

## FAQ about Scientific Writing Assistance Available to DUSON Students from Sara D. Hauber, MA

### What kinds of papers can Sara help me with?

Pretty much everything: course papers; group papers; article critiques; Doctoral dissertations; DNP project proposals, abstracts, and manuscripts

### Do I need to have a complete draft of a paper ready in order to schedule an appointment?

No. You can submit your paper as a final draft or at any stage along the way—even a draft outline. Just be sure to put in enough effort before submitting the draft so that you are confident that it makes sense and you can point Sara toward specific areas in the draft for which you need guidance.

### Why should I make an appointment before I have a complete draft?

Sara can easily spot issues with your direction or flow very early in the writing process and can set you on the correct course for a well-written paper. Submitting a paper too late in the writing process might mean doing a lot of rushed rewriting. (Note: This danger is especially true for journal submissions.)

### What happens if I can't find an appointment that works with my schedule?

Your best bet is to plan ahead and plan to work on your papers well before the due date. If you can't find a suitable appointment, however, [contact Sara through her web site](#) to see if you can be placed on a wait list or make a special arrangement for an appointment that fits your schedule.

### Can Sara help me with my grammar and sentence structure?

Absolutely! One of your most important goals as a scientific writer is to create papers that your peers understand. With poor grammar and ineffective sentence structure, your main points can be lost and so can your readers. Sara's got dozens of tips for remembering the rules of effective writing, and she's excited to share them with you. Many of them already appear on [her DUSON page](#), so check that out before you submit a paper for review.

### Can't I just learn all this "good writing" stuff from a web site?

Some high-quality web sites devoted to the process of effective writing do exist. But when you receive feedback from Sara, you get detailed suggestions about your own manuscript; she'll address your specific needs. Learning the rules of good writing while applying them directly to your own writing under the guidance of an expert editor is simply the best, fastest method to becoming a strong writer—one worthy of good grades and publications. You can start your education by viewing Sara's [helpful how-to videos](#) at the bottom of her page on the DUSON site. In fact, we recommend applying the instructions in those videos prior to submitting your paper for review so that Sara can focus on other writing issues during her review.

### Do I need a Skype account to take part in appointments with Sara?

No. All initial appointments are now completed via email only. If you or Sara deem that a follow-up voice-to-voice chat is necessary to clarify her feedback, those can be accomplished via Skype or phone.

### Does this service cost me anything?

No. The leadership at DUSON have generously made scientific writing assistance a FREE service for students in all DUSON programs. We're pretty certain this is the only time in your life you'll get access to such assistance for free!

Schedule your appointment to receive comprehensive emailed feedback from Sara today. Simply click the link below and enter the password (which is **editorial**), read the updated student agreement carefully so you understand your responsibilities, and find a paper-submission date that works with your schedule.

<http://www.myresearcheditor.com/duke-university.html>

### Previous students have said:

"Sara exceeded my expectations. I didn't expect the level of help that Sara provided, but I so appreciated it. Sara taught me...not just told me about my errors."

"I learned some very significant lessons from Sara regarding organization of content and flow of ideas. So wish I had learned these years ago. She is extraordinary. She did not jump in and say "do this and do that." She explored my subject area, asked questions, sought clarity and then gave me some rich lessons. I will forever be thankful to her."