

# Writing Skills Workshop

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 8:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Good writing and good presenting can be likened to a good set of plans for road or bridge construction. Good writing and presenting are essential for communicating your intentions and ideas effectively, just like good plans are essential for the successful construction of roads and bridges. Being successful in writing and presenting depends upon knowing, applying, and modulating underlying communication principles. Sharpen your pencils! The April 21st workshop will help you identify the keys for clear and concise writing. And, you will get a chance to put these principles into practice.

# **Agenda**

Sign-in and continental breakfast 8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m. **Writing Sessions** 

Structures: The Grammar, Syntax, and Organization of Paragraphs, Sentences, and Arguments

Structures II: Diagramming as a Diagnostic Tool

Design Requirements: An Overview of Basic Document Structures, A Quick Look at Reports and Proposals, and a Closer Look at

Correspondence

► Lunch (provided) Writing Sessions, cont'd

3:00 p.m. Adjourn

## Registration\*

Fee: \$55

Register at http://ctt.nonprofitsoapbox.com/2020wps

Questions? E-mail ctt@mtu.edu

\* Required for fulfillment of continuing education. The Center for Technology & Training's (CTT) continuing education policy is available at ctt.mtu.edu/ContinuingEducation.

No-shows or cancellations within three business days of the session will be charged the full registration fee. Substitutions will be accepted.



#### Location

Horizons Conference Center 6200 State Street Saginaw, Michigan 48603

#### **Presenters**

### What to bring?

- ✓ Regular pencil
- ✓ Laptop or device to do online quizzes/assessments
- √ Writing or presentation samples (optional)
- ✓ Device with Microsoft Office (optional; only necessary if you prefer to draft exercises digitally)

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