



A Special Offer for Teachers from the  
**Alaska State Writing Consortium**

**ED 593 Writing Matters!**  
**Virtual Open Writing Institute**

A Three-Credit (37.5 hrs.) Graded Graduate Online Course

**Deadline to apply: February 23, 2009**

Class limited to the first 20 teachers who register and submit payment.

**March 2 –May 1, 2009**

Teacher Leader: Sondra Porter

*“The class forced me to look at my mostly-language-arts-oriented philosophy and enlarge upon it. I had to think more deeply about what I really do believe about process and product, about judging and grading, and about the standards in order to articulate them for class, and in some instances defend or discard those beliefs.”—ASWC Virtual Open Institute participant*

Writing Matters! is an online, virtual version of the Open Institute, ASWC’s introductory course designed to orient teachers to creating a balanced writing program drawn from their own experience with the craft of writing and research into effective practice. As an online course, Writing Matters! is designed to take advantage of ongoing teaching, and the opportunities provided by electronic technologies **centered around the real, ongoing writing work of your classroom.**

**Cost: \$ 130** ASWC Member Districts\* (listed below)

**\$ 180** Non-Member District Price

This synchronous course will have regular deadlines for the submission of work as well as required audio and on-line conferences. The course content, assignments, and due dates will all be provided online. This is not a self-paced correspondence course. **Enrollment is limited to 20.** Participants must have access to the Internet and understand basic word processing techniques such as downloading and sending documents.

**To register and reserve your space:**

1. Complete the attached pre-registration form and fax it to Dorothy Gray, ASWC Program Coordinator at 907-776-5220. If paying by check, please mail to Dorothy Gray, 51910 Arness Rd., Kenai, AK 99611
2. Please contact Dorothy Gray, ASWC Program Coordinator, at [aswc@acsalaska.net](mailto:aswc@acsalaska.net) if you have questions about the registration process.
3. Please contact Sondra Porter, course facilitator, at [pfsep@uaa.alaska.edu](mailto:pfsep@uaa.alaska.edu) if you have questions about the course content.

**Writing Matters! Pre-Registration Form  
ASWC Virtual Open Institute**

ED 593 University of Alaska Southeast: Three graded graduate credits  
March 2 – May 1, 2009

Please fax to Dorothy Gray at 776-5220 or email as an attachment to [aswc@acsalaska.net](mailto:aswc@acsalaska.net)

Name:	
School:	
District:	
Teaching Assignment or Position:	
School email:	
Alternate email:	
Home Phone/Cell:	
School Phone:	
Fax number:	Check payable to ASWC
Method of Payment:	Credit Card Type:
	Credit Card Number:
	Credit Card Expiration Date:



\*Tuition is subsidized through a grant from the National Writing Project for ASWC teachers from member districts.

**ASWC Member Districts 2008-2009**

- Anchorage School District
- Bering Strait School District
- Fairbanks North Star Borough
- Juneau Borough School District
- Lake & Peninsula School District
- Lower Kuskokwim Schools
- Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District
- Sitka Borough Schools
- Skagway Schools
- Unalaska City School District
- Yukon-Koyukuk Schools