

GEAR UP Summer Institute

OREGON WRITING PROJECT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE



WHAT IS IT?

The Oregon Writing Project's curriculum development institute hones teachers' capacities to create curriculum from the ground up. During this four-day course, teachers build a grade-level unit to use in the upcoming year. Participants will leave this workshop with a draft of a curriculum unit, which embeds literacy and history standards throughout—depending on the content area.

This course begins with morning demonstration lessons on teaching effective strategies embedded in a historical/literary unit. These lessons are followed by guided development of curriculum, embedding these strategies in the study of a particular piece of history or literature: short story, picture book, novel, nonfiction, or drama. Teachers can vote on preferred pieces of literature or history during registration. History teachers have created units on "The Voting Rights Act: History and Future," "Civics, Social Justice, and Direct Action: Rebels with Causes," "Beyond Rosie the Riveter: The Contributions of Women in the U.S. and Around the World during WWII." In language arts classes, teachers have developed units on classical and contemporary novels and plays: *Antigone*, *Raisin in the Sun*, *Merchant of Venice*, *Zoot Suits*, *Kite Runner*, *Sula*, and many more.

Working in small groups, teachers will have time to research historical background information for their units, or to find the just-right poem, short story, or speech to enhance student understanding. Using the standards as a framework, teachers choose themes and find primary source documents or pieces of literature as they build the curriculum, making sure students have time to read and write throughout the unit.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

GEAR UP middle school and high school Language Arts/English and Social Studies teachers, ideally in departments or teams.

LOGISTICS

- *Date/Time:* July 29, 2019 to August 1, 2019; 9 AM to 4 PM
- *Place:* CH2M Hill Alumni Center, OSU, Corvallis, OR
- Lodging from Sunday to Wednesday nights will be provided by GEAR UP at Hilton Garden Inn, Corvallis
- Lunch provided daily. Breakfast included with lodging.
- Teachers will be paid an \$800 stipend after the institute.
- Registration deadline is April 30 and capacity is limited.

For more information or registration, visit <https://oregongearup.org/grant/meetings/summerinstitute2019>