

PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET

EDCI 589 Professional Development Workshop
Fall, 2010

COURSE TITLE:

Beyond The Launch; Planning The Writer's Workshop All Year Long

CREDIT HOURS:

1 Credit

FEE:

\$268.90

Check made payable to Purdue University Calumet. Credit card payments are also available.

INSTRUCTOR(S)

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Assignment due by September 1, 2010

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Workshop Overview

After you've devised a plan to launch your writer's workshop during the first weeks of school, the next step is to look ahead toward the rest of the year. This one-day workshop is designed to guide K-8 teachers through the planning of a year-long writing curriculum, incorporating mini-lessons, literature, and assessment within a variety of writing units. Kristina will provide lesson plan examples for several writing units, then she'll reveal her framework for developing any writing unit on your own.

Training topics:

- Activities to utilize whenever you introduce a new writing genre to students
- Ways to incorporate student anchor papers and kid-friendly rubrics within a unit
- Procedures for selecting which writing standards to target within a writing unit
- Strategies for teaching a writing skill over multiple days to deepen student understanding and gradually release responsibility to the students
- Ways to integrate grammar study into each writing genre
- Strategies to balance free choice writing and prompt writing within the same unit
- Strategies to balance journals or first drafts along with final-draft pieces within the same unit
- Suggestions for grading student writing and assessing students' understanding of a genre

COURSE REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION:

Participants will attend a 6-hour class at one of four locations:

July 27, 2010 Indianapolis, IN (Fishers Conference Center)

July 30, 2010 Fort Wayne, IN (The Landmark Centre)

August 3, 2010 Evansville, IN (Airport Marriott)

August 6, 2010 Chicago, IL (Holiday Inn, Elk Grove)

A minimum of 9 additional hours must be dedicated to completing the course project outside of class.

ASSIGNMENT:

For the course project, participants will create a single writing unit (5-10 days long) of a genre of their choosing (i.e. narrative, persuasive, how-to, compare-contrast, poetry, etc.). The unit can focus on any number of 6-Trait skills, but it must include at least one convention skill. Reference what mentor text/anchor papers you will utilize and any supporting materials/handouts that you need to execute the unit.

SETUP & PAGE LENGTH:

- Type up your writing unit using the components of the Planning Template revealed at the workshop.

Submit your unit via email to *kristina@smekenseducation.com*.

This is a pass/fail course.

SCHEDULE:

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| 7:30-8:30 | Registration |
| 8:30-11:45 | Morning session |
| 11:45-1:00 | Lunch on your own |
| 1:00-3:30 | Afternoon session |
| 3:30-4:00 | One-on-one consultation with instructor available |

SUBMISSION OF PROJECTS:

Submit projects by mail to the following address:

Smekens Education Solutions
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P.O. Box 332
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Submit by email to: kristina@smekenseducation.com

Projects must arrive by September 1, 2010.