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Academic Certificate in Creative Writing



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.



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Course Requirement Checklist: 24 credits total

— **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 260 Intermediate Poetry Writing
- 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

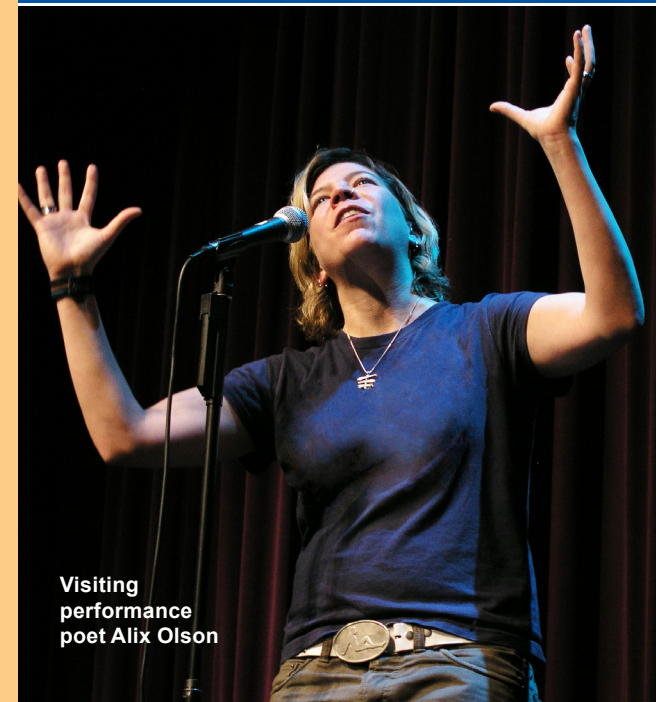
— **Elective Course:** 3 credits

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. 10-15 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 poet Alix Olson