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What:
Summer Institute participants give teaching demonstrations, participate in writing groups, and form literacy study groups.

Who:
* Teachers of any subject, at all levels (kindergarten through college), who are interested in literacy education

When:
* July 7-25, 2014
* Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 3:00

Where:
* 10 Nicholson Hall
  University of Minnesota

Credit:
* Graduate credit included.

Retreat:
* A retreat from June 25 to 26 will kick off the Summer Institute.

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Nomination/Application Process:

If a current member of MWP is familiar with your teaching, that person may obtain a nomination form from MWP for you. Otherwise, you may apply yourself by sending us, in a single envelope, all the items listed below:

1. A brief résumé
2. Supporting letters from
   • a teacher colleague
   • a principal, supervisor, or dept. head
3. A letter of application in which you describe:
   a. your beliefs about literacy instruction, including attention to meeting the needs of diverse learners or writing in the content areas, if applicable
   b. what goes on in your classroom that is evidence of your beliefs and strengths
   c. what you hope to gain from your participation in the Institute
   d. how your experience will benefit your school, district, or college

Deadline for Applications: Applications are being accepted now and are due by March 1, 2014. If necessary, interviews will be conducted in March/April. Mail applications to:

Minnesota Writing Project
10 Nicholson Hall, U of MN
216 Pillsbury Drive, S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55455

For the Invitational Summer Institute, we can only consider applicants who are available for the entire program (July 7-25) and the Retreat (June 25-26).