

REGISTRATION

DATES: Monday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 2

TIMES: 8:30am-3:30pm

RATES: Individual Package- \$675
Group (Three or More) Package- \$575

Fee includes tuition, breakfast, and lunch

If paying by check, please make payable to Rutgers,
The State University of New Jersey and send to:

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WRITING PROGRAM INSTITUTE SUMMER COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

Collaboration, Invigoration, Writing

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SUMMER COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

The WPI Summer College is a three-day collaborative seminar hosted by the Writing Program at Rutgers University. The summer college kicks off with a keynote address by Dr. Kurt Spellmeyer, Director of the Writing Program. Over three days of collaboration and discovery, teachers from across the state will discuss current writing instruction practices, and work towards developing new assignments inspired by Rutgers Writing Program pedagogy under the guidance of the Director of Expository Writing. Assignments and class materials will aim to combine fiction already at work in the classrooms with non-fiction texts that complicate and challenge them. Teachers will leave the Summer College with assignments that are immediately usable in the next academic year, and instructors will receive a Professional Development certificate for their time at Rutgers.

The three-day college ends with a conference, where teachers who have already implemented changes to their curricula present both their materials and their results. The conference is a collegial moment of collaboration, and participants leave feeling connected to their peers, and excited to teach in the fall!

WHAT IS THE WPI?

The Rutgers Writing Program Institute aims to encourage conversation about the pedagogy and practice of writing instruction. As notions about educational goals shift and develop over time, the WPI offers a pedagogical lens through which to question, understand, and develop the practices that might best prepare students for college writing.

The WPI operates under the assumption that if we are preparing students for college writing, then we are automatically preparing them to meet the challenges of standardized testing. Meanwhile, we know that the reverse is not true: if we focus only on teaching to the test, we will not be readying students for college. Therefore, the WPI maintains that its core principles will prepare students for college writing while simultaneously training them to succeed in high school and on standardized tests. Perhaps more importantly, when implemented properly, these principles encourage students to read critically, think analytically, and engage in academic and civic life responsibly.

WPI PRINCIPLES

Trained professionals from the Rutgers Writing Program travel to school districts across New Jersey to collaborate with instructors on site. We also invite teachers to programs on campus. Our workshops are informed by our core principles:

- Non-fiction Essays about Ideas
- Problem-Posing Assignments that Put Texts into Conversation
- A Collaborative and Active Pedagogy
- Revision as a Creative Process
- Patterns of Error in the Context of Student Writing
- Shared Assessment Criteria

ABOUT THE RUTGERS WRITING PROGRAM

The Rutgers Writing Program provides instruction to nearly 17,000 undergraduates each year at Rutgers University in New Brunswick and Piscataway. We offer writing courses in exposition, research, business, and scientific writing that prepare students to succeed at Rutgers. We develop criteria for our courses and train over 250 college writing instructors each year. Visit our website at wp.rutgers.edu for more information about writing at Rutgers University. In addition, we are committed to improving standards throughout the state by fostering conversation between the University and districts throughout New Jersey.