

CENTER FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS AND THE ALICE F. RANDALL WRITING CENTER

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The Center for Academic Success (CAS) and the Alice F. Randall Writing Center support students academically. Staff members provide direct academic assistance as well as guidance and referrals to other campus resources. CAS develops and facilitates services that support the academic success of CNU students. Tutoring Services and Student Success reside in the CAS. Using a holistic approach to foster independent learning, the CAS seeks to help students identify obstacles or challenges to academic success, develop strategies to overcome them, and provide support systems and resources for students to become academically successful.

The Center for Academic Success offers a variety of services to all CNU students. **Academic Coaching** provides personalized, one-on-one meetings with a trained academic coach to help students improve study skills for time management, goal setting, and test preparation. **Subject Area Tutoring** with peer tutors helps students who are having trouble with a specific class, need help mastering a concept, or just want to review course material. The CAS provides **workshops and study skills assistance**, including the Start Smart and Finish Strong workshop series, which focuses on timely topics to support CNU students in their studies throughout the semester. The **Captains Care Referral Program** provides early identification and intervention to students who may be struggling. **Academic Recovery Plans** help students on academic probation. These students will meet with a member of the success staff to formulate an academic recovery plan of action that addresses their specific challenges and needs. Finally, **Captains LAUNCH** is a transition program offered to incoming students as an enhanced support system during the first semester of college. To find out more about the academic success services offered, please visit interweb.cnu.edu/studentsuccess/academic/.

The Alice F. Randall Writing Center, staffed by trained peer writing consultants, provides **individual writing tutoring** at any stage of the writing process, from brainstorming to polishing a final draft. **Group sessions** for multiple students in the same class are also offered. **Writing workshops** that focus on concerns such as style, organization, and grammar run several times throughout the year.

The University Writing Program empowers CNU students to continue improving their writing. Through training, resources, and events, the program helps students develop and refine their ideas and use language to articulate and construct their thoughts.

The program, consisting of ENGL 123 First-Year Writing Seminar; ENGL 223 Second-Year Writing Seminar; and writing intensive courses in the disciplines, helps students learn vital processes and strategies necessary to craft sophisticated written products for defined audiences, communicate subject-specific concepts and discourse to articulate a clear purpose, and transfer knowledge gained from classes in the liberal learning core to those in the major.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Coordinator of Fellowships helps students to identify and apply for prestigious scholarships and fellowships for research and study opportunities. Prestigious scholarships or fellowships are highly competitive monetary awards granted to limited numbers of highly qualified candidates. These types of awards are based on a variety of criteria, such as overall academic achievement, outstanding achievement in the academic major, participation in community service, leadership initiatives, demonstrated financial need or a combination of these and other criteria specific to each award. In general, candidates applying for prestigious scholarships or fellowships should be students who excel academically and who demonstrate leadership and commitment to the CNU community and the community at large. Students of all majors should consider prestigious scholarships or fellowships, which may be discipline-specific or wide-ranging in scope. For additional information about prestigious scholarships, please contact the Coordinator of Fellowships.