



## About Dissertation Editors

Editing the dissertation prior to publication is an important aspect of scholarly writing. Editors typically perform the following functions as part of the editing process:

- **Grammar and Proofreading** includes the proofreading and checking of grammar and mechanics. Spelling, punctuation, sentence structure, verb tense, word choice, pronoun referents, passive voice, clarity, and parallel construction are checked for accuracy and corrected if errors are found. Vague terminology is noted. Run-on sentences and fragments are corrected. Suggestions are made for structural coherence, transitions, and document flow.
- **Style and Format Editing** of the document is reviewed. Consistency, in-text citations, parenthetical documentation, margins, headings, spacing, numbered or bulleted lists, figures and tables, appendices, and reference list formatting are corrected. Formatting using APA sixth edition guidelines must be utilized.
- **Citation to Reference** verification is made and noted when citations are not in the reference section and references are not in the body of the paper as citations.
- **University Specific Formatting** is included when the dissertation manual/guidelines are provided to the editor.

Editors do not change the integrity or meaning of the content, write content, or delete portions of the content. Editors do not add missing information in reference sections but do note when additional information is needed.

## Choosing an Editor

### When choosing an editor:

- Discuss your specific needs and requirements (e.g. editor's availability to discuss any issues).
- Ensure that the editor can meet your due date.
- Review the cost and get the agreement in writing. Editors are paid up front.
- Ensure the editor stands behind his or her work.

- Know exactly what you'll receive for your money.

It is important when a student works with an editor that the editor is provided with a copy of the appropriate formatting requirements from the AUO Dissertation Manual (i.e. p. 16-66) and that the editor knows that APA 6th edition is the standard. AUO formatting requirements that deviate from APA 6<sup>th</sup> edition are noted on page 22 of the AUO Dissertation Manual.

## List of Dissertation Editors

The following list of editors, editing networks, and editing companies are suggested for consideration.

**Language Online Editing**  
[desray@languageonline.us](mailto:desray@languageonline.us)  
[info@languageonline.us](mailto:info@languageonline.us)  
<http://www.languageonline.us>

### Available Services

- **Copyediting:** Language Online Editing works with basic language and punctuation, academic style, consistency, and formatting (especially citations and references school preferences if supplied).
- **Substantive Content Editing:** Language Online Editing works with students step by step to give structural advice and performs basic proofreading while identifying gaps or inconsistencies.
- **Article Editing:** Journal requirements are checked and applied, and language and style are reviewed.

### Experience

- Language Online Editing boasts twenty years in the classroom and has longstanding experience editing hard copy for educational publishers. They have been online since 2003 editing postgraduate research writing, and have personally trained a team of educators and editors that are well versed on APA 6<sup>th</sup> Edition requirements.

### Approximate Turnaround Time

- Language Online Editing works on a set timeline which allows students total control over their projects. Language Online Editing reviews 10 pages a day for first 100 pages, then 15 pages a day thereafter, plus 1 admin day.  
Examples:
  - For a 65 page document, 7 days at 10 pages/day +1 admin day= 8 days to complete.
  - For a 156 page document, 10 days for the first 100 pages + 4 days for the remaining 56 + 1 admin day = 15 days to complete.

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- **Copyediting:** \$6 per page of 250-300 each.
- **Substantive Editing:** \$15 per page of 250-300 words each. This includes 2 readings.
- **Article Editing:** \$8 per page of 250-300 words per page.

### **My Editing Co.**

[myeditingco@gmail.com](mailto:myeditingco@gmail.com)

<http://www.myeditingco.com>

### **Available Services**

- Proofreading
- Copyediting
- Free Initial Consultation
- *No Writing Services Provided*
- Experience Editing Dissertations

### **Approximate Turnaround Time**

- 12 hours - 48 hours for shorter documents (up to 5,000 words or approximately 20 pages)
- 1-2 weeks for dissertations

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- Around \$10 per page, depending on length and turnaround time. A full list of prices can be found at <http://myeditingco.com/index.php/page/prices>

### **Panther Professional Services, Inc.**

[pantherediting@gmail.com](mailto:pantherediting@gmail.com)

Phone: (360) 204-0658 (WA)

Toll Free: (888) 634-2458

Fax: (888) 787-2620

<http://www.pantherediting.com>

### **Available Services**

- Academic and Business editing (APA, MLA, Chicago, and Turabian)
- Proofreading
- Formatting
- Academic Coaching
- Writing Coaching
- Training
- Statistical and Analysis Coaching
- Preparation of Documents for Publication to Journals

- Resume Consulting and Creation

### **Experience**

- Approximately 90% of all documents edited are either proposals or dissertations. A list of the schools Panther Professional Services, Inc. has worked with can be found on their website, and they have successfully edited many Argosy documents. Other schools they routinely edit for include Capella, University of Phoenix, Case Western Reserve, Northcentral University, and Walden University, to name a few.

### **Approximate Turnaround Time**

- The turnaround time varies based on the size of the document. The average requested turnaround time from clients is 7 to 10 days for a 60-page document. Turnaround times vary based on client needs as well, but quality is Panther Professional Services Inc.'s first concern; they will not take a document at an unrealistic turnaround time. Full academic editing is their standard service on most documents. This includes grammar, spelling, punctuation, format/style guidelines, cross-checking references, and specific style issues such as tenses, anthropomorphism, smoothness of expression, and removal of bias.

### **Client Process**

- Panther Professional Services, Inc. communicates with clients before they begin editing to ensure that they have all the necessary information to address any specific needs. They ask that clients send their current school guidelines so that all the school expectations are followed in addition to the standard style guidelines. They evaluate each document and consult with clients should there be anything that is out of the ordinary or issues that the client needs to be aware of to ensure that their document is approved successfully. Also, they have the guarantee policy outlined below.

### **PE Guarantee - Revisions Policy**

- *We stand behind our work; if there are any problems regarding editing based on a school review, we will correct or defend any concerns related to APA or relevant style, formatting, and grammatical issues at no additional charge. This does not apply to content within the document (i.e., research, methodology, topics, or design). Any issues within the edited version must be brought to our attention within 5 business days of return of the document from Panther Editing. In order to address problems, we MUST receive a detailed list of the specific issues outstanding. Please note that if there are any changes made outside of our recommendations to the edited version, the document will be considered a "revised" document and may be subject to re-editing fees at a discounted rate for all new text. There may also be additional fees for reformatting the document, if necessary, particularly if the author has attempted to change formatting.*

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- Rates are based on the number of pages in the document and the requested turnaround time. Prices vary based on the service provided. The average price per page for full APA and school guideline editing is approximately \$7.35 per page.

### **StatAssist (Dr. James Baxter and Dr. Jennifer McLean)**

[phd@statassist.com](mailto:phd@statassist.com)

(909) 684-6950

<http://statassist.com>

### **Available Services**

- APA editing, Methods, and Statistics Support.
- StatAssist is a dissertation assistance service company that is highly experienced and recommended by many universities and students. They are experts in their field and can assist students with any dissertation chapter, or specific need a student may have including APA editing, methods, or statistics. Their staff consists of statisticians, methodologists, and editors who have dissertation chair experience. They work fast and can complete projects in days if necessary. Further, every client is supported throughout the dissertation process, including defense.
- Initial consultation provided free of charge.

### **Approximate Turnaround Time**

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- \$75/hour for APA formatting
- \$100/hour for methodological and statistical support.
- Additionally, for heavy editing that requires assistance with synthesis of information they charge \$100/hour.

### **WordsRU**

Jeanmarie Pinto, PhD (Chief Editor)

[Jeanmarie@wordsru.com](mailto:Jeanmarie@wordsru.com)

1-866-649-0752

<http://www.wordsru.com>

### **Available Services**

In addition to any particular issues the student would like us to focus on, the editor will:

- Check for grammatical, spelling, tense, punctuation, and typographical errors.
- Review word choice and word form, sentence and paragraph structure to ensure the discussion flows logically, in appropriate tone and style, and ensure presentation of the information with concision, clarity and consistency.
- Make suggestions, using the comments feature in MS Word, if it would help the discussion (without altering or adding to the content).

- Check formatting for compliance with the chosen citation style, as well as any university or school submission requirements.
- Check to be sure that in-text references are included in the reference list, if the list is provided.

Once the editor returns the paper to the student, the editor will:

- Answer questions
- Explain any comments and recommendations provided in the edited document
- Review specific, short passages of revised text

**Approximate Turnaround Time**

- WordsRU bases the turnaround time on both the length of the dissertation and student’s deadline. For example, a 20,000-word dissertation (approx. 90–100 pages) generally takes seven days from receipt of payment to edit. Please note that we offer expedited service for an additional fee (50% of the total quoted price), if the student has a particularly tight deadline.

**Basic Fee Structure**

- The Chief Editor reviews all dissertations to determine the level of editing required. Edit levels run from light (minimal editing required) to medium (a bit more editing needed) to heavy (extensive work required), with degrees within each category. Most final dissertations fall within the light to medium edit levels.
- As mentioned, expedited service is offered if the student requests it. The expedited service fee is 50% of the total quoted price.
- The following chart illustrates estimated current pricing for light, medium, and heavy editing. Please note that we base our pricing on word count, not pages.

<b>Word Count</b>	<b>Edit Level</b>	<b>Estimated Price</b>
20,000	Light	\$450.00
20,000	Medium	\$550.00
20,000	Heavy	\$650.00

## **Wendy Wood of Wood Editing Services**

(909) 624-2068

[woodtyper@aol.com](mailto:woodtyper@aol.com)

<http://www.wwdis.com>

### **Available Services**

- Wood Editing Services formats dissertations for style and tailors them according to schools' guidelines; they have expertise in APA, Turabian, MLA, and others. They make certain your margins, references, tables/figures, page numbers, and more are correct. They edit for grammar and punctuation, including spelling, subject/verb agreement, word usage, hyphenation, and so forth. (Note: They do not rewrite or give input into the dissertation's content.)

### **Approximate Turnaround Time**

- Wood Editing Services works with the student's timeline; usually a week or two, depending on workload and the student's response to questions. Free initial consultation is available via telephone to discuss services in depth.

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- \$55/hour. Cost is determined by several factors, including length of dissertation, number of tables and/or figures, writing ability, etc. A reasonable estimate is that they can complete 7-10 pages per hour.

## **Amy Gralewski**

[amy.gralewski@gmail.com](mailto:amy.gralewski@gmail.com)

(773) 266-8444 (Email preferred)

### **Available Services**

- General editing using APA 6th edition
- Formatting references
- Structural reorganization
- Assistance with MS Word functions
- Free initial consultation
- Two years of experience editing dissertations for Argosy students. Over 50 dissertations edited in that time.

### **Approximate Turnaround Time**

- Approx. one week

### **Basic Fee Structure**

- \$4 per page (additional if rush needed)
- Typically, charges are capped at \$500.

**Scribendi.com**  
1-877-351-1626  
<http://www.Scribendi.com>

**Available Services**

- Essay Editing
- Essay Proofreading
- Dissertation Editing
- Dissertation Proofreading
- Free dissertation sample edits

**Approximate Turnaround Time**

- Scribendi.com offers a range, depending on document size and student's budget, from 8 hours express to 1 week.

**Basic Fee Structure**

- Scribendi.com charges by word and turnaround time; the average price is 2 cents/word.
- Free, instant, no obligation quotes are available at Scribendi.com

**editing-writing.com**  
<http://www.editing-writing.com>

Managed network of expert APA editors. Costs are negotiated with the editor. See website for additional information.