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The Jones White Writing Center

Dr. Dana Driscoll, English professor and Director of the Jones White Writing Center, shares information about the Writing Center on campus and how it can help your students.

The **Kathleen Jones White Writing Center's mission** is to help IUP students become better writers. Thus, we offer a wide variety of services to support writing:

- ◆ **Individualized tutoring** for your students on all aspects of writing, in person or online
- ◆ **Class Workshops** on a wide variety of writing topics, led by experienced tutors. Bring your whole class to the Writing Center's computer lab classroom.
- ◆ **Quiet space** for students to work with computers, printers, and writing resources.
- ◆ **Wednesday workshops** for the broader campus community
- ◆ **Graduate Editing Service** for graduate students who are completing a thesis or dissertation

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I send my students to the writing center?

Writing center visits impact learning and retention for all students on campus. Specifically, writing center visits are tied to:

- ◆ **Higher student retention** (Bell & Frost, 2012; Reason, 2009)
- ◆ **Higher grades and better course performance** (Sailor, 2016)
- ◆ **Increased self-efficacy for writing and other academic tasks** (Williams & Tatak, 2011)
- ◆ **Reduction of procrastination** (Fritzsche, Young, & Hickson, 2003).
- ◆ **Intellectual, social, and emotional development** (Tinto, 2012)

At IUP, we conduct over 4000 tutorials a year for students of all majors and levels. These tutorials not only help writers, but also retain students at IUP. Your support matters! **65% of students who visit the IUP Jones White Writing center are referred by faculty.**

Will I know if my student visited?

At a student's request, we will send a form to you that indicates when your student visited and what they worked on.

Will a tutor correct my student's work?

A tutor will help your student correct their own work. The tutor will read through the paper and help them to identify mistakes, understand rules, and learn to make their own corrections.

What kind of help can students get?

A peer tutor can help students with any aspect of the writing process including: understanding an assignment, organizing ideas, citing outside sources, formatting, proofreading, and more.

Can I require my students to visit?

Yes, you can. However, we ask that you let us know *well in advance* if you are requiring a whole class to visit so that we can work with you to best meet the needs of your students and address staffing needs.



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Writing Tips to Share with Students:

The following are some of the many suggestions that our tutors regularly offer students who visit the writing center.

- ◆ **Know your audience.** When students come to the Jones White Writing Center, we ask students to share their assignment sheet and intended audience for their writing. Writers are always writing for a specific audience. While in college, it may be their instructor, but some of the most meaningful writing assignments offer students a chance to write for real-world audiences. Student writers who research their potential audience and attend to the needs and expectations of that audience can be successful.
- ◆ **Know your purpose and goals for writing.** Tutors also ask student writers about their purpose and goals for writing. Some of the questions we ask include: what do you hope to accomplish with this piece of writing? What are your goals for writing? Encouraging student writers to set clear goals for writing can help their writing stay focused, well organized, and well supported.



- ◆ **Attend to your credibility through effective source use.** Tutors at the Jones White Writing Center work with students on a number of issues surrounding effective source use. These strategies include using appropriate sources to support claims, synthesizing a variety of sources into a single cohesive argument, and appropriately citing sources using a field-specific format.
- ◆ **Attend to your credibility through error-free writing.** Tutors at the Jones White Writing Center also focus on helping student writers identify common errors in grammar, punctuation, spelling, and usage and correct those errors. One important aspect of this approach is teaching students strategies for self-editing, which include re-reading their work, knowing the common errors that they make, and learning grammar and spelling rules.

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