

Community College of Philadelphia

Creative Writing Certificate

Join a Community of Writers

Do you have a story or a poem inside of you? Would you like to find a way to share it? The certificate program in Creative Writing is designed to help you grow as a writer and a reader. Guided by our accomplished faculty, you will take literature and creative writing courses, interact with visiting writers and attend readings, workshops and festivals.

A certificate in Creative Writing can prepare you for transfer to a bachelor's or master's writing program. Our new course, Portfolio Development, will help you polish your work so that you can develop manuscripts for publication.

Our faculty includes some of the best novelists, poets and playwrights in the Philadelphia area, and they are as committed to teaching as they are to writing.

Guidance from Working Writers

- Our faculty includes widely published poets and writers who have won national awards.
- Instructors are as committed to teaching as they are to writing. Time for individual conferences is built into our schedule.
- Creative Writing faculty advise students enrolled in the certificate program and mentor students throughout their time at the College.

We offer entry-level Creative Writing courses and specialized classes in script-writing, poetry and fiction that allows you to take on more ambitious projects.

Polishing the Craft

- The program begins with a course that introduces you to the fundamentals of creative writing, with an emphasis on techniques designed to help you read your own work in a new way.
- The best way to learn to write is to read. Our advisors match you with seasoned literature instructors, keeping your own body of work in mind and encouraging you to read like a writer.

The certificate program in Creative Writing supports writers in multiple ways. Students not only enhance their reading and writing skills, but they also interact with professional writers, editors and literary agents to gain insight into the writing life and publishing procedure.



Creative Writing at Community College of Philadelphia

Reaching Readers

- Our classes are supportive and challenging communities where you share your work with other remarkable writers.
- Our College offers ongoing opportunities for writers, including poetry and fiction readings, literary magazines, a thriving Creative Writing club and creative writing contests.
- Our final course, Portfolio Development, encourages you to branch out and explore reading and publication opportunities and features visits from local publishers and literary agents.

Areas of Study

This curriculum includes courses in Creative Writing, Literature and Portfolio Development.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the professional benefits of a certificate in Creative Writing?

The certificate may be used as an additional credential for teachers and other professionals who would like to incorporate creative writing into their work. If you already have a college degree and would like to apply to a master's program in Writing, our certificate program can help you develop your portfolio for application.

Can I take Creative Writing courses if I'm not interested in earning the certificate?

You may take any single course as credit or noncredit. However, since English 205 is required to take courses in poetry, fiction and scriptwriting, and program enrollment is required in order to take Portfolio Development, you may want to enter the program

College Information

Visit the College Website at www.ccp.edu to find out about:

Academic Programs

www.ccp.edu/site/academic/

Admissions Process

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/admissions_process.php

Transfer Agreements

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/transfer_agreements/

Financial Aid

www.ccp.edu/site/prospective/financial_aid/

Scholarships and Awards

www.ccp.edu/site/current/scholarships/

College Life

www.ccp.edu/site/current/student_life/

Directions to the College

www.ccp.edu/site/locations/main.php

to take full advantage of its resources.

I'm interested in this program, but I am already enrolled in another curriculum at the College. Can I do both?

This program was designed with students like you in mind. The courses in the program can be used as Humanities and General electives toward degrees in other areas.

Additional Information

Contact program director Simone Zelitch at 215-751-8323 or szelitch@ccp.edu. Also, visit our Web site at www.ccp.edu/site/academic/creativewriting/

Admission to the College

We accept students on an open enrollment basis, meaning that applications are accepted at all times of the year. For registration information, call **215-751-8010** or **admissions@ccp.edu**.

Affirmative Action Statement

Community College of Philadelphia is committed to the principles of equal employment and equal educational opportunity for all persons without regard to race, color, ancestry, creed, national or ethnic origin, age, sexual orientation/preference, religion, sex, disability or status as a disabled veteran or veteran of the Vietnam Era, in the administration of its educational programs, activities, or employment in accordance with applicable Federal statutes and regulations. Any questions regarding this statement should be directed to the Director, Office of Diversity and Equity located in room M2-36; telephone number 215-751-8039.