

2012 Writing Assessment Workshops

Training and scoring for the Montana University Writing Assessment provides a rewarding professional development opportunity for the writing teachers of Montana, from K-12 and college levels. Several convenient sites are hosting these events and trainers from local schools and colleges serve as leaders.

Beginning at 8:15 a.m. on the first day, participants learn to use the rubric by scoring several sets of essays. Scorers end the first day by completing a "calibration" set to ensure that they can use the rubric accurately. After a short review on day two, each participant scores about 80 essays, ending by around 3:30 p.m., depending on the pace of scoring. Scorers work at tables, developing new friendships, picking up tips on teaching writing, and coming to consensus about proficiency levels of the writers. Breakfast snacks and lunch are provided on both days. Participants should expect each day to begin at 8:15 and end between 3:15 and 4:00 p.m.

Each school must cover travel and substitute teacher costs for its teachers. There is no registration fee. College credit is available for a small processing fee and OPI renewal units are available at no cost. Participants are responsible for arranging their own lodging. Scorers are not obligated to attend the closest site or the same site as school colleagues.

Please FAX (444-6892) this registration form to Jan Clinard as soon as possible, but at least **by February 24**. Or, e-mail jan.clinard@umhelena.edu with this information.

Name of School, College, or University:			
Participants' Names:			Email Address:
Workshop Site(s)			Number Attending this site:
Glacier High School	Kalispell	March 5-6	
Hilton Garden Inn	Missoula	March 7-8	
UM Helena COT Student Center)	Helena	March 13-14	
MUSB Student Union Bldg	Billings	March 19-20	
Miles Community College	Miles City	March 20-21	
Wingate Inn (2305 Catron St)	Bozeman	March 22-23	
MSUGF COT Heritage Hall	Great Falls	March 26-27	
First Lutheran Church (801 6 th Ave N)	Glasgow	March 28-29	