

Collin College - Continuing Education

COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number: CWRI 9227

Course Title: Memoir Writing II

Course Description: Continue writing personal and family memoirs. Practice techniques for adding life and interest to stories, revise, and share writing with class members.

Suggested Course Prerequisite(s): Memoir Writing I

Course Resources: Spiral notebook/loose-leaf notebook, pen/pencil, highlighters-varied colors.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Find new stories in old memories
2. Develop writing skills
3. Revise and polish drafts
4. Assemble writings into a collection

Certification Notes: N/A

Next course recommendation: Planning the Series Novel

Refund Policy: Please refer to www.collin.edu/ce/inforegistrar.html for our refund policy. No refunds after the start time of the first class.

Course Sessions: Listed are guidelines to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

Lesson Plan – by week or session:

Session 1: Assess progress on memoirs started/completed

Determine scope for personal memoirs
Look at memoir models

Session 2: Find the “who cares?” in your story

Sharpen your writing with real characters and dialogue

Session 3: Research bookstore memoirs

Sharpen your writing with description/concrete sensory images
Find publishing methods

Session 4: Focus your writing by compacting sentences

Session 5: Revise for Plot, Conflict, Discovery, Surprise, and Resolution

Write an introduction/forward to memoir collection

Session 6: Assess progress on memoirs started/completed

Method of Evaluation: Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance. Students must be in attendance 90% of the class time in order to be considered a successful completer of the course.

Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified.

Students must complete all courses (core and no. of elective courses needed) to complete a certificate series within two years from start date of the first course taken.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-G200 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current Collin Student Handbook for additional information.

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