

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY CALUMET**  
EDCI 589 Professional Development Workshop  
Fall, 2010

**COURSE TITLE:**  
6-Traits Coach's Clinic

**CREDIT HOURS:**

1 Credit

**FEE:**

\$281.71

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

**INSTRUCTOR(S)**

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**All course assignments are due within 10 days of the workshop attended.**

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**Workshop Overview**

This is the ideal workshop for those who are charged with the task of providing 6-Traits training and on-going support for in-district teachers. Participants will not just receive valuable information; they will also have time to apply it to their own unique school situations. This workshop utilizes a hands-on, interactive clinic approach.

Pre-Requisite: Participants must have previously attended the one-day workshops entitled "6-Traits of Writing – An Introduction" and "I Know the 6-Traits – Now What?" led by Kristina Smekens.

**Training topics:**

- To be a 6-Traits expert in the building/district, you have to know your content. Participants will assess their level of knowledge on the 6 Traits to ensure it is deep enough.
- Beyond knowing the content, a literacy coach has to understand the coaching process. Kristina will reveal methods for participants to guide teachers toward 6-Trait implementation and independence when teaching writing.
- Writing coaches face common issues as they work with a range of willing and not so willing teachers. Workshop time will be spent developing responses to tough teacher questions.
- Learn tips & tricks for demonstrating strong mini-lessons via classroom modeling. This will include how to set-up modeling opportunities, how to execute the model in the classroom, and how to debrief afterwards with the teachers who observed..
- Having resources at your fingertips is essential. Identify systems of organization to make yourself a more effective and efficient coach for your teachers.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION:**

Participants will attend a 6-hour class. A minimum of 9 additional hours must be dedicated to completing the course project outside of class.

For the course project, participants will use the "Training Agenda" document to plan a minimum of three hours of 6-Trait teacher training. (NOTE: This could be a single training that lasts three or more hours, or several shorter trainings totaling at least three hours. If you are planning multiple, shorter trainings, utilize multiple Training Agendas.

Complete all parts of the Agenda, excluding "Follow-up notes & Future topics." A template of the "Training Agenda" is provided during the workshop.

**GRADING:** This is a pass/fail course.