

LITERACY: Solutions to Closing the Gap

Teaching Writing in Grades 6-12: A WORKSHOP Approach

Description: Course #15248 Section #30686

This course will prepare 6th-12th grade English Language Arts teachers to implement writing workshop within their classrooms. It will also equip district literacy coaches with an understanding of workshop knowledge to support teachers in their districts. In addition to learning the workshop framework, participants will be immersed in best practices in teaching and assessing writing; they will also have ample opportunities to utilize the Iowa Core English Language Arts Standards and to experience technology-infused writing instruction. Throughout this course participants will have the following responsibilities: (1) attend 5 days of face to face learning (2) engage in online learning components throughout the course (3) implement the workshop model in their classrooms and reflect upon that implementation (4) participate in collaborative coaching sessions.

Intended Audience:

- ELA Teachers (6-12)
- Instructional Coaches/Curriculum Directors

Objectives:

- 1) Synthesize theory of literacy development with Workshop Model principles
- 2) Implement with fidelity writing workshop
- 3) Collect, share, and analyze student writing data
- 4) Collaborate with instructors and peers to strengthen teaching practices
- 5) Integrate technology to enhance student understanding of multiliteracies

Dates/Times/Locations:

All classes will be at the Central Rivers AEA in Cedar Falls and run from 9 AM - 4 PM

- 8/2 & 8/3, 10/18/18, 1/10/19, 3/4/19

Facilitator:

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Cost:

20\$ Material Fee (Also available for license renewal and grad credits)

Registration:

Please register through Central Rivers AEA's professional development registration system at

<https://my.aea267.k12.ia.us/U/P/Channel/>

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