International Center for Academic and Professional English

Academic Literacies Workshops
Spring 2022

The International Center for Academic and Professional English offers workshops on communication skills and cultural awareness for students, faculty and staff. Workshops are free for members of the Lehigh community and $25 for all others. To register, visit global.lehigh.edu/icape.

Pronunciation Brush Up for ITAs
January 10, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Kayla Landers (Online)

Pronunciation generally takes a long time to change, but there are strategies that can help make your speech more comprehensible. This workshop focuses on some of the most common pronunciation challenges faced by multilingual speakers, such as syllable stress, sentence stress, and intonation. Attendees will receive practical strategies for classroom communication and materials for ongoing practice.

* This workshop is designed for current or prospective international teaching assistants.

Networking with ICAPE and CCPD
February 4, 9:00 am - 10:00 am
Mary Newbegin and Kayla Landers (Online)

Join us for an in-depth exploration of how to effectively network and prepare for a professional job interview. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and practice answering questions with professionals from ICAPE and the Center for Career and Professional Development.

Academic Reading Skills
February 11, 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Mary Newbegin (Online)

Develop a systematic approach to reading assignments and learn to read more efficiently. Learn reading strategies that you can adapt to your unique learning style and needs. Discover how to improve comprehension and save time. Plan to be a successful reader – equipped with reading survival skills!

Accurate and Effective Citation
March 4, 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Ashley Murphy (Online)

This workshop introduces strategies for using the words and ideas in scholarly sources to effectively support your main points in writing and avoid plagiarism. Participants will analyze example student paragraphs and write their own to practice the skills they learn. There will also be feedback and correction from the workshop leader and other students.

Classroom Communication for ITAs
March 7, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Kayla Landers (Online)

Have you experienced communication difficulties in the classroom? This workshop will discuss communication challenges to help international teaching assistants identify language difficulties and improve communication in the classroom. Participants will learn strategies for sharing information, responding to questions, and understanding and modifying language for the situation.

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TOPSS Overview
April 22, 8:00 am - 9:00 am
Kayla Landers (Online)

This workshop prepares graduate students who are ITA candidates for the TOPSS exam. Participants will also learn how to make a clear announcement, how to transition smoothly to Part II of the TOPSS, and how to make a successful presentation in an academic setting, including preparation, organization, audience interaction, non-verbal communication, visuals and clear speech.

Editing Toolbox – Recognizing Grammatical Errors in Your Writing
April 22, 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Teresa Cusumano (Online)

This workshop offers a comprehensive overview of the 20 most common errors made in English, plus strategies for noticing and self-editing of errors. Participants can bring papers they are working on for the practice portion.

Make it Multimodal: Academic Writing, Speaking and Presentation Skills
April 6, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm
Teresa Cusumano and Mary Newbegin (Online)

Do your research papers and presentations lack pizzazz? Are you searching for ways to engage your audience? In this interactive workshop, you will learn about multimodal composition and its benefits. Learn how to engage your audience, communicate more effectively, and make your spoken and written assignments more dynamic.