

**Course Title:** Creative Writing Workshop

**Dates:** July 26 - 31, 2009

**Instructor Name & Title:** Michael Powell, PhD, Assistant Professor  
English/Coordinator, Developmental English

**Instructor Qualifications:**

Michael Powell has taught English and Speech at Shawnee State since 1997, and has taught the SHI Creative Writing Workshop since 2001. He has a BA in English and Humanities from Shawnee State University, an MA in Communication Studies from Ohio University, and a PhD in Rhetorical Criticism from Ohio University.

**Course Description:**

This workshop will address the basic elements that constitute an effective work of fiction: setting, mood, character, atmosphere, conflict, and dialogue. Students will discuss relevant published works of short fiction, share ideas on writing, and spend the majority of the week focusing on and drafting, editing, revising, peer-evaluating, and ultimately submitting for possible publication an original work of short fiction. Students may (but are not required to) bring works in progress.

**Description of Academic Content:**

- Elements of fiction, relevant works of published short fiction, the creative writing process, and how to submit a manuscript for publication.
- Draft, proofread, revise, and edit their work as the week progresses
- Learn process of peer-evaluating and critiques
- Composition of query letter and submission of chosen work for publication

**Description of Teaching Strategies:**

Small group activities, research, presentations, lecture.

**Description of Facilities:**

The majority of student composition will occur in a computer lab so students can write, print, proofread, revise, edit, and save their work in an efficient manner.

**Course and Instructor Evaluation Strategies:**

Students will receive written and verbal feedback each day from the instructor, as well as their peers, as their works progress toward a finished product. Instructor will also evaluate each student individually using the Institute developed "Student Evaluation Form". Instructor will attempt to meet with each student individually to discuss evaluation or mail the evaluation directly to the student after the Institute.

**Measures of Student Learning and Growth:**

Pre and Post tests will be utilized to measure learning. A culminating project (submission of work for publication) completed on Friday will showcase growth.

**Maximum # of students: 12**