

Prairie Lands Writing Project Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing

The Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing is an 18 credit-hour program offered through Prairie Lands Writing Project (PLWP).

Required Core Courses (12 graduate credits):

- EDU or ENG 610 Prairie Lands Writing Project Invitational Institute (6 crs)
- EDU or ENG 512 Teaching Writing with Technology (3 crs)
- EDU or ENG 612 Seminar in Professional Writing for Teachers (3 crs)

Elective Offerings (at least six credits from among the following courses):

- EDU or ENG 501 Topics in Teaching Writing (1-2 crs, may be repeated for up to 4 crs.)
- EDU or ENG 502 Professional Learning Community (1-2 crs, may be repeated up to 4 crs.)
- ENG 503 Literature for Children (3 crs)
- ENG 500 Literature for Adolescents (3 crs)
- ENG 567 Grammar and the Teaching of Grammar (3 crs)
- ENG 573 History of the English Language (3 crs)

The program prepares teachers at all levels (K-12, college, adult) to use writing as a means of improving student learning. Teachers have the opportunity to write, revise, share feedback, and reflect on their own writing and teaching of writing as well as develop professional leadership skills. The Certificate is appropriate for teachers pursuing graduate credits to meet professional development requirements as well as for post-master's candidates who want a specialization in teaching writing. 12 of the 34 hours in the Certificate may be counted toward Missouri Western's 34-hour MAA in Written Communication: Writing Studies Option.

How to Apply for the Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing Program

Note: deadline for fall admission is Aug. 1; deadline for spring is Oct. 1

- Apply online at www.missouriwestern.edu/graduate/admissions as a degree-seeking applicant for the Graduate Certificate in Writing at Missouri Western. Unless this has already been paid, you will need to and pay the one-time graduate application fee of \$45.
- Request **official** copies of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts to be sent to Graduate School Admissions Office, Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, MO 64507.
- Email your application materials to Dr. Susan Martens, Prairie Lands Writing Project Director, at smartens@missouriwestern.edu. Include the following as attachments (.pdf or .doc/ .docx).
 - A formal letter of intent to apply to the Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing program, including home and school contact information (address, phone, and email), the year you were in the PLWP Invitational Summer Institute, and your reasons for wanting to begin this graduate program
 - Two pieces of your own writing, one of which must be related to teaching and/or teaching writing (these may be in your submitted Invitational Summer Institute portfolio)
 - Documentation from your Invitational Summer Institute inquiry demonstration (this may be in your submitted Invitational Summer Institute portfolio)
 - A professional resume or curriculum vita (this may have been submitted with your application to the Invitational Summer Institute).
 - Completed [Program of Study](#) form for the Graduate Certificate in the Teaching of Writing and completed [Change of Program](#) form switching from Non Degree-Seeking to Degree-Seeking status.