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 14,000 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 http://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.
**WPI MISSION STATEMENT**

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 serve students. The WPI is particularly focused on developing practices that 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.

**SUMMER COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS**

Each year, high school and college educators from across New Jersey come together for the Writing Program Institute’s Summer College for Teachers, a professional development opportunity offered by the nationally recognized Rutgers Writing Program. The Summer College gives teachers a chance to share and reflect on their practices. Together, we explore ways to creatively integrate nonfiction into curricula. WPI faculty offer a slate of interactive modules drawn from our pedagogy that respond to current educational challenges.

The Summer College focuses on providing participants with tools to enhance their current curriculum using the Rutgers Writing Program pedagogy. Opening remarks will be given by Dr. Kurt Spellmeyer, Rutgers Writing Program Director, then Writing Program administrators will lead seminars and workshops. Teachers will participate in four full days of collaborative modules that explore topics like close reading nonfiction, effective commenting, and thorough revision. On the last day, registrants will attend a panel discussion led by experienced high school teachers who have attended Summer College in the past and have implemented WPI practices in their classrooms. Each day runs from 8:30-3:30 with breakfast and lunch included. A daily schedule can be provided upon request.

We are a growing network of passionate, supportive educators building bridges across disciplines and geographies, high schools and universities. We cordially invite you to join us this summer for our expanded program!

**REGISTRATION**

**Dates:** Monday, June 27th through Thursday, June 30th

**Times:** 8:30-3:30

**Rates:**
- Individual Package - $675
- Group (Three or More) Package - $575

*Fee includes tuition, breakfast, and lunch.*

To register groups, please contact Alessandra Sperling at 848-932-5787 or visit: http://wpi.rutgers.edu/summer-college-for-teachers.

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