



Crossing the Bridge to College:

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

An 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 Projects 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 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 Readiness Standards and try to ground some of these standards in specific practices from the College English classroom. 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 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 teachers who wish to learn more about the practice of teaching writing and how to prepare their students for college writing.
- Tuition/Cost:** \$250 dollars and includes the resource text.
The National Writing Project is an authorized professional development provider under the *Elementary and Secondary Education Act* and *Title II* funds under this NCLB Act.
Special Notice: For a limited number of participants, the entire registration cost may be covered for those who request this support. These spaces in the workshop will be awarded on a competitive basis.
- Dates and times for Institute:** July 14-18, 2008
9-3:30 each day
- Location:** San Antonio College (exact location TBA)

Extended Registration due date: July 7, 2008

Participants will receive 30 Professional Development Credits (30 clock hours), certified by the Academy for Teacher Excellence at UTSA.

Please see the next page for details on late registration for this Open Institute.

Visit the San Antonio Writing Project home page for more information: <http://sanantoniowritingproject.org>

Late Registration Information for "Crossing the Bridge to College"

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Full support to cover the \$250 registration fee is available for those who request it. This support has been generously made available by the University of Texas at San Antonio and will be awarded on a competitive basis. It is recommended that you send in your registration as quickly as possible. *The last day to send in your late registration is July 7, 2008.* All acceptances to the Open Institute will be awarded by July 8th.

To register, please send the information listed below by email to The San Antonio Writing Project sawp@utsa.edu

Subject: College Readiness Open Institute

Name:

Do you request support for the registration fee?

Place where you teach:

Grade Level and Subject:

Email Address:

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Special interest or concern you have related to preparing high school students for college writing:

Payment Option:

If you are able or prefer to pay for this Open Institute, please contact us with your registration information by email. Payment for the Open Institute will be due on the first day of the Open Institute. Make out checks to: **The San Antonio Writing Project**

Confirmation of your registration will be provided by July 8th. Specific information about the Open Institute will be provided at that time.