

Denver Writing Project Summer Institute 2026 – Application Instructions and Information  
Those interested in applying should send to [Kyle.Crawford@UCDenver.edu](mailto:Kyle.Crawford@UCDenver.edu):

1) A personal statement that addresses the following:

- What do you enjoy about teaching writing, or/and what is a core belief that you possess about the teaching of writing? (We believe all teachers, every grade, every discipline, are teachers of writing).
- As a result of participating in the Denver Writing Project SI, how are you hoping to grow as a writer? As a teacher of writing?

2) A current resume or CV

Selection Process - Applications will be reviewed by the Director of the Denver Writing Project and decisions will be given promptly. The SI is capped at 12 participants.

Application deadline is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Please email applications and/or any questions to:

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The 2026 Summer Institute (SI) will meet on the Auraria Campus at CU Denver for 6 morning sessions: June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 12pm. Parking costs are covered.

There is a pre-institute, introductory meeting on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom from 5pm – 6:30pm. During this meeting, we will go over program details, set norms, discuss deliverables\*, choose books, and enroll everyone for 3 English, graduate credit hours (ENGL 5110).

\*There are 3 deliverables, items due at the end of the course to receive credit and a grade:

- 1) A best practice in the teaching of writing that you value shared in the DWP SI group folder, due June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2) A personal piece of writing of your choosing, any genre, content of your choosing, due July 13<sup>th</sup>. This could be a writing project that you bring with you this summer, and/or you will see three inspiring presentations by professional writers, so often personal writing comes from these presentations.
- 3) A professional piece of writing that discusses your core belief/s about the teaching of writing, due July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Eligibility - Educators in any capacity at public or private schools, K-16, any discipline. We seek participants who possess a professional commitment to the teaching of writing and related literacy activities, and a personal commitment to developing as a writer.