

**“DISS AND DAT”**  
**DISSERTATION SERVICES OFFERED BY**  
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Hello,

I am Dr. Lisa Bompiani-Smith, a public school teacher, adjunct professor, and dissertation consultant. I am thrilled to be digging deeper into the academic world once again. The prices and services below were developed after researching the going rates for the same or similar services and may change as I gain more experience and clients. My dissertation was a phenomenological study of students’ experiences as academic writers, so it is no stretch that I am now interested in helping Ed.D. and Ph.D. students feel more confident in their experiences as academic writers.

Currently, I am serving on a dissertation committee for a colleague who is earning her degree at Indiana University of PA; during a consulting session at a local pastry shop, a woman approached me and asked if I would be open to helping others. Just like that, Diss and Dat was born! Diss (dissertation) and Dat (data) provides services focused on the writing of the dissertation and manifestation of the scholar’s ideas and research. I will serve as a “guide on the side,” not the “sage on the stage,” as the cliché states.

I welcome all inquiries and will make considerations for unique circumstances; however, I have done considerable research prior to deciding upon the following terms. I look forward to assisting you on the journey to doctoral achievement!

### **I. Hourly Consultations**

- **\$35 for the first two hours and \$25 for every hour after**
- **Will look at up to five pages prior to each hour and give editing, writing, format, and concept feedback. In the hour consult, discussion will be about the five pages, or other areas chosen by the consultee.**
- **Sessions will be determined according to the availability of both parties and in a location agreeable by both parties. Sessions can be conducted through Zoom or Skype if desired.**

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<sup>1</sup> Prices and services subject to change based on market rates and services requested and/or required.

- Minimum charge is the hourly rate; any overages will be charged in 10 minute increments (\$6 every 10 minutes).
- Prior to the session, I will look at five pages (student choice) and be prepared to give comments about writing, format, and concepts.
- Groups sessions can be offered if a cohort is interested in a particular service or topic. Rates will be determined by all parties involved if the need presents itself.
- More detailed services related to entire documents, chapters, or large excerpts are explained in Section II.

## II. Proofreading and Editing (*Limited space available for the following services*)

- *Proofreading (\$6.00 per page)* – Simple proofreading and correction of grammar, spelling, punctuation, and typos. This service is for someone who is an above average writer and wants a strong review of the work.
- *Copy Editing (\$8.00 per page)* – Includes proofreading, basic style formatting, and adjustments to writing elements such as language, diction, clarity, flow, and syntax. This service is for someone who is a strong writer and wants a “second eye” on the work.
- *Line Editing (\$10.00 per page)* – Includes copy editing and assistance identifying and improving elements of writing for phrasing, transition, flow, scholarly tone, and basic style formatting for APA’s most recent edition. This service is for someone who is on the rough draft stage and wants help putting forth a solid draft.
- *Detailed Editing (\$12.00 - \$20.00 per page)* – Includes line editing and substantive help in all aspects of writing, including organization, structure of arguments, incorporating mentor/committee feedback, reformulating, and basic APA formatting. Cost will be determined based on the depth of assistance needed and specific needs of the dissertation/writer. This service is for someone who is early in the process and wants to ensure a strong rough draft.
- *APA Formatting (Prices Vary)* – Formatting suggestions and corrections will occur in the above services; however, this service will be more thorough and will adhere to specific institution requests if the style guide is provided. If ProQuest is the publishing service of choice, the formatting requirements for ProQuest will be reviewed and improved upon in the document. Since the basic formatting will have already occurred in the above services, prices will

be agreed upon by both parties. The range will be between \$3 - \$10 additional per page, depending upon the number of additional pages in sections such as the dedication, acknowledgements, and appendices.

- In all of the above services, consulting and discussion of ideas, methodology, approach, data analysis, etc. will occur naturally. It is difficult to address the above aspects of dissertation work without discussing more specific and critical components.

### III. Turnaround Time

- Because I am a full-time teacher, all efforts will be made to complete work in a timely fashion. No faster services will be offered unless terms are reached by both parties.
- Included in the above prices is a 5-10 day turnaround for proofreading for up to 200 pages. For copy editing, the turnaround time is 8-12 days for up to 200 pages. For line editing, the turnaround time is 12-16 days for up to 200 pages. For detailed editing, the turnaround time is 20-25 days for up to 200 pages. For every five pages over 200, add \$7.00 to the cost of the service in order to secure the turnaround time. For example, if someone desires proofreading of a 275 page dissertation in the 5-10 day turnaround, the total cost would be \$1,305.00. Initial 200 pages at \$6.00 a page = \$1,200.00, plus \$105.00 for the 75 additional pages ( $75/5 = 15$ ,  $15 \times \$7.00 = \$105.00$ ).
- APA Formatting turnaround time will be discussed when the rate is determined per the services listed above.

### III. Social Media Support

- There is a closed, private Facebook group for scholars who obtain my services. If the student is paying for hourly consult or proofreading and editing services, the fee to take advantage of this extra service is waived. However, if the student simply wants to be part of the Diss and Dat group, the one-time fee is \$50.00. Once the fee is received, the will be added to the group. No requests to join will be honored if the fee is not paid, or the student is not a client in another way.
- The page will offer support in various ways, asynchronous and live.
  - Monthly Zoom Meeting in which topics of interest are addressed, such as APA format, requested topics, writing issues, and motivational and

morale aids. At certain times, I will ask for a client to volunteer and excerpt of work for discussion in order to illustrate the topic of the meeting.

- At least two live sessions during which I discuss pertinent dissertation issues.
- Samples of writing, both mine and others', to provide an understanding of the caliber of work necessary to successful dissertation writing.
- At least daily posts related to resources, APA format, writing elements and concerns, tips for dissertation research, and motivational aids.
- If a student only has joined the Facebook page and then decides to take advantage of another service, he/she will enter consulting at an hourly rate of \$30 for the first two hours, and/or receive a \$25 discount off of the total for the first use of an editing service.
- No specific editing or proofreading will be provided within the group; however, questions will be answered so that the student can make the changes within his/her own work.

#### IV: Resumes and Cover Letters

- I am able to create a resume and general cover letter for a fee of \$150.00. When given a list of information appropriate for a resume, I will write the document using Microsoft Word and another version as a Google Doc. In addition, I will coach you on how to make revisions when applying for various jobs so that the cover letter is more personal to the potential employer. Finally, I will assist you in establishing a profile on LinkedIn and show you several job advertisement sites if you desire a career change.

#### V. Key Information

- I am able to provide the proofreading and editing services to any student, quantitative or qualitative; however, my ability to comment critically on the actual methodology and decisions related to quantitative research are limited. Please be aware of this fact when choosing to procure my services. Writing is my speciality, and qualitative analysis is a strength. Making decisions and choices related to specific quantitative methods will not be an area in which I offer definitive advice.
- TRANSCRIPTION services are not being offered at this time. In truth, the rate that I would charge is not competitive with professional services. However, I

did not use a service during my research; I transcribed the work myself. If a student would like to consult about whether self or professional transcription is the best option for his/her work, please see the hourly rates for consultation in section one.