Helping Graduate Students Become Successful Writers:

A Graduate Writing Center Deploys Both Disciplinary Writing Consultants and Generalists
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- How to develop rubrics to assess discipline specific writing
- Responding to student writing: How to write helpful comments
- Genre specific pedagogy
- Writer’s block
- Scaffolding writing assignments through the semester
- How to create assignments that develop specific skill sets (like synthesis or citation)
Threshold Concepts

Writing is a social and rhetorical activity
Writing speaks to situations through recognizable forms
Writing enacts and creates identities and ideologies
All writers have more to learn
Writing is a cognitive activity
Reading as a Writer

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It is important to build your writing project from the ground up. Perfect citations or punctuation cannot make up for a project which does not use the correct approach to its audience, purpose, or genre.

*Always start with the basics!*
Three Ways We Read and/or Write

1. We Write for Our Own Understanding: Reading our writing in the context of our needs
2. We Read as a Reader: Seeing our writing through our audience’s eyes
3. We Read as Writers: Revising our writing for the needs and expectations of our audience
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