



West Tennessee Writing Project Intensive Summer Institute

West Tennessee Writing Project 9th Invitational Summer Institute

June 4-28, 2001

The University of Tennessee at Martin

Better Teaching Sharper Writing Wider Reading

The West Tennessee Writing Project invites applications for the 9th annual invitational reading-writing institute to be held June 4-28, 2001 on the campus of The University of Tennessee at Martin.

What is it?

The invitational institute is a four-week graduate seminar for K-12 teachers who seek to become better teachers, particularly of reading and writing; who want to learn how to help students do well in the classroom and on competency tests; and who are committed to on-going professional growth in a community of teachers of like spirit. WTWP welcomes applications from teachers from all grades, all subject-matter areas. The invitational institute offers 6 hours of graduate credit through the UTM Department of English.

What does it cost?

Cost of tuition for the 6 hours of graduate credit (\$1164) is covered by grants from the National Writing Project. Teachers cover cost of travel to and from campus and incidental expenses associated with participation.

What is it like?

Eighteen teachers meet four days a week for four weeks around tables in the Museum of the Holland McCombs Center. Through interactive teaching demonstrations, small and large group discussions, extensive reading and writing, teachers explore: their own writing, the connection of standards to reading and writing; the links between reading and writing; approaches to assessment that are both teacher-driven and student-driven; writing as tool to learning in all subjects; applications of technology to learning; writing and reflection as ways to developing more effective curriculum alignment and school improvement plans.

The institute meets Monday-Thursday, 9-4, June 4-28, 2001 with an additional day-long orientation at UTM on the first Saturday in May. Teachers also plan and participate in three follow-up meetings during the 2001-2002 school year.

Three hours of graduate credit are awarded at the end of summer session 2001. The remaining three

hours of credit are awarded at the completion of Spring Semester 2002.

Who may apply?

Applications to the invitational institute are open to all teachers, all subjects, K-12, who are committed to improving their teaching practices through reading, writing, and collaboration with other teachers. Early applications are encouraged. Deadline for WTWP receiving applications is Feb. 23, 2001. To receive application materials, complete the request form on this brochure and return to WTWP or call, e-mail, or FAX WTWP office.

What about graduate study?

All teachers accepted to the invitational institute first must be accepted for graduate study at The University of Tennessee at Martin. For more information about admission to Graduate Studies, contact Linda Arant, administrative secretary, Office of Graduate Studies, 309 Administration, UT Martin, Martin, TN 38238, or (901) 587-7012.

What about my kids?

Some teachers have brought their children to Kid College at UTM. Dates are June 11-21, 2001. For information on classes and costs, contact the project director or Debbie Mount, Office of Extended Campus and Continuing Education, 110 Gooch Hall, UTM, (901) 587-7104, or <dmount@utm.edu>

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For more information...

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