



# Elementary Writing Topics

## Course Syllabus

### Course Description

The writing skills learned in elementary school are foundational to success in later years and adult life. What are the foundational writing skills elementary students learn? What are some engaging strategies for teaching these skills, and what are some activities to support the growth of these skills? This course will answer these questions and give you a more well-rounded view of writing in elementary school. Topics to be covered include parts of speech, sentence writing, writing mechanics, the steps of the writing process, the 6+1 traits of writing, narrative writing, expository writing, and persuasive writing.

This course enhances classroom teaching effectiveness and supports improved student outcomes by providing educators with a clear framework and effective strategies for teaching foundational writing skills to young writers. By focusing on parts of speech, sentence structure, writing mechanics, and the writing process, alongside narrative, expository, and persuasive forms, teachers will be equipped to build students' confidence and competence in writing from the ground up.

### Course Objectives

At the end of this course you should be able to:

TO 1: Identify the parts of speech and apply effective strategies for teaching them to young writers.

TO 2: Describe sentence structure and use instructional practices that help students write clear, accurate sentences.

TO 3: Explain the mechanics of writing and implement strategies that build student proficiency.

TO 4: Outline the steps of the writing process and apply methods to guide students through each stage.

TO 5: Recognize the traits of strong writing and use strategies that help students develop those traits.

TO 6: Identify the essential elements of narrative writing and apply strategies for teaching them to young writers.

TO 7: Explain the core components of expository writing and use instructional practices to support student learning.



TO 8: Identify the elements of persuasive writing and apply strategies that enable students to craft effective arguments.

\*(TO 1) stands for Training Outcome 1. Each module in this course focuses on one of the Training Outcomes.

### **Modules**

- Module 1: Grammar- Parts of Speech: Nouns, Pronouns, Verbs, Adverbs, Adjectives, Interjections, Conjunctions, Prepositions, Quiz 1
- Module 2: Grammar- Understanding Sentences, Quiz 2
- Module 3: Grammar: Mechanics, Quiz 3
- Module 4: The Writing Process, Quiz 4
- Module 5: The 6 + 1 Traits of Writing, Quiz 5
- Module 6: Narrative Writing, Quiz 6
- Module 7: Expository Writing, Quiz 7
- Module 8: Persuasive Writing, Quiz 8

### **Grading:**

Each quiz must be passed at an 80% or higher (three attempts allowed).

### **Format**

This is a self-paced, asynchronous (no required live meetings) course. Throughout the PD course, you will find it helpful to take notes along the way to assist with the quizzes. Within each module, you will find reflection assessments that are not graded but will help in your journey through the course. There is an interactive forum in the course to help you connect with peers and instructors, share ideas, and collaborate on best practices throughout your learning journey.