How Do We Make a Difference?

The Online Writing Center is more than an editing service. By focusing on big-picture concerns, like organization and flow, and then smaller concerns relating to grammar and formatting, our approach improves students’ writing and thinking skills and ultimately results in stronger papers and writers.

Why Online?

Individualized writing help is accessible every day of the week! Our online tutors have expanded hours to accommodate students’ diverse schedules and locations. Appointments are conducted through an online chat room that allows for typing, audio, or video sessions.

How Do Appointments Work?

Students schedule an online appointment on our website and then email their tutor a draft of their paper. At the scheduled time, the tutor and student meet in an online chat room to discuss the paper for ~30 minutes. Afterwards, the student receives an email summary of their appointment, which can be submitted to their instructors for credit.

What Do Students Think?

Last year, 95.8% of students reported the session gave them an idea on how to continue working on their paper. The USU Academic & Institutional Services Department also found that even one Writing Center visit increases student retention by 3.1%.

How You Can Use It

By encouraging your students to visit, they can improve their writing and learn new skills, which will help them throughout their education and their careers. Some professors offer extra credit as an incentive. Another option is to require students to use the online writing center on an early assignment, as other online professors have done. No matter how you introduce the Writing Center to your students, they can and will greatly benefit from this resource.

“I believe strongly in the writing process and feel that the Writing Center supports my students in practicing their own writing process better. Honestly, I send my students to the online writing center because their writing is better for it, and because those who go use it in the future to help them as students and writers.”

- Amber Bowden, English Professor - Distance Education