

Academic Certificate in Creative Writing  
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The college of you.

The Maricopa County Community College District's Academic Certificate in Creative Writing Program offers a unique and innovative opportunity for those interested in pursuing a course of study in creative writing in a vibrant community of award-winning, nationally renowned authors of fiction, poetry, playwriting, creative nonfiction, and screenwriting. Instruction includes both traditional and online classes, workshops, and conferences that are accessible to writers of all levels regardless of academic or professional standing. Students also have the opportunity to gain invaluable experience working on the editorial board of award-winning literary magazines.

The Creative Writing Program is a shared educational endeavor available through several MCCCDC colleges. Any creative writing courses taken at certificate-offering campuses are transferable toward the certificate. Only six of the required 24 certificate credits must be earned at the individual college in which students enroll, offering writers tremendous flexibility in course scheduling and convenience. Completion of the Academic Certificate in Creative Writing does not lead to a particular degree program but is intended to help writers develop their talent and craft, as well as their continued enjoyment of writing for personal growth. Upon completing a certificate, each student produces an original writing portfolio that may be included in applications to undergraduate and graduate programs in creative writing.



## Academic Certificate in Creative Writing

Introductory Course: 3 credits

Choose one (1) of the following

CRW 150	Introduction to Creative Writing
CRW 155	Bilingual Creative Writing
ENG 210	Creative Writing

CRW 200 Readings for Writers: 2 credits

(This one-credit course is taken twice.)

Series I: 6 credits

Choose two (2) of the following courses:

CRW 120	Introduction to Writing Children's Literature
CRW 160	Introduction to Writing Poetry
CRW 170	Introduction to Writing Fiction
CRW 180	Introduction to Writing Nonfiction
CRW 190	Introduction to Screenwriting
THE 118	Playwriting

Series II: 9 credits

Choose three (3) of the following courses:

CRW 202	The Writer as Witness
CRW 203	Dialogue
CRW 204	Journaling
CRW 220	Intermediate Writing Children's Literature
CRW 261	Topics in Writing Poetry*
CRW 270	Intermediate Fiction Writing
CRW 271	Topics in Writing Fiction*
CRW 272	Planning and Structuring the Novel
CRW 273	Writing the Novel
CRW 274	Revising the Novel
CRW 275	Writing the Mystery Story
CRW 281	Topics in Writing Nonfiction*
CRW 290	Intermediate Screenwriting
CRW 291	Topics in Writing Plays*

CRW 201 Portfolio: 1 credit

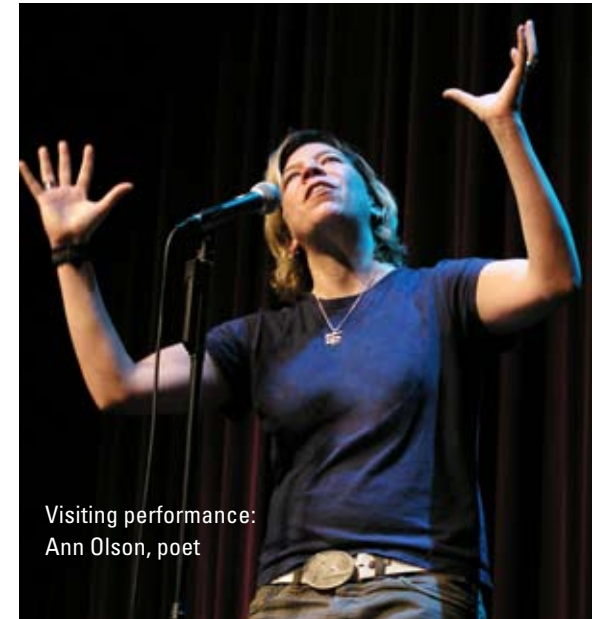
Elective Course: 3 credits

## Application Requirements

Contact the Certificate Track Coordinator about your intent to apply. Applications are accepted year-round.

Submit a portfolio (typed, prose double-spaced) that includes:

1. 20-25 manuscript pages of original work, representing work in at least 2 genres. Submit 3 copies of the manuscript. Title individual pieces and number the pages.
2. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or someone who is familiar with your writing.
3. A one-page letter of intent describing your reasons for applying, your experience, and your goals as a writer.
4. A cover sheet that includes your name, address, phone, email, and the titles of the creative work included in the portfolio.



Visiting performance:  
Ann Olson, poet