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Digital Writing Master's Practicum

For teachers in grades 4 - 12

Instructor: Geoffrey Gevalt, award-winning writer & editor, Young Writers Project founder and director

Summary: This is a rigorous, yearlong practicum that will quickly bring teacher participants into the National Education Technology Standards. Participants will have *five meetings* for course instruction. The *core work will take place online* at digitalteachers.net where participants will learn how to use digital technology in the classroom, develop their own exercises, write about their own work and that of their colleagues and share in a collaborative online environment. Participants will be expected to write and comment regularly in their space at digitalteachers.net.

Each participant will be provided a leading edge, interactive, private digital classroom Web site to use in their school as part of their teaching curriculum. The practicum will provide teachers the knowledge on how to use their site to help students improve their writing skills, engage in creative learning processes, provide each other feedback in a supportive and civil manner, explore the Web, incorporate multimedia into their work and experience the benefits of collaborative, shared learning. This practicum is based on the value of learning by doing; participants will be expected to regularly use their school digital classroom site.

Location: Mostly online. *There will be two sections of this course, one in Northern Vermont that will meet in Winooski and one in Central/Southern Vermont that will meet at a convenient location to be determined.*

Meeting Dates: During the year, five progress trainings/discussions will be held in late afternoon: September 20 or 21 (kickoff) 4 – 8 p.m. (food served); Oct. 26 or 27, Jan. 18 or 19, March 17 or 18, April 18 or 25. (Dates subject to adjustment by group.) The first gathering will last four hours; the others 2-3 hours.

Required first reading: Will Richardson's *"Blogs, Wikis, Podcasts and Other Powerful Tools for Classrooms"* (Newest edition – will be provided to participants after registration.)

Cost: \$1000

Credits: Three (3) St. Michael's College Graduate credits

More info, syllabus: digitalteachers.net/practicum or ywpschools.net

Register: Register at <http://digitalteachers.net/practicum/registration> or contact Geoffrey Gevalt at (802) 324-9537 or ggevvalt@youngwritersproject.org. If email, please provide name, address, phone, email, school and grade and preferred method of payment. Confirmation and, if necessary, applications will be sent to you.

Online setup: Upon registration, participants will be given access to the course online space on digitalteachers.net and will be expected to do one online exercise *before* the first meeting. Participants' school-use digital classroom Web sites will be set up within two weeks of registration.