Join the National Writing Project
and the Maine Writing Project

And

Earn Graduate Credits
in Writing and the Teaching of Writing
at the University of Maine

✓ ERL 545: Introduction to the National Writing Project
  - Spring Semester 2017...entirely online...3 credits
    - Improve your writing and your students’ writing!
    - Collaborate on ideas and issues in literacy and
teaching across the content areas!

✓ ERL 546: MWP Institute in Teacher Leadership*
  Seven Days at UMaine campus…July 6-7 & 10-14, 2017…3 credits
    - Share your classroom practice with colleagues!
    - Explore opportunities for teaching other teachers!
    - Join a network of friends and colleagues who share your interest in
education and kids!

*Introduction to the National Writing Project is a prerequisite for the MWP Institute in Teacher Leadership. With completion of both courses, you will be certified as a teacher-consultant in the Maine Writing Project, a site of the National Writing Project.

For more information, visit our website: MaineWritingProject.org
or Contact: Ken Martin, Director - kenneth.martin@maine.edu
Frequently Asked Questions
about joining the Maine Writing Project
while earning six UMaine graduate credits!

Who participates in the Maine and National Writing Projects?
K-16 teachers...across all content areas - math and science, social studies and the arts, as well as language arts. We also include administrators, and many of us are musicians, doctoral students, poets, runners, actors, chefs (or cooks), pet lovers, gardeners, and parents. We believe in learning-centered classrooms and schools...the importance of writing in our personal and professional lives, and in the lives of our students...the value of reflection and collaboration in our teaching lives. And, we believe that teachers are the best teachers of other teachers.

Where & When do courses take place?
The Introduction to the National Writing Project (ERL 545) will be conducted online from January 18 until May 12, 2017.
The MWP Institute in Teacher Leadership will be held at the University of Maine Orono campus: July 6-7 and 10-14, 2017.

What will I do in these courses?

An Introduction to the National Writing Project is an opportunity to look closely at your own writing as well as student writing and to communicate with colleagues about ideas and issues in the teaching of writing. Program elements:
• Reading discussion groups on writing, literacy across the content areas, teaching practice, and professional development.
• Creating a portfolio with journal responses, a position paper, and creative writing. Online editorial groups support your portfolio work.

The MWP Institute in Teacher Leadership is an opportunity to share classroom practices with colleagues and to work toward becoming a teacher leader by continuing to look at relevant issues. Program elements:
• The Teaching Demonstration - a 70 minute interactive workshop sharing an aspect of your classroom practice. An experienced Writing Project teacher assists with creating this presentation.
• Discussion groups around sharing our practice, professional development, and teacher leadership.

Why should I join MWP? What will I be able to do as a teacher-consultant?
Those who complete both courses become teacher-consultants (TC) of the Maine and National Writing Projects. The term “TC” signifies your readiness not just to teach writing but to confer with others and lead in the teaching of writing. Teacher-consultants learn together and interact as colleagues, writers, and leaders in our schools and communities.
Teachers as colleagues…Enjoy support from hundreds of TCs statewide and thousands nationally…Participate in special events like book discussions and writing events.

Teachers as writers…Advance your writing with response from supportive readers…Attend a Summer Writing Retreat…Publish in our Maine Writes Journal of TC writing.

Teachers as leaders…Work with young writers in one of our summer camps throughout Maine…establish a student-staffed writing center at your school…build a Science Around ME site connecting literacy with place-based science in your community…Present workshops and inservice days…Participate with educators across the country in initiatives like Letters to the Next President and College-Ready Writers…OR bring us a new idea — we’ll support you!

What is the cost of participating in these courses?
The Spring Introduction and the Summer Institute are each three-credit graduate courses. School districts typically pay the University of Maine tuition and fees (approximately $1,500 per three-credit course for in-state residents) for their teachers, specialists, or administrators.

How do I enroll in these courses?
If you are not currently enrolled in a degree program, complete the Application for Graduate Non-Degree Status, which requires an official transcript of your highest earned degree and a non-refundable application fee of $35.00. Those currently in a graduate program, simply complete their regular course registration process.

Please note that the Introduction to the National Writing Project is a prerequisite to the MWP Institute in Teacher Leadership. All registration forms are available at the Graduate School website: http://www.umaine.edu/graduate/.

Return all form(s) and payment (if applicable) to the Graduate School:
Attn: Gail Mahan, University of Maine, 5775 Stodder Hall, Room 42, Orono, ME 04469-5775. If you have questions about this process, call the Graduate School (207-581-3291).

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