

## **Empowering and Equipping Faculty to Promote Student Excellence in Writing What's in Your Toolkit?**

**August 2017 Faculty Institute**

### **Writing Center**

[www.bowiestate.edu/writingcenter](http://www.bowiestate.edu/writingcenter)

<https://bowiestate.mywconline.com>

**MLK Building, Room 204**

**301-860-3720**

[Writingcenter@bowiestate.edu](mailto:Writingcenter@bowiestate.edu)

Smith Vidal Literacy and Language Center is a hands-on tool for undergraduate and graduate students to become more effective and confident writers. Through small-group workshops and one-on-one tutoring sessions with peer writing consultants, students can get help through all stages of the writing process for any type of writing assignment. Students make an appointment online then visit the Writing Center to sit down with a consultant and work on improving their writing. Faculty can also contact the Writing Center to schedule a class visit or request an in-class writing workshop conducted by WC staff.

### **Smarthinking**

<https://www.pearson.com/us/higher-education/products-services-institutions/smarthinking-online-tutoring.html>

#### Online Tutoring from Pearson's Smarthinking

[www.pearson.com](http://www.pearson.com)

Smarthinking provides expert online tutoring and writing review services that drives student success. Learn more.

Smarthinking is a virtual tutoring service that is fully integrated with Blackboard. Students can work with a trained and qualified tutor from any Internet connection up to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or they can submit an essay for critique and review, usually within 24 hours. Available subjects include Basic Math Skills, Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Calculus II, Writing, Biology, General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Physics, Introduction to Human Anatomy, Physiology, Accounting, Introductory Finance, Statistics, Economics, Spanish. Note: Smarthinking is not a proofreading or editing service. View [hours of availability](#) for live tutoring. All access is provided through Blackboard.

## **Turnitin**

[www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com)

Turnitin improves the student writing cycle by preventing plagiarism with detailed reports. Turnitin's OriginalityCheck helps instructors check students' work for improper citation or potential plagiarism by comparing it against the world's most accurate text comparison database, which contains 24+ billion web pages, 300+ million student papers and millions of articles. TurnItIn is fully integrated into Blackboard.

iCAN (powered by Starfish) is an early alert and education support networking system. It is designed to help identify at-risk students before they withdraw and to encourage students to engage more deeply in their academic lives by connecting them to the people and resources in place to help them succeed.

Qwickly Attendance is a new Blackboard Learn third-party plug-in that allows taking attendance in a course and then showing result to students in My Grades. The Qwickly tool, supplemental to attendance, can be used also for sending announcements to several courses and checking activities that need grading.

## **LibGuide**

<http://bowiestate.libguides.com/>

LibGuides is a content management and information sharing system designed specifically for libraries. The LibGuides platform allows librarians and instructors to collaborate in organizing core and relevant library and/or vetted Internet resources for a specific course, assignment, or subject into one 24-hour-accessible online mini-Website. No special computing or coding skills are required. Guides may be updated and edited even as they are in use.

## **Writing Rubric**

Blackboard provides faculty with a number of ready-to-use rubrics to facilitate grading writing assignments. Follow "Course Management" into "Course Tools" where instructors will find a tab called "Rubrics." Grading rubrics are available for such topics as writing assignments, research papers, and discussion boards. Users simply attach the appropriate rubric to the desired assignment and click the level of achievement fitting for each category of student writing. The rubric will generate the student's grade.

**PRISM Tutoring Center**

<https://www.bowiestate.edu/academics-research/support-services/tutoring-center/prisem-tutoring-center/>

The PRISEM Tutoring Center provides one-on-one peer and small group tutoring available in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, English, French, Physics, Psychology, Spanish and more. The PRISEM Tutoring Center provides writing workshops and support for the BSU English Proficiency examination. The Center is located in the Computer Science Building, Room 107. Appointments can be scheduled in advanced or unscheduled walk-in appointments are available Monday thru Friday from 9am to 6pm. The telephone number is 301-860-3999.

**Purdue Owl (on line writing lab)**

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/?>

The Online Writing Lab (OWL) at Purdue University houses writing resources and instructional material, and we provide these as a free service of the Writing Lab at Purdue. Students, members of the community, and users worldwide will find information to assist with many writing projects. Teachers and trainers may use this material for in-class and out-of-class instruction.