Dissertation by Design®

Professional Editing Services

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About

At Dissertation by Design, our dedication to helping you navigate your doctoral journey with confidence is unwavering. It's a mission that's deeply rooted in my own personal experience and struggles. You see, achieving my doctorate was always a dream of mine, but it wasn't an easy path for me.

As a first-generation college student, I faced numerous challenges along the way. The dissertation, in particular, tested my resilience and determination. I poured countless hours into research, writing, and revisions, pushing through self-doubt and moments of frustration. But I never gave up on my dream.

However, life had more obstacles in store for me. During the most critical phase of my dissertation, my father was diagnosed with cancer. It was a heartbreaking and challenging time for my family. Yet, I had to find the strength within me to keep going, to honor both my father's unwavering support and my own aspirations.

Juggling a full-time job while completing my dissertation was yet another hurdle. Late nights, early mornings, and weekends became my reality. It required immense dedication and sacrifices, but I knew that the end goal was worth every ounce of effort.

These personal experiences have shaped my commitment to supporting doctoral students like you. I understand the struggles, doubts, and moments of overwhelm that can arise during this journey. That's why I founded Dissertation by Design—to provide the resources, guidance, and unwavering support that I wish I had during my own challenging times.

Since our humble beginnings in 2017, we've been devoted to researching, developing, and refining our services, tools, and courses to help doctoral students overcome obstacles and achieve their academic goals. Our commitment to helping you produce original scholarship with the greatest possible impact is stronger than ever. We believe that every student's journey is unique, and we're here to provide personalized support every step of the way.

Cheering for you,

Jessica L. Parker

Dissertation by Design employs a team of professional editors who have extensive editing experience and are experts in APA Style formatting. We offer three levels of editing; however, **most of our student clients need APA editing.** We stand by our work and provide a no-risk satisfaction guarantee. If your committee requests revisions related to the editing we performed, we will make the revisions for no extra fee.

When to Hire an Editor

To avoid editing your work multiple times, we recommend reaching out for an editing quote when your proposal or dissertation has been approved or is in its final stages. We rarely accept rush jobs and recommend reaching out several weeks in advance, if possible, to inform us when you anticipate sending us your document.

To maximize the effectiveness of our collaboration, we recommend following the following timeline:

- Allocate 10-14 business days for the editing process
- Reserve 2-7 days to review edits and address comments left by the editor
- Allow 4-7 days for any post-editing revisions, if necessary

Turnaround Time

We typically need 7-10 business days to edit a proposal and 10-14 business days to edit a five-chapter dissertation. The turnaround time depends on the word count and level of editing. We will provide a due date when responding to your editing quote.

Editing Rates

Apart from miscellaneous editing, we price editing based on the word count of your document so you don’t pay for pages with minimal text. The price depends on the word count and level of editing. The next several pages include rates for each level of editing.

APA Editing

Almost all of our student clients need APA editing. APA editing includes correcting:

- [ ] Typos
- [ ] Misspellings
- [ ] Punctuation
- [ ] Grammar
- [ ] Style
- [ ] Syntax
- [ ] Phrasing
- [ ] Transitions
- [ ] Flow
- [ ] Tone
- [ ] Indentation
- [ ] Quotes
- [ ] In-text citations
- [ ] Abbreviations
- [ ] Margins
- [ ] Page numbers
- [ ] Spacing
- [ ] Font
- [ ] Headings
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- [ ] Tables
- [ ] Numbers
- [ ] Figures
- [ ] Table of contents
- [ ] Italics
- [ ] Consistency
- [ ] Capitalization

Rate: $0.044 per word**

** If your college or program has formatting guidelines that differ from APA, we will charge a separate fee for additional formatting. This fee will be quoted when we conduct an initial review of your document.

APA editing does not include researching and verifying references for accuracy. Our professional editors flag references and in-text citations that are incomplete or do not match. It is the client's responsibility to verify references are accurate.

Developmental Editing

Developmental editing support involves critical analysis of content or organization.

Professional writers/scholars: We are happy to perform developmental editing for non-student scholars and writers in the early stages of drafting a document for professional publication.

Students: We provided developmental feedback for clients completing a thesis, proposal, or dissertation only as part of our coaching service. If you'd like to learn more about this service, click here to read about coaching or to schedule a free consultation.

Proofreading

Proofreading involves reviewing the final proof of an article or book to ensure spelling, punctuation, grammar, and formatting are consistent and accurate.

Professional writers/scholars: We are happy to perform proofreading for scholars in the final stage of the editing process before professional publication. Proofreading occurs after all professional copyediting revisions have been completed and the work is in its final form before publication.

Students: Proofreading for students completing a thesis, proposal, or dissertation occurs as part of the APA editing process. We do not provide dissertation proofreading as a separate service for students.

Rate: Estimates are provided on a per-job basis.

Miscellaneous Editing Services

We offer a variety of miscellaneous editing services including, but not limited to:

- Reference list editing and formatting
- Citation cross-checking
- ProQuest formatting
- Table of Contents assembly
- Table formatting
- Lists of tables and figure assembly

Rate: $90/hour USD

Editing vs. Coaching

It can be challenging to differentiate between the support received from editors and coaches. Editing is reserved for manuscripts that have already been written. The purpose of editing is not to instruct but to review and polish your manuscript. The editor focuses on correcting typos, misspellings, punctuation, grammar, style, etc. Coaches focus on developing and aligning content– coaching is a real-time instructional opportunity meant to help you learn how to plan, conduct, and report your research. Depending on your specific needs, you might require support that falls into both categories.

Client Responsibilities

You are responsible for ensuring that the correct draft is submitted to the editor. An additional fee will be incurred, and the timeline for submission may need to be extended if you need to submit a revised or corrected draft after editing has begun. It is also your responsibility to submit your program's most up-to-date formatting guidelines to the editor.

Ethics

Our editors are guided by professional and academic ethics. Under no circumstances will our editors or coaches ghostwrite. We believe that ghostwriting is an act of academic dishonesty and will not, under any circumstances, endorse or provide ghostwriting services.

Request an Editing Quote

To receive a quote, **click here**, complete the editing request form at the bottom of the page, and attach an MS Word version of your proposal or dissertation where prompted.

We are defined by what we desire, not what we know.
- James K.A. Smith