

# Professional Learning Community for Developmental Education Instructors

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# Writing Center Pedagogy -Neal Lerner, Northeastern University, Boston

- The integration of the Writing Center pedagogy into the curriculum as a resource is extremely beneficial to students.
- Neal Lerner, a Director of a Writing Center at Northeastern University, Boston formulated this concept.
- He highlights that the instructors to meet and learn about writing center administrators, communicate the writing goals with them, and give extra credit to students to utilize their services.



## Dr. Pam Whitefield


### “Introduce College Resources to Students”

- Dr. Pam Whitefield in the Professional Learning Community workshop also proposed that the students should be introduced to campus resources and the college community.
- Previously, I introduced College campus resources to my students through Observations.
- I scaffold writing assignments and develop the major writing assignments in important genres.
- To reinforce the concept of the Observation genre; I encouraged my students to observe a setting on campus and write an observation essay.

# Integration of Writing Center Pedagogy

- This writing activity helped my students to learn about the campus community through observing different settings, and they shared the information with other members of the class in group discussions.
- They had the choice to pick their own place to sit and observe, for instance, Cafeteria, Library, or the Sage Center.
- Now, I want to modify the same activity and suggest my students to observe only the Sage Writing Center.
- It can serve two purposes; one is learning about the Sage center and second is utilizing the tutoring services at the writing center.
- It will help me to integrate the Writing Center Pedagogy in my course curriculum.



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- By implementing this strategy, I can help my students to learn more about the Writing Center and influence them to utilize the services.
  - I will provide them with collecting and shaping strategies for observing the details about the writing center.
  - Students will share their essays with small groups within a classroom setting.