Writing Circles

The writing circles we offer are more than just a time to get together and write. Each circle has incorporated a process to complete a written document or presentation. The circles require a commitment from the participants to attend the sessions and complete the assignments given. Each participant is given an opportunity to develop his or her ideas for a project and is provided with strategies and tools to help complete the project. As part of the process, participants have the opportunity to receive strength-based feedback from their peers.

The writing circle sessions typically start with an update of what the participants have completed during the previous week, followed by a short presentation/discussion of strategies and assignments. At the end of each session, time is set aside for writing.

The writing circle process works if you commit to it.

Interested in Joining a Writing Circle?

Writing Circles generally begin during the first few weeks of each semester. To join a writing circle, visit CeTEAL’s website: coastal.edu/ceteal. Click the Training link in the left menu to see a list of current sessions.
**Writing Circle**

Do you need some deadlines for your writing? Do you need to get productive? Write and submit an article in 12 weeks. The process works! Join the growing number of faculty who have written, submitted and published articles, conference proposals, book proposals and presentations from our circles. Based on Belcher’s framework for writing an article in 12 weeks, we will begin the process together as a circle of friends working to produce.

So mark your calendar for 12 weeks of productive writing. Bring your laptop/iPad/netbook to the session as well because participants will have time to write. We will meet at the same place/time for 12 weeks.

Each session begins with the participants sharing what they have accomplished and what they plan to complete during the upcoming week.

Participants will:
- Engage in planning their writing time.
- Apply strategies taught in the sessions to their projects.
- Discuss their paper, progress and plans.
- Engage with colleagues from across campus.
- Participate in a process that increases scholarship and productivity across campus.

**Master Writing Circle**

This writing circle is for those who want to participate in a scheduled meeting to write. Participants must have already “graduated” from a 12-week Writing Circle.

Participants will:
- Share updates of writing progress.
- Develop a plan for completing a writing project.
- Complete a paper for publication.
- Provide support and accountability to one another.

**Assessment Grant Program Writing Circle**

Looking for a grant that will provide support to examine the effectiveness of your academic program, programs related to student development or services to students and the University? Want to learn how to write a better proposal for that grant? We will walk you through the process of writing an Assessment Grant as you attend a session once a week for four weeks. We will discuss the criteria for the award, funding expectations and writing the sections of the proposal. Come prepared with an assessment idea in mind – this will NOT be a workshop on how to write an assessment.

Participants will:
- Commit to writing an Assessment Grant.
- Write effective sections of a grant proposal.
- Contribute to the assessment system and your professional development.

**Research Writing Circle**

Do you want some accountability to complete your data collection and interpretation? Not ready for a writing circle to publish a paper? Need to get the prep work together so you can write your paper? During each session, participants will give updates on what they have completed, talk about what they want to accomplish by the next session, and work on their data. Come join the circle – it requires a commitment to be present at each of the sessions. Bring your data!

Participants will:
- Share progress on collecting/interpreting data.
- Develop a plan for data collection and interpretation.
- Develop a plan for dissemination of information.

**Professional Enhancement Grant Proposal Writing**

Want to learn how to write a better proposal? Looking for a grant that will provide you time to write that proposal? We will walk you through the grant writing process once a week for three weeks. At these sessions, we will discuss the parts of the proposal and writing to meet the criteria for award of the Professional Enhancement Grants.

Participants will:
- Commit to writing a proposal.
- Identify a funding agency.
- Begin developing research project/idea.