Writing Center

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Mission: The Writing Center is committed to supporting student efforts to improve comprehensive writing skills. We promote success in student writing which will aid student in their quest to: 1) enter the job market, 2) transfer to senior colleges and universities, 3) pursue their professional and personal goals.

Our ultimate goal is that every student who visits the Writing Center exhibits improved writing skills when they leave, and that repeat visits to the Writing Center promote a cumulative, positive effect on student writing skills.

We collaborate with multiple services and institutions, including SWTJC's Student Success Center and Sul Ross University - Rio Grande College, to promote this goal.

Hours of Operation

The Writing Center is open to students attending both SWTJC and SR-RGC!
Services Offered

The Writing Center offers, in conjunction with other support services and the cooperation of faculty members:

Feedback: Tutors are trained to provide feedback, regardless of the writing level. Whether you are working on a three sentence response or a six page research paper, we are able to give you feedback that will help you improve your writing.

Computer Lab: Computers and printing are provided, free of charge, for student use. Students writing in any discipline are encouraged to use the Writing Center computer lab.

References and Resource Literature: Dictionaries, thesauri, and style reference guides (Keys for Writers) are available in the computer lab. In addition, copies of some textbooks are available upon request, for use in the Writing Center.

Tutoring: Computer lab tutors are on hand for multiple students at a time. If you want more in-depth feedback on your writing, or are looking for some help developing writing skills, you can schedule a tutoring session. For more information on tutoring sessions, contact the Writing Center Coordinator on your campus.

Don't Expect:

Editing or “Fixing” We are a resource to facilitate student learning. For our tutors, editing, proofreading, major reorganization, or otherwise “fixing” student writing is counter-productive to a students’ mastery of their own writing skills, and thus counter to our goals.

Grade or Academic Counseling: Students are responsible for the information they collect. We strive to provide accurate, helpful information to students who use the Writing Center. We believe improvements in writing generally coincide with improvements in classroom performance, but our primary goal is to help students understand and master writing skills, not to “get” a student a better grade.

Off-Campus and Distance Education Policy

The Uvalde campus Writing Center will offer feedback and tutoring services to off-campus and distance education students via the Campus Cruiser (Portal) or by email to writing.center@swtc.edu.

Faculty who would like their students to submit work through the Portal must submit class rosters to the Writing Center Coordinator. The class roster will then be added to the Writing Center Portal “class,” WRIT 0100.

Students will receive comments regarding their writing assignments from one of the trained study leaders or from the Writing Center Coordinator. The Writing Center does not re-teach class material or do the editing or revising for the student, rather students should expect to be engaged in a conversation about their writing assignments in which they can learn strategies for improving their own writing. On and off-campus students should submit their writing in advance of the due date so as not to limit the feedback and revising process. Therefore, assignments for off-campus students should be submitted at least 3 working days before the due date.

Spring 2015 Tutor Schedule

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Come visit us in the Sterling #2 Building! Tutors are available to assist in many areas of writing, including but not limited to:

- English Composition
- Literature
- APA Style
- MLA Style
- Business Writing
- Resume Writing

If you have any questions, contact Kristel Balcherson at (830) 391-2908.

Satisfaction Surveys

- Uvalde Writing Center survey
- Eagle Pass Writing Center survey
- Del Rio Writing Center survey
2014 Writing Contest Winners

Congratulations 2014 Halloween Short Story Contest Winners!

First Place: Raymond J. Stanford (SWTJC Hondo)
Click here to read "Jenny Death"

Second Place: Diego Villarreal (SWTJC Eagle Pass)
Click here to read "The G.E.M."

Third Place: Wendy Hinsey (SR-RGC Del Rio)
Click here to read "A Shot in the Dark"

Fourth Place: Elizabeth Garcia (SWTJC Eagle Pass)
Click here to read "Vestiges of Sanity"