



ARCADIA UNIVERSITY WRITING CENTER

What Writing Center Consultants Do (and CAN'T do):

What We CAN Do	What We CAN'T Do
Help students understand grammar and mechanics through practice and discussion	A grammar “check” where the Writing Center corrects the grammar in students' papers without input from the student
Help students practice proofreading strategies using the papers they bring in	Proofread papers for students or without their participation
Help students understand assignments and develop ideas for writing papers	Give ideas to students or represent the instructor when answering questions about assignments or grades
Help students critically evaluate and responsibly integrate sources through modeling, discussion and practice	Fix citation errors, find research or validate references or reference lists for students
Help students evaluate structure, organization and development of claims and ideas in their papers	Tell students what claims they should write or assess the accuracy of content in their papers
Help students practice critical thinking and revision when making their own decisions in their own writing	Fix papers for students
Help students consider audience, voice and tone and context when writing academically.	Be expert references for students regarding discipline-specific academic conventions or processes.
Meet and talk with students about any writing issue for any assignment in any course	Look at or discuss a paper without the student's participation or presence
Help students develop a plan for continued improvement and practice in academic writing, including English Language Learners	Solve every writing problem for a student, even with repeat sessions