Writing Resources

Online Student Workshops

Online student workshops are 3 days in length and are focused on improving or enhancing certain skill sets or knowledge on a particular topic. There are 37 student workshops available with 4 that focus on writing.
https://ecampus.phoenix.edu/content/MyWorkshops/Search

Writing Online Student Workshops:

— **APA Student** ~ this 3-day workshop introduces students to the basic elements of APA style. Students discuss key components of APA formatting and practice identifying and correcting instances of noncompliance.

— **Basic Essay Writing** ~ this 3-day workshop introduces students to the concepts of basic essay writing. The workshop focuses on thesis statements, content organization, introductions, and conclusions. This workshop also reviews applicable University of Phoenix writing resources.

— **Basic Grammar** ~ this 3-day workshop helps students differentiate between how they speak and how they should write a formal paper by providing a review of the following: how to use commas and quotation marks properly, how to employ pronouns effectively, and how to correspond subjects and verbs correctly.

— **Finding and Using Credible Information** ~ this 3-day workshop is an introduction to finding and using credible information for research. The workshop focuses on orienting students with the University Library, the Internet, and emphasizes best practices for searching and utilizing these research tools. Students review the basic skills for organizing research results, and maintaining academic honesty.

Center for Writing Excellence

Center for Writing Excellence is an online writing Lab designed to assist the university's students in developing essential written communication skills. You can locate this resource within the Library Tab:
https://ecampus.phoenix.edu/classroom/ic/cwe/home.aspx

— **Live Labs ~** are an open study environment where students can receive tutoring support and can come and go as their schedules permit.

— **Live Events ~** during a live event, our experts will help students navigate the writing process in real-time – with a chance for them to ask questions and get involved!

— **Plagiarism Checker** ~ promotes originality in student work and improves student writing and research skills. This service instantly identifies papers containing material authored by another writer.

— **WritePoint** ~ automated review system is a service available to students and to faculty. WritePoint® provides feedback on basic grammar and usage by inserting comments into the text of a paper at the point of the error.

— **Tutorial & Guides section ~ contains some terrific resources that can help any student at any level:**

Riverpoint Writer (under *Formatting Tables and Figures* section) ~ is a formatting tool that plugs into Microsoft® Word to help students create a document that is consistent with the University's Writing & Style Guidelines and the sixth edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association.* Riverpoint Writer automatically adjusts the student's

document page margins and spacing, and it generates a title page. In addition, it assists with creating in-text citations and reference entries for a variety of sources ranging from books to online materials.

Writing & Style Guidelines (under *APA Guides* section) ~ these guides provide sections on grammar mechanics, writing style and plagiarism. A grammar glossary is also provided. Each section includes definitions, examples and interactive quizzes.

Grammar Girl Podcasts: Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing (under *Formatting Tables and Figures* section) ~ this creates and distributes digital content that offers short, actionable advice from friendly and informed authorities that will help students succeed at work and in life.

Grammar and Writing Guides (under *APA Guides* section) ~ these guides are suggested resources for academic writing, which supports quality and consistency of academic writing in grammar, style, formatting, and reference development.

Sample Paper (under section APA and Writing & Style Guidelines) ~ the Sample Paper offers guidelines for formatting papers using APA Style from the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition).

Writing Help Support Community.

In this community, students can learn about available resources to improve their writing skills, join discussions and get answers from Center for Writing Excellence staff. To access log into eCampus, click on the "PhoenixConnect" tab, click on "Support Community" and then "Writing Help".
https://portal.phoenix.edusocial/community/support/writing

eBooks.

eBooks offers a variety of different textbooks for students to use, but the most basic writing textbook to recommend to your students would be **"Building Better Grammar, 1e"** written by Gina Baaklini Hogan (ISBN: 9780495905141). eBooks can be found under the "Library" tab >> you will see a link in the left-hand corner of the screen. https://ecampus.phoenix.edu/content/eBookLibrary2/content/home.aspx

Media Library.

Students can search the Media Library for a variety of different videos to help them academically or professionally. Some highlights from a quick search on writing skills include: Media Library can be found under the "Library" tab >> you will see a link in the left-hand corner of the screen.
https://portal.phoenix.edu/medialibrary/medialibrary.html#rpr=10

— The Importance of Building Writing Skills ~ Gaston Caperton, president and CEO of The College Board, talks about how crucial writing skills are for long-term success.

— Communicating Powerfully ~ whether it's talking to staff, working with the media, or writing a newsletter, Heather Ridout shares advice on what it takes to be a powerful communicator.