction, an additional opportunity for you to learn concepts you couldn’t sufficiently grasp from classes or labs. But learning to write is different than learning other academic subjects because it involves thinking processes that entail numerous choices, strategies, and practices, depending on the context. Meeting with a mentor is a different experience than “being tutored” as our goal is not to reinforce classroom content knowledge, but to nurture your progress as you become skilled with the various games, practices, and terminologies you’ll encounter in all your courses across the curriculum.

NO RED PEN

We are not an editing or proofreading service so projects will not be scrubbed of all errors after a single visit to the Writing Center. Our goal is to help you develop skills and strategies to make writing more successful, thoughtfully and mindfully, not just to improve a specific text, so we do not edit or proofread papers. Instead, we’ll collaborate with you on editing and proofreading strategies that you can use to improve your work. While we won’t go through your paper line by line to locate and fix every error, we will certainly help you work on your grammar, style, and general editing skills. Because we want to help you to really learn, we ask that you be actively involved in any work on sentence-level issues. We may, for example, find a pattern of error in one paragraph and show you how to fix it, then help you to apply what you’ve learned to a second paragraph, and follow up by talking about your progress.

Will A Visit to the Writing Center Get Me the A / Scholarship / Job?

It might! We can help you become a better writer, but unfortunately, we can’t guarantee perfection. Writing is a skill that is worked on fair lifetime and everyday at a different place. We’ll do our best to help you understand the writing process in more empowering ways and to grow in confidence, skill, and effectiveness; we wish you luck and hope you get better and better results with your writing.

Getting Feedback

The concept exists in all fields: athletes get feedback from coaches & trainers, chefs rely on tastings and food tastings before putting new dishes on a menu, comedians and musicians play open mics to see how their work is received by an audience, and writers and academics rely on peer review – just look at the acknowledgements section of any of your college texts to appreciate the long list of readers who gave careful feedback to our authors on prior drafts.

Good Writers Need Good Readers.

WHAT TO BRING

To make the most of our time together, you should bring everything related to the project at hand: the syllabus, assignment, related notes and drafts, pertinent texts, etc., any suggestions an instructor or reader has made on your work, and realistic expectations of what we can accomplish in the time you’ve chosen to work with a mentor. The more you know about the kinds of help and advice you’re looking for, the more we can accomplish in a session.

Having someone proofread your paper line-by-line will not help you to become a better writer. Think of it this way: if you visited a tutoring center for math, you would not hand the tutor your homework and say, “I just need you to fix all my calculation errors.” Rather, you would expect to leave the session understanding the concepts of the homework in such a way that you would be able to perform independently in the future. Learning to write well is the same way. In fact, the more complex your ideas and sentences become, the more likely it is that there will be some mechanical errors or stylistic awkwardness in your sentences! Errors are a natural part of the process of growing and developing as a writer and thinker.

WHAT WE DO

We offer free and friendly support for writers at any level with any type of project. From generating your first draft to polishing a fresh pair of eyes on an almost-final draft, and all points in between, our mentors are here to talk about your writing and thinking by discussing ways of moving forward from wherever you are in the process. We don’t creen red pens, and we don’t “correct” papers. Instead, we’ll talk with you about your writing projects by inquiring about the task at hand, reading what you’re working on aloud, asking you clarifying questions, and suggesting strategies for your work.

The Writing Center is for all writers; students, staff, and faculty alike.

It doesn’t matter if your degree program focuses on the sciences or liberal arts; all writers are welcome at the Writing Center. All of us are writers, and we all face challenges and dilemmas as we write and think. “Trialing it out,” discussing concerns, and puzzling out plans, for revision are expected parts of writing well that benefit everyone.

WHO WE ARE

The Writing Center is comprised of writing consultants, graduate assistants, academic skill coaches, professional writers, and experienced librarians who have a commitment to helping students develop their abilities as communicators.

In the Writing Center, we feel that the best way to help writers is to read their work, ask good questions, and provide thoughtful suggestions for revision. To do this effectively and efficiently, we need a good understanding of the work we’re doing. Whenever possible, we want to read the writer’s work before the session begins in order to better understand the project at hand.