

Use these resources to:

- *Prepare for the Praxis Core Writing exam*
- *Aid you in writing your teaching philosophy statement*
- *Aid you in written assignments required for Teacher Education*

**NEW!!!** Practice materials are available through Kahn Academy at <https://www.khanacademy.org/prep/praxis-core>.

#### **Help with Mechanics** (Grammar, spelling, etc.)

- If you are struggling with mechanics, there is a grammar diagnostic you can use to test yourself and build your skills at [http://www.world-english.org/diagnostic\\_grammar\\_1.htm](http://www.world-english.org/diagnostic_grammar_1.htm).
- For a review of sentence structure see <http://www.cccc.edu/student-services/placement-testing/studyguides/pdfs/sentence-placement.pdf>.
- For exercises in writing mechanics (spelling, grammar, sentence structure, etc.) see: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/>

#### **Help with the Writing Process**—*getting started, grammar mechanics, revision, etc.*

- BYU Writing Center handouts: <http://writingcenter.byu.edu/services/handouts>
- Purdue Owl's site on the writing process: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/587/01/>

### **Praxis Writing Exam Study Tools Available at the CMU Library**

Access Praxis preparation materials at <http://libguides.coloradomesa.edu/education>

1. Under the CMU library menu select **Research Guides**
2. Select **Teacher Education**
3. Select **Education Resources**
4. Select Praxis Study Guides
5. Find the **Praxis Core study guides** at the bottom
  - a. One is an online guide
  - b. The other two are hard copies you can get in the CMU Library

#### **Proofreading and Revision Checklists & Tips**

- Revision Checklist: <http://writingcenter.unc.edu/faculty-resources/classroom-handouts/revision-checklist/>
- Guidelines and Revision Strategies: <https://my.hamilton.edu/academics/centers/writing/writing-resources/revision-strategies>
- Hamilton College's Seven Deadly Sins of Writing: <https://my.hamilton.edu/academics/centers/writing/seven-sins-of-writing>
- Copywriter advice: <http://positiononly.com/blog/copywriting/tips-improve-editing-skills>
- Proofreading advice: <http://grammar.about.com/od/improveyourwriting/a/tipsproofreading.htm>

#### **Tips for Research Projects and Papers:**

- Create a Writing Plan: [http://www.umuc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/writing-center/online-guide-to-writing/tutorial/appendix\\_d/apxd-01.html](http://www.umuc.edu/current-students/learning-resources/writing-center/online-guide-to-writing/tutorial/appendix_d/apxd-01.html)
- Quick Research Writing Paper Tips: <https://www.nmu.edu/writingcenter/tips-writing-research-paper>

#### **Writing in the Education Discipline:**

- Writing in Education – Richmond : <http://writing2.richmond.edu/writing/wweb/education/>
- Writing for Education – Columbia College <http://www.columbiasc.edu/wid/academic-areas/writing-for-education>