

2025 Invitational Summer and Fall Institutes



If you are eager to write, learn more about teaching writing, and develop your leadership skills, apply to become a Fellow in our 2025 Invitational Summer and Fall Institute through USM. This 6-credit graduate institute is divided into two 3-credit courses taken in sequence, one in the summer, one in the fall.



Summer Course: All days go from 8:30-3:30 held at Westbrook Schools

Dates: Saturday May 17th, Monday -Wednesday June 30, July 1, 2 and Monday-Tuesday July 7,8

Fall Course: Saturdays September 6th, 20th, and October 4th, 18th also in Westbrook

Tuition for in-state residents based on [USM's tuition scale](#). Deadline for applications is May 11th!!

Comments from Institute Fellows

The institute fostered a supportive space for growth and self-expression. “

“At a time, when we hear about the difficulties of teaching and educators all over the country abandoning a profession they once loved, I have just experienced one of the best years of my career. I ended my year more open to learning opportunities, “

There was a wonderful combination of pedagogy and personal writing, time to confer with group members, and hearing from expert presenters. Wonderful!

This has been the best class I have ever taken. The facilitators created a culture of support, respect, and engagement.

This is the most I have grown as an educator and learner since my master's degree. Thank you!

The National Writing Project (nwp.org) is the premier effort to improve writing and writing instruction in America. The Southern Maine Writing Project at USM is one of nearly 200 sites around the country. Our members include K - university educators across the disciplines, literacy specialists, administrators, and librarians. Our common threads are teacher leadership, writing, and the importance of writing experience and quality instruction in all content areas.

For more info, please visit the SMWP website:

<https://usm.maine.edu/literacy-language-culture/southern-maine-writing-project/>

Apply here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSel9K-vLgiLtxf34Fzzc3gOaakMjlF1lDLnjkj7st7I4P4JQ/viewform?usp=sharing>

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