The Writing Center
Located on West Campus in the Cartwright Learning Resources Center
What is the Writing Center all about?

- One-on-one tutoring on any writing assignment for any class
- Thirty minute sessions
- Focus determined by the student
- Help at any point in the writing process
- Beneficial for writers at all levels
- A proven key to student success at SBCC:

  Students who use the Writing Center have better outcomes in their classes!
How we help you become a better writer

- **We help you gain strength and independence as a writer by supporting you in the learning process and connecting you with resources**
  - **YOU** set the agenda
  - Participate in a student-centered dialogue
    - Build on what you already know
    - Enhance critical thinking skills
    - Increase self-awareness
  - Leave with a plan for what to do next

- **We are not a repair shop for papers**
  - Tutors will not correct or edit papers
Preparing for your session

Whether you’ve made an appointment or are dropping in...

1. Print a hard copy of your paper draft
2. Bring the assignment sheet
3. Gather other relevant materials: articles, textbooks, instructor or peer comments from earlier drafts
4. Check in and leave your student ID at the front desk
When you arrive...

Welcome to the SBCC Writing Center
Student ___________________________ Today’s Date ______________ Due Date ______________ Visit required? Y / N
Instructor __________________________ Course _______ Visits to Writing Center? First Fewer than 5 More than 5
Type of Assignment (ex. narrative, compare/contrast, scholarship, etc.) __________________________________________________________
Do you have an assignment sheet? Y / N Have you already been to the Writing Center to work on this assignment? Y / N

Please circle one number to rate your understanding of the assignment:

1. I do not understand the assignment at all. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 I understand the assignment completely.

2. What are you writing about?

Please circle one number to rate how clear you are about what you want to do during your 30 minute session:

1. I have no idea what I want to do. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 I know exactly what I want to do.

3. What do you want to know or be able to do at the end of the half-hour session?

4. Is there anything else you want the tutor to know? (feel free to use the back if you need more room)
During the session ...

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After the session: The work continues…

- Complete a Session Reflection form to reflect on what you’ve learned and comment on your experience.
- Use your Session Record and your own notes to help you revise the paper.
- Apply the strategies to parts of the paper you didn’t cover in the session.
- Make another appointment to meet with a tutor!
Using the Writing Center

- **Hours**
  - **Fall & Spring**
    - Mon – Thurs: 9 am – 7 pm
    - Fri: 9 am – 3 pm
  - **Summer**
    - Mon-Thurs: 9 am – 4 pm
    - Fri: 9 am - 1 pm
- **Appointments and drop-in available**
  - Come by or call (ext. 2663) to make appointment
  - After 3 misses, no more appointments for the semester
- **Visit the center up to 2x per week**
  - Not more than once per day

**Insider’s Tip:**
Make appointments in advance and well ahead of when the paper is due.
Additional Resources

▶ **Writing Skills Workshops**
  - As part of the [CLRC workshop series](http://sbcc.edu/clrc/writing_center), we have several Writing Skills Workshops scheduled for the current semester. The skills and strategies learned in the workshops can be applied to writing in classes across the curriculum.

▶ **Writing Center Website**
  - [http://sbcc.edu/clrc/writing_center](http://sbcc.edu/clrc/writing_center)

▶ **Writing Center on Facebook**
We look forward to seeing you!

- Visit us in the CLRC Writing Center or
- call 805.965.0581 x 2663

For more information, and to access online resources, visit us on the web:

http://sbcc.edu/clrc/writing_center/

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