

The Erma Byrd Center Faculty Spotlight is on Concord University's Nancy Snyder, Adjunct Instructor of English

An Interview with Concord University's
Nancy Snyder, Adjunct Instructor of English
by Lisa Moten, Erma Byrd Center Director

the writing process

Overarching Questions: Why am I writing this? (What's your **purpose**?)
For whom am I writing this? (Who is your **audience**?)



THINK!

- Focus on ideas
some tools:
- brainstorming
 - gathering info
 - making an idea web
 - free writing
 - using a graphic organizer
 - creating an outline

- Cycle of writing, getting feedback & rewriting**
- clarify main ideas
 - support with details & examples
 - make it flow
 - organization
 - sentence structure
 - use great language

Correct the writing

- spelling
- grammar
- punctuation
- capitalization

Format the writing

- finished product

Lisa Moten: How long have you been teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

Nancy Snyder: *Since about 2012! Currently, I am teaching for Concord University; but, in the past I have also taught for Bluefield State College at the Erma Byrd Center. So, I am shared faculty at the Erma Byrd Center!*

Lisa Moten: What do you enjoy most about teaching at the Erma Byrd Center?

Nancy Snyder: *I like the convenience of the Erma Byrd Center! Everyone is very friendly and helpful. And, the facility has a lot to offer students!*

Lisa Moten: Share your best teaching tip to keep students engaged in learning.

Nancy Snyder: *I like to provide a learning environment whereas students feel comfortable to talk to me so that I can guide them with their writing assignments. As a facilitator of learning, I work to make sure that my classroom is a safe environment where students are free to make a mistake and learn from that mistake especially with writing. Andragogy is the art and science of teaching adults; and, likewise, there is an art and science to writing which requires the willingness of the student to participate whole-heartedly in the never-ending writing process. Writing is a vital communication tool used in any career endeavor! And, it is my job and passion to make sure that my students are effective communicators in their chosen fields!*



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