

Building Bridges: Connecting Ideas and Methods

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Credit: 1 graduate semester hour YSU	3-27-2009 (8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.) 3-28-2009 (8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)

Prerequisites: Valid Ohio teaching certificate or license

General Workshop Description: Those participating in this workshop will explore connections between pedagogy and best practice in the English language arts classroom; between assessment and instruction; between reading and writing and the content areas. After attending the full conference of the Ohio Council Teachers of English Language Arts, *Building Bridges: Connecting Ideas and Methods*, participants will create a response journal for the conference experience. Each participant will choose one conference session or strand and create an appropriate classroom implementation of the theory and practice explored in that session. The appropriate English Language Arts standards will be cited.

OCTELA Tuition rate: \$129.32 per semester hour. The one time Graduate School application fee of \$30 and all other fees apply (ex: late fee, monthly payment plan fee, etc.) All out-of-state students will also have a non-resident surcharge added.

Objectives:

- To review the English Language Arts Standards and appropriate assessments
- To explore connections between pedagogy and best practice
- To participate actively in the Ohio Council Teachers of English Language Arts conference *Building Bridges: Connecting Ideas and Methods*
- To create a reflective journal describing the ways in which the conference sessions support connections between pedagogy and best practice
- To create an action plan that implements the focus of one of the conference sessions of importance to the participant

Materials: Online resources from the Ohio Resource Center, the Ohio Council Teachers of English Language Arts, the National Council Teachers of English and Thinkfinity.

Students **MUST** have access to email and the internet outside of workshop time. The instructor will provide links to pertinent readings and websites.

Date	Topic	Requirements
March 27-28, 2009	Referenced postings to the ORC, OCTELA, NCTE and Thinkfinity websites.	Explore posted links and search topics of interest on referenced websites; Prepare to comment on the overview at the registration meeting; Review the English Language Arts standards Take notes for Journal Response
March 27, 2009	Attend the registration meeting for overview and description of assignments	Briefly discuss website overview; review the Journal and Action Plan Templates; fill out registration forms

	Attend required conference sessions	Attend sessions and take notes for Journal Response
March 28, 2009	Attend required conference sessions	Attend sessions and take notes for Journal Response (total possible – 12.5 contact hours)
April 6, 2009	Reflection on Conference Experience	Electronically submit Journal Response
April 27, 2009	Action plan	Electronically submit Action Plan

Grade Distribution

Participation in all content sessions of <i>Building Bridges: Connecting Ideas and Methods</i>	50%	3-27 to 3-28, 2009
Journal Response to Conference	20%	4-6-2009
Completion and Submission of Action Plan	30%	4-27-2009

A – 90-100

B – 80-89 Satisfactory

C – 70-79 Unsatisfactory

D – 60-69

F – 59 and below

Credit will be awarded at the end of the Spring, 2009 semester. **You will not receive a grade report in the mail.**

Tuition Refund Policy:

To withdraw from a single course or from all courses, it is necessary to process a change of registration through the Student On-line Advisement and Registration System (SOLAR). It is the student's responsibility to confirm that the withdrawal was correctly processed. Non-attendance of class, or notification to the instructor does not constitute an official withdrawal.

A reduction of tuition fees will be provided in this manner:

Length	100% Refund	85% Refund	70% Refund	No Refund
6-15 weeks	Through 6 th weekday of term	Through 11 th weekday of term	Through 16 th weekday of term	17 th weekday of term or later
Less than 6 weeks	20% of course duration	No refund	No refund	21% of course duration

To Obtain an Official Transcript:

Send a written request to the Records Office. Please allow at least 3 business days for processing. Official transcripts will not be released if you are delinquent in paying on your student account.