



Crossing to College:

What is College-Readiness in Writing? and How Do We Get There?

The 2009 Open Institute from the San Antonio Writing Project focusing on preparing high school students for college writing

This Institute proposes to bring college and high school teachers together, following the National Writing Project's principles of "teachers teaching teachers," to talk about college readiness in the area of writing. Many students pass TAKS and graduate high school, yet when they apply for college they are placed into Developmental English classes. What can be done to increase the number of students who graduate high school and place directly into Freshman Composition?

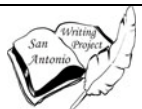
At this institute participants will explore the recent definitions of College Readiness in English as defined by the newly adopted Texas College and Workplace Readiness Standards and try to ground some of these standards in specific practices from the College English classroom. The current status of work related to the Texas College Readiness Standards will be reviewed. Participants will read the recent National Council of Teachers of English book *What is College-Level Writing?* edited by Patrick Sullivan, as well as experience Teaching Demonstrations from Teaching Consultants from the San Antonio Writing Project who teach College English. Participants will also bring a writing lesson geared toward college readiness that they wish to work on to the Institute, and during the Institute they will work on refining it in collaboration with their co-participants and the Institute leader.

- Institute Leader:** Lennie Irvin, Co-Director of the San Antonio Writing Project and Assistant Professor of English at San Antonio College.
- Special Presenter:** Dr. Fred Kemp, Professor of English, Texas Tech University and former Writing Program Administrator.
- Who Can Participate?** High school or middle school teachers who wish to learn more about the practice of teaching writing and how to prepare their students for college writing.
- Tuition/Cost:** Free. This Open Institute is made available free to teachers thanks to the generous support of the Educational Service Center, Region 20; UTSA; and San Antonio College.
- Dates and times for Institute:** July 20-24, 2009
9-3:30 each day
- Location:** San Antonio College (exact location TBA)

Registration due date: July 13, 2009

Online registration at <http://www.sanantoniowritingproject.org>

Participants will receive 30 Professional Development Credits (30 clock hours), certified by the Academy for Teacher Excellence at UTSA. For additional information: sawp@utsa.edu or <http://www.sanantoniowritingproject.org>



The San Antonio Writing Project is the local affiliate of the National Writing Project, hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio. NWP values the improvement of writing in all schools in the United States and operates on the philosophy of teachers teaching teachers. For more information about SAWP, visit <http://www.sanantoniowritingproject.org>