



# Iowa State University Center for Communication Excellence Graduate College



*Your partner in communication success, scholarly growth, and professional advancement*

## Communication support programs for graduate students and postdoctoral associates

### Academic Communication Program

Take courses to prepare thesis or dissertation chapters for submission as manuscripts to journals. Attend seminar series on scientific and professional writing and needs-based workshops to learn the conventions of academic and research communication.

<http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/acp>

### International Teaching Assistants Program

Take the Oral English Certification Test and enroll in level-based oral communication courses to improve your English speaking skills.

Practice your pronunciation with a range of language learning software available in our lab.

<http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/ita>

### Graduate Peer Mentor Program

Receive individual feedback and guidance from our Interdisciplinary, Disciplinary, or English Writing Consultants on how to produce high quality academic writing (e.g., conference papers, posters, journal articles, thesis or dissertation chapters, grant proposals).

<http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/gmp>

### Online Writing Consultations

Benefit from individual feedback virtually. Our online writing consultants accommodate distance students, students working to complete graduate degrees in addition to full-time jobs, or any graduate student or postdoc unable to meet on central campus.

<http://dwcisu.appointy.com>

### Graduate Peer Writing Groups

Provide, receive, and apply constructive feedback as part of a small group of graduate student peers. The groups meet weekly and offer a professional and supportive environment that helps students be productive and improve their writing.

<http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/gpwg>

### Online Resources Database

Search our online database for guides, tips, interactive tutorials, videos, books, and more ranging from how to get started on your thesis or dissertation to how to prepare job application materials.

<http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/resources>

## New to the CCE

### Thesis/Dissertation Writing Consultations

Receive individual feedback on writing, formatting, revising, or finalizing your thesis, creative component, or dissertation.

<http://dwcisu.appointy.com>

### Finalizing Thesis/Dissertation Boot Camps

Attend sessions focused on structuring the content and formatting the capstone manuscript to meet university requirements.

<https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/thesis/seminars>

### English Speaking Consultants

Develop an individualized plan to improve specific areas of pronunciation and develop advanced English speaking skills by practicing with a speaking consultant one-on-one.

<http://dwcisu.appointy.com>

## Beneficial impacts

### Improved quality of various types of documents

- ✓ Thesis and dissertation
- ✓ Research article
- ✓ Research proposal
- ✓ Grant proposal
- ✓ Conference abstract and paper
- ✓ Poster
- ✓ Course paper
- ✓ Portfolio paper
- ✓ CV and Resume
- ✓ Cover letter
- ✓ Teaching philosophy
- ✓ Research statement
- ✓ Diversity statement

### Improved areas of communication skills

- ✓ Outlining
- ✓ Defining a guiding framework
- ✓ Developing and supporting claims
- ✓ Integrating sources credibly
- ✓ Describing research methods
- ✓ Reporting and discussing results
- ✓ Demonstrating value of research
- ✓ Developing clear content
- ✓ Creating clear structure
- ✓ Revising for focus
- ✓ Clarifying grammar patterns
- ✓ Proofreading strategies
- ✓ Presenting effectively

### Faculty perspective on student improvement

- ✓ Commenting on student writing requires less time
- ✓ Students better understand disciplinary writing norms
- ✓ Students bring more appropriate material to meetings
- ✓ Students have less trouble getting started
- ✓ Student research has clearer focus
- ✓ Student writing has clearer focus
- ✓ Student writing is easier to understand

## Contact Us

Location 1137 Pearson Hall Phone (515) 294-1958

Writing Consultations <http://dwcisu.appointy.com>

Website <http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu>

Events <http://cce.grad-college.iastate.edu/calendar>