

Graduate Student Professional Development Workshops

The graduate school in collaboration with other departments will provide workshops for graduate students to enhance students' professional development and success in completing graduate studies at Albany State University. Below is a list of on-going workshops that will be offered. Dates and location for specific workshop offered each semester will be provided at the beginning of the semester.

Workshop Title: Preparing the Research Paper

Facilitator: Dr. Patricia Bonner

This workshop will provide students with the necessary tools to write a research paper or thesis. Students will be taught the research process, which includes crafting a thesis, creating an outline, locating sources, taking notes, integrating quotations, writing rough drafts, using in-text citations, writing a reference page, producing a final draft, editing and proofreading. Although students will be provided information on MLA style, APA is the style which will be used in this workshop. Finally, this will be an active workshop where students will collaborate, generate ideas, and practice the steps of the research process.

Workshop Title: Writing with Integrity

Facilitator: Dr. Patricia Bonner

Understanding and avoiding plagiarism, the representation of someone else's work as your own, is crucial to maintaining academic integrity and student success. In this workshop the following will be discussed: plagiarism and its causes, the different types of plagiarism, and how to avoid plagiarism. Students will have the opportunity to practice identifying plagiarism and revise text to avoid plagiarism.

Workshop Title: Avoiding the #EpicFail: How to career proof your social media presence

Facilitator: Judith E. Rosenbaum

For many people, imagining a life without social media sites such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram is asking the impossible. Most people have at least one social media account, where they share personal experiences with their friends, family, and other followers. Problems arise when social media users address different audiences with different expectations in the same space, the so-called "context collapse". For young professionals, it is especially important to be aware of their online behavior, and how to best tailor this to their personal and professional goals. This workshop will address best practices for social media usage, including how to use social media networks for professional advancement and networking, how to maintain personal and professional integrity, and which pitfalls to avoid when using social media.

Workshop title: Research Ethics and the IRB Application

Facilitator: TBA

This workshop will cover research ethics and will provide students with information about the IRB and submission and review processes at Albany State University. Topics include an overview of ethics in human subjects research and the role of the IRB, types of IRB review and how and when to apply for IRB approval, how to develop an informed consent document, the IRB submission process and common submission mistakes.