

Writing Center FAQs

Do I Need an Appointment to Meet with a Consultant?

We highly recommend scheduling an appointment at least two to three days in advance, but clients can also walk-in and meet with a consultant if one is available.

All of our sessions start on the hour and last 45 minutes; please try to come in before the hour.

What Happened to Read-Ahead Appointments?

Instead of read-ahead appointments, you can now schedule up to five appointments per week, giving you more time to work on longer documents than before.

Can You Help Me with Documentation?

Yes. When you schedule an appointment, ask the receptionist for a consultant familiar with the documentation style (i.e., MLA, APA, Chicago) you are working with, or check online under [Consultant Specialties](#).

We don't check your citations. We provide resources and teach you how to do them yourself.

Can I Drop Off My Paper for a Consultant and Pick it Up Later?

No. Our policy is to work with the writer to help them improve their writing skills. The Writing Center assists writers with the writing process through conversation-based sessions, where the consultant discusses the writing with you rather than editing your work.

We'll work with you on your paper either online or face-to-face.

Can I Still Use the Writing Center if I Can't Come to Campus?

Of course! Online, you have access to:

- [Tipsheets and Writing Guides](#) cover a wide assortment of topics.
- [Online appointments](#) are scheduled chat sessions held in real-time, where you join your consultant online to discuss your project using a chat box and whiteboard. All you need is a computer, tablet, or laptop with an internet connection.

How Do I Become a Consultant?

Contact the Writing Center Director, Dr. Travis Webster, about applying for admission into his training course, *Writing Center Praxis*, which is offered in the fall and spring semesters. Dr. Webster's contact information is 281-283-3970 or webstert@uhcl.edu.