The Great Valley Writing Project (GVWP) at CSU Stanislaus sponsors professional development for teachers modeled after the successful Bay Area Writing Project at UC Berkeley. This one-week institute is an introduction to the NWP culture of teachers teaching teachers. Participants will study composition theory and recent research, write extensively, and provide helpful feedback on each other’s writing in small response groups.

This thirty-hour course is open to teachers and administrators from all disciplines in elementary, secondary and post-secondary institutes. Applicants should have an interest in reflecting on their teaching practice and developing their expertise in the teaching of writing.

Participants:
Twenty experienced writing educators in grades Pre-K - adult, including administrators and teachers of writing in the content areas, special educators, English language and bilingual educators.

Dates and Times:
- Registration deadline: June 18, 2010
- Summer Institute: July 12 – 16, 2010, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Follow-through sessions: Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 (2 days)

Institute Location:
California State University, Stanislaus
Acacia Building
612 E. Magnolia, Stockton

Registration Cost:
$250.00

Units:
2 units of academic credit will be available at $40 per unit through California State University, Stanislaus.
HOW TO REGISTER

To complete the registration process please submit the following items: 1) Institute Registration Form; 2) Signed statement of support (for K-12 teachers only) from an administrator at your teaching site (see part II on application form); 3) Registration payment.

REVIEW PROCESS

1. Registrations will be reviewed by a selection committee made up of GVWP Fellows representing various regions and educational levels. Twenty participants will be selected based on grade levels (K - College), subject-area disciplines, and geographical regions.
2. Participants are expected to obtain release-time to attend two all-day sessions during the academic year following the mini-institute. An authorized signature of support from school-site principals or other administrators must acknowledge this expectation (see part II on application form).
3. Applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than July 1. Purchase orders will not be invoiced and checks will not be deposited until notifications of acceptance have been awarded to participants.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Purchase orders are accepted; fax a copy of the purchase order to the GVWP office: (209) 664-6613. If you do not have time to obtain a PO for your registration or are not able to send in payment prior to the registration deadline, you may register providing your school or district has approved your registration. We will issue an invoice to your district at a later date.

NOTE: As an affiliate of the National Writing Project, Great Valley Writing Project is authorized to provide NCLB professional development for individual schools and districts. Title 2 funds from NCLB may be used to underwrite the costs of this GVWP program. With their district’s approval teachers who complete 20 course hours may earn HOUSSE points.

Please Return Directly to: Carol Minner, Director
Great Valley Writing Project
California State University, Stanislaus
1 University Circle, DBH308
Turlock, CA 95382
FAX: (209) 664-6613

Additional questions? Please call the Great Valley Writing Project at (209) 667-3490.
Great Valley Writing Project
Summer Mini-Institute Registration Form

I. Personal Information and Educational Background (please print clearly or type):

Name ____________________________

First   MI   Last

Home Address ____________________________

Street                 City               Zip

Home Phone ____________________________ Email ____________________________

School ____________________________ Grade Level __________

School Address ____________________________

Street                 City               Zip

School Phone ____________________________ School Fax ____________________________

Position  □ Teacher  □ Administrator  □ Other ____________________________

Number of years you have taught _______ Grade levels you have taught ____________________

Subject(s) taught (please list all that apply) ____________________________

II. Principal Signature Form (for K-12 applicants only)

I understand that ____________________________ is applying to the Great Valley Writing Project Mini-Institute 2010. I regard ____________________________ as an outstanding teacher-leader and agree to support his/her professional development through GVWP by providing release-time for his/her participation in two follow-through meetings during the academic year.

Signature ____________________________ Date ______________

Position ____________________________