

## Project Facts

Participation is limited to 25 teachers. Save your spot now!

College credit through UW-Madison will be available at a reduced rate.

Participation lends itself to the development of common SLO's and formative assessments across districts.



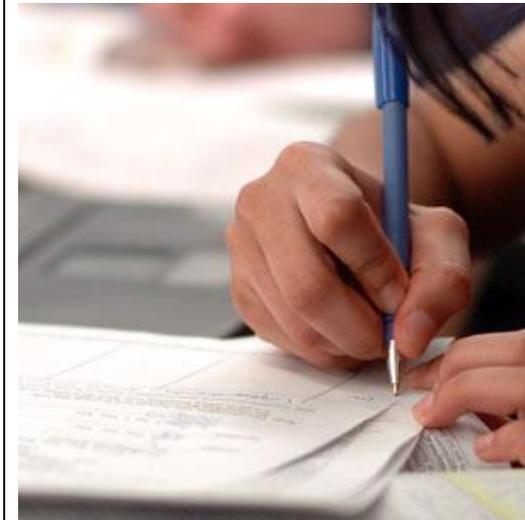
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# College Ready Writers Project

A partnership between CESA 3 and the Greater Madison Writing Project to support teachers of 7-12 writers.



Beginning Summer,  
2017 at CESA 3

## Why CRWP?

Writing is an essential skill in modern American society. It is crucial to careers and civic engagement. Yet U.S. students' writing falls far short of national expectations. States have adopted new standards to increase the chances that students will graduate from high school prepared for college and careers, but most students are not yet receiving instruction that is aligned with those standards.



### A Model that Works

The National Writing Project designed professional development to improve teachers' ability to teach to college- and career-ready writing standards, with a specific emphasis on improving students' skill in writing arguments based on nonfiction texts.

*"CRWP students demonstrated greater proficiency in the quality of reasoning and use of evidence in their writing."*

The College-Ready Writers Program (CRWP) is designed to improve the argument writing of students in grades 7 through 12 by introducing teachers to new instructional practices. It has been shown to have a positive, statistically significant impact on the four attributes of student writing—content, structure, stance, and conventions

### CRWP in CESA 3

CRWP was initially designed in 2012 to support secondary teachers in high-poverty rural school districts in 10 states. With a specific emphasis on improving students' skill in writing arguments based on nonfiction texts, the results indicate that this project is worth replicating in CESA 3.

\*For full evaluation, see: [https://www.sri.com/sites/default/files/publications/sri-crw- research-brief\\_nov-2015-final.pdf](https://www.sri.com/sites/default/files/publications/sri-crw- research-brief_nov-2015-final.pdf)

## Cost per teacher: \$1550

Eight days in June and July to begin the project.

- **Week 1 (June 26-29):** An introduction to the basic framework for CRWP with teachers working on their own source-based argumentative writing.
- **Week 2 (July 24-27):** A focus on how this will work in each classroom, text sets, assessment that moves writing/writers forward, and scaffolding the teaching of argumentative writing.

### Quarterly Network Sessions

A continuation of the work from summer through an action research model, a lesson study approach, or a combination of the two.

### Administrator Training

Professional development on leading quality writing instruction

### Spring Showcase Event

Participants will showcase their work to other educators in a culminating activity.