

Good ideas from talented people writing together

at the Endless Mountains Writing Project 2010 Summer Institute
Monday-Thursday in July, 2010, 8:30-3:30

WHAT IS IT?

The EMWP Summer Institute is an intensive, invitation-only, six-credit graduate level course offered through Mansfield University of PA. We focus on promoting positive change and educational leadership through the following activities:

- demonstrations by k-12 teachers of their most successful methods for using and teaching writing in their own classrooms
- study of research in the teaching of writing — what works and why
- daily writing in a collaborative and supportive professional setting
- facilitation of classroom inquiry

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

High-quality, certified teachers *of all disciplines and grade levels* who want to learn more about how to use writing to support learning in their content areas. The EMWP also provides a supportive environment for teachers to further develop their own writing.

WHAT'S THE COST?

University tuition and fees are applicable. *Scholarships are also available.* The graduate application fee is waived by the University.

WHAT'S SO DIFFERENT ABOUT THE EMWP?

The EMWP Summer Institute follows the model and philosophy of the *National Writing Project*; our goal is to improve the quality of writing in our schools and community. Participants must apply and be invited to attend. Invited teachers then join the EMWP as “fellows” - as in “fellowship” - a term which represents the collaborative community format. Fellows have access to high quality research in composition and daily opportunities to discuss this research and integrate it into their own teaching. Fellows also engage in the hands-on process of writing on a daily basis. We meet once in the spring to go over course guidelines and materials, for four weeks in the summer (July 2010), and then again in the following school year. This structure allows participants to become immersed in the material and process and provides a forum for discussion and problem-solving.

The community model allows for a positive, professional atmosphere where pedagogy and creativity flourish. *An overwhelming number of EMWP graduates report a sense of renewed purpose and increased energy when they bring ideas from the institute back to their classrooms and districts. The majority of EMWP graduates also go on to present their own professional work at district, state, and national conferences. One such presentation is required. Numerous opportunities will be provided. Continuity and classroom support after the institute are key components in affecting long-lasting, authentic change.*

HOW DO I APPLY? Follow the guidelines below to prepare your application:

Section one	Section two	Section three
PAGE ONE Please provide your name, <i>complete</i> home <i>and</i> school contact information, including your <i>email address</i> , earned degrees and certifications, number of years, grade levels and subjects taught.	PAGE TWO Describe how you use writing in your classroom. Briefly describe a strategy or lesson using writing that has been successful for you and your students. Explain why you think it worked.	What special strengths, areas of interest, or burning questions will you bring to the Summer Writing Institute? Share something about yourself as a writer and the types of writing that you do personally or professionally (Lesson plans, emails, lab reports, problem-solving, short stories, etc.).

Mail the above along with *one letter* of support or recommendation from a principal, department chair, or colleague who can speak of your interest in writing and teaching writing.

Certification: I have addressed all of the areas on this application. If accepted, I will attend all sessions: the April 2010 pre-institute meeting, the four week summer institute, and post-institute session. I understand that successful completion of the program includes an in-service or professional development presentation.

Please *sign* on the line above and return a copy of this form with your signature with your application materials.

Identify (circle) the site at which you would like to attend:

Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA (105 Retan Center)

IU9 Vo-tech School in Port Allegany, PA

THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 15, 2010... WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY *EARLY!*

Send to: EMWP
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