

Good ideas from talented people writing together

at the Endless Mountains Writing Project 2011 Summer Institute
Monday-Thursday in July, 2011, 8:30-3:30

WHAT IS IT?

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

- demonstrations by k-12 classroom teachers of their most successful methods for using and teaching writing in their classrooms.
- study of theory and research in the teaching of writing
- daily writing in a collaborative professional setting
- facilitation of classroom inquiry

The Endless Mountains Writing Project is a recognized affiliate of the **National Writing Project** (for more information, see www.writingproject.org).

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

We are looking for high-quality, certified teachers of **all disciplines and grade levels** who want to learn more about the teaching of writing 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. *Limited scholarships are also available.* To apply, submit a formal letter delineating the costs covered by your school district, the specific amounts you will be required to pay out of pocket, and the exact amount of funds you are requesting. This letter may accompany your application **or be submitted after acceptance.** The graduate application fee will be 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. The Summer Institute is different from most traditional graduate courses in several ways. Most notably, 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 of the workshops and sessions. Fellows have access to high quality research in composition and daily opportunities to discuss this research and integrate it into their teaching. Fellows also engage in the hands-on process of writing on a daily basis. Through peer conferencing and instructor coaching, fellows hone their

own writing skills. 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:

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Please provide your name, <i>complete</i> home and school contact information, including your <i>email address</i> , earned degrees and certifications, number of years, grade levels and subjects taught.	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, short stories, etc.).

Mail the above along with one **letter of 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 23, 2011 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.

THE EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINE IS February 15, 2011... WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY *EARLY!*

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