



MNRS Pre-Conference Writer's Workshop
Monday, January 22, 2024
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM EST/ 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM CST
Deadline to Register is Friday, December 15, 2023

Novel writers often struggle with common issues of lack of synthesis in the background, sufficient detail in the methods, the results, or the analysis, or which major findings to discuss in detail. This workshop is for PhD and DNP students and faculty who are less familiar with publishing their own work and want to learn, in a group setting, how to improve their writing. In addition, we will discuss common reasons for rejections of manuscripts and ways to avoid those.

Goals:

1. **The learner will learn to review a manuscript draft of a participant and provide written feedback.**
2. **The learner will be able to get an analysis of where the manuscript needs improvement regarding the background, aims, methods, analysis, and discussion**

Prerequisite: The workshop is limited to 12 attendees, and each attendee must *provide a manuscript draft for review by December 21, 2023*. Participants will be assigned a manuscript to review prior to the workshop which will be due January 15, 2024.

The workshop is led by Dr. Joachim Voss, Dr. Ronald Hickman, Dr. Todd Ruppard, and Dr. Rita Pickler. Each of the instructors has considerable experience with publishing their own manuscripts and with the process of editing and publishing manuscripts.

The workshop will be online in a ZOOM format but not recorded for the privacy and confidentiality of the unpublished work.

As a prerequisite to participate in the workshop, we expect that each participant submits a complete draft of a 16-page data-based manuscript (Including abstract, background, purpose and research aims, methods, results, discussion, and conclusion, references, tables and figures) and that each participant will conduct a review a manuscript of another participant. Guidelines for the review will be provided. The manuscript should be formatted in the style of the target journal.

The fee for this 2-hour activity is \$50.

Planned Activity Outline:

- 15' Introduction of learners
- 45' Examples of common issues in the submitted manuscripts
- 5' Bio Break
- 30' Examples of common issues in the submitted manuscripts
- 15' reasons for rejections and how to avoid them
- 15' Group discussion and Evaluation of activity