e-Writing Support

What to Expect in an e-Session with the Writing Specialist

During your e-sessions with the Writing Specialist, you will:

• Send in a draft of your paper—no matter how rough it is. The specialist will comment on which sections are clearly explained and which might need more explanation, clarity and support. Please make sure to state your name, course, instructor’s name, and assignment type.

• Send in the same paper again after making the suggested revisions. The specialist can comment on particular parts—e.g., a paragraph, sentence structure, word choices—that you’re unsure about and check the revisions made. The specialist will not comment on the whole paper, but can give you some techniques for self-editing and proofreading. Please note that the specialist will not proofread the paper for you.

Advice and guidance will be provided in several ways. The specialist will help you:

• Brainstorm a topic, narrow it, and focus on it.

• Integrate your quotations and work through your paraphrasing and summarizing to help avoid inadvertent plagiarism.

• Refer you to resources for more in-depth support regarding referencing.

• Offer comments or suggestions as you draft the paper, organize it, develop your ideas, and refine your sentences.

The Writing Specialist will not do the work for you but will offer you guidance so you can do the work more effectively. This encourages independent learning and helps you gain confidence in your own abilities and writing style.

*Students can only submit their paper to the writing specialist 2 times per assignment.

Be aware that if the writing specialist does any more than what is described above, you may be accused of academic dishonesty. If the assignment you hand in contains the specialist’s work rather than your own, this is considered plagiarism. Plagiarism can result in severe consequences for your educational opportunities.

Reference: Adopted from Red Deer College’s Writing Skills Centre “What to Expect”