

Training of Trainers: February 16-17 Modeling Assessment Strategies that Improve College Readiness

Training of Trainers is designed for those people trained as holistic scorers for the Montana University System Writing Assessment who wish to expand their skills and knowledge to: 1) learn more about principles of large scale writing assessment; 2) select anchor papers and write annotations; 3) conduct training and scoring sessions for other teachers; and 4) apply effective strategies for teaching and assessing writing. Participants may earn 2 graduate credits through the University of Montana. Please contact Beverly.Chin@mso.umt.edu for course assignment. A minimum of three trainers are needed to conduct training at each regional scoring site and a maximum of 48 trainers will be accepted.

While the development of new training materials is time-consuming, test users recommend annual introduction of new writing prompts. To achieve a balance, the MUS Writing Assessment uses some "old" prompts (and their anchor and practice papers) and some new prompts. To produce a timely set of training materials, teachers who administer the 2011 Writing Assessment before February 16 should bring their completed tests to Training of Trainers.

Training of Trainers is slated to begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 16 and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17 at the Holiday Inn, 22 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena.. To make room reservations call 443-2200 and ask for the block of rooms under the University of Montana Helena. Lodging on Thursday night will be paid directly through the Title II grant and trainers who travel over 100 miles can also charge Wednesday night to the grant. Light breakfasts and lunches will be provided each day. Participants or their school districts are responsible for mileage and evening meals. (Note: This grant will also pay the cost of four days of substitute teachers for Trainers.)

Schools may administer the 2012 Montana Writing Assessment anytime between February 1 and 29 and they will be scored March 7 through 29.

Please return the registration form as **soon as possible**, but at least by January 17. We look forward to working with you.

Please FAX this form to Jan Clinard at 406-444-6892 or email answers to jan.clinard@umhelena.edu by January 17.

Please print clearly.

Name	How many years have you scored?	Do you want college credit? (Y/N)	E-mail Address

School: _____

Where and when you prefer to train and score? Circle Location/dates in March

Kalispell/5-6 Missoula/7-8 Helena/13-14 Billings/19-20

Miles City/20-21 Bozeman/22-23 Great Falls/26-27 Glasgow/28-29