

## Online writing help for your course is available!

*The Edge at Creighton University* provides students enrolled in graduate programs with access to online tutoring services from *Smarthinking*. With *Smarthinking*, students can chat with a live writing tutor at almost time of day or night from *any* internet connection. Tutors are available to chat one-on-one with you to provide assistance with APA formatting, grammar, mechanics, organization, outlining, thesis development, research, documentation, etc.... You can also submit a completed draft of your writing assignment to the *Smarthinking Writing Center* for a tutor to review. The tutor will provide you with detailed, personalized feedback about your paper, typically within 24 hours.

### To connect with a tutor, follow these steps:

1. **Go to** <https://services.smarthinking.com>.
2. **Enter** your username and password.
  - Your username is your Creighton University email address (NetID@creighton.edu).
  - Your password is your Year of Birth. You must change your password in the "Profile" section of the "Manage Account" tab.

**For assistance**, contact the Edge at [EDGE@creighton.edu](mailto:EDGE@creighton.edu) or call (402) 280-5566 Creighton Service Desk (402) 280-1111, option 2

### To submit your writing assignment for tutor review, do the following:

1. **Connect** to *Smarthinking* (see previous paragraph).
2. **Choose** the *Essay Center* option in the *Writing Center* area.
3. **Complete** the form and be sure to copy and paste your assignment (the instructions from your instructor) into the field labeled "Provide a clear, detailed description of the assignment."
4. **Click** the *Browse* button to locate and upload your paper.
5. **Check** your *Smarthinking Personal Archive* after 24 hours have passed to retrieve your essay review and feedback from *Smarthinking*. You can also sign-up in the "Profile" area of your account to receive a text message when the review of your paper has been returned!
6. **Use** that feedback to revise and improve your paper.
7. **Attach** the *Smarthinking* feedback document along with your final draft when you're ready to turn-in your assignment to your professor.

### To chat live with a writing tutor:

For general writing help (brainstorming, outlining, thesis development, grammar/mechanics questions, etc...), then choose *Writing (All Subjects)* in the **Drop In Tutoring** area. If you have questions specific to APA Style, then choose *APA Formatting* instead. Another option is to get help with the research phase of your assignment by choosing *Research and Documentation*. In all of these areas, tutors are available for live, *drop in* chat Sun-Thu from 8am – 1am (17 hours a day) and on Fri-Sat from 11am – 5pm.