



Faculty Writing Support

Writing is an important part of our work as faculty. We write articles for publication, grant proposals, abstracts, chapters, and books, and faculty need different types of support to be successful with their writing. The School of Nursing offers a wide range of writing resources for faculty:

1. Writing Retreats

Our writing retreats give faculty an opportunity to block off time for writing, get feedback on their draft, and have their paper edited in real time. Write in the comfort of your own home or office. One retreat is offered each semester.

2. Writing Groups

If joining a writing group is best for you, the consultants offer 1-2 writing groups each semester. Your division also may offer a planned time to write. Look for an email from your division chair.

3. Individual Writing Consultation

The School of Nursing has 3 consultants to help you with your publications. For assistance in identifying a topic, selecting a journal, developing an outline to guide your writing, and preparing your first draft, contact any of these consultants:

Marilyn Oermann marilyn.oermann@duke.edu

Judith Hays judith.hays@duke.edu. Dr. Hays also will help you with organization/logic, will provide feedback on drafts, and will do line-editing of penultimate drafts of manuscripts, just prior to final submission.

Diane Holditch-Davis diane.hd@duke.edu. Dr. Holditch-Davis also will edit abstracts for conference presentations.

4. Editing

Our editor, Dr. Donnalee Frega, will provide the editing your paper needs. She will ensure that you are presenting your ideas clearly and will check your grammar and syntax, punctuation, and more. Contact Donnalee at donnalee.frega@duke.edu.

5. Writing Workshops

If you are a novice author, plan on attending one of our lunchtime workshops to learn about the process of writing a manuscript for submission to a journal. Workshops are scheduled each semester.