The Teaching Apprenticeship Program

The Department of Writing, Rhetoric, & Discourse is pleased to announce an opportunity for advanced students in the Master of Arts in WRD to gain experience teaching college composition in DePaul’s First-Year Writing Program. MAWRD students accepted to the selective Teaching Apprenticeship Program (TAP) will be assigned a section of WRD 103. Under the close supervision of a tenured faculty member and following a common syllabus (with options for flexibility), TAP participants will serve as the sole classroom instructors for their assigned sections. Participants will enroll in WRD 551: Teaching Apprenticeship Practicum during the quarter of their teaching and will be paid a stipend of $2700.

Eligibility Requirements

Admission to the program is competitive. To be eligible for consideration, MAWRD students must be in good standing with six courses (24 credits) completed in the MAWRD by the end of Spring Quarter 2016, including WRD 540 and at least one additional course from the Teaching Writing and Language concentration area. Acceptance into the program requires a grade of B+ or higher in WRD 540.

Application Timeline

Eligible students must email complete applications to the WRD Department Assistant, Zac Edmonds (ZEDMONDS@depaul.edu), no later than 11:59 pm on April 4, 2016. Decisions will be announced by April 15, and for scheduling reasons, accepted students must confirm enrollment by April 20.

Program Requirements

Students accepted into the program must complete the following requirements:

- Participate in a three-day orientation and workshop on August 30 & 31 and September 1, from 6:00-9:00 each evening. Attendance on all three days is mandatory, and alternatives to the three-day session will not be considered.
- Complete WRD 551: Teaching Apprenticeship Practicum, during Autumn Quarter 2016. The course will meet on Tuesday evenings.
- Adhere to TAP, WRD, and FYW program expectations and guidelines while teaching the section assigned.

Registration

Because TAP is a competitive program, applicants should register for non-TAP Autumn Quarter courses as they otherwise would. Those who are accepted into the program will be registered for WRD 551 by the department. Questions about TAP may be directed to the MAWRD Director, Professor Dush, at ldush@depaul.edu.