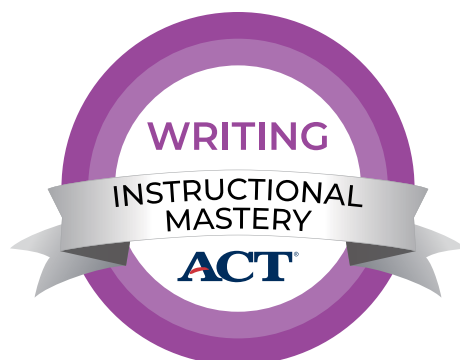# ACT INSTRUCTIONAL MASTERY

WRITING AGENDA

The ACT Instructional Mastery Writing course provides participants with a set of techniques, exercises, and resources to strengthen ACT Writing test preparation, identify and recommend strategies, and understand test structure and content. This course offers a systematic and supportive process for helping students improve their writing skills and boost performance on the ACT Writing section.

Includes:

- Understanding What the ACT Writing Test Requires of Students
- Thorough Analysis and Application of the ACT Writing Rubric
- Exploration of Many Strategies for Thesis Writing, Outlining, Evidence-generating, and Multiple Perspective engagement
- Guidance on Writing Time Management and Revision Strategy

Why Take It?

- Gain the skills to give your students a wide array of tactics and strategies for in a highly pressurized aspect of the ACT
- Learn a well-defined, logical, systematic method for teaching students how to go from prompt to completion with as little stress as possible

ACT Writing Professional Learning Example Schedule │ 2-Day Course

Day 1

Time	Activity
8:00 AM–9:00 AM	About ACT, ACT Writing Reporting Categories and Rubric
9:00 AM–10:00 AM	Writing Test Misconceptions, Generating a Range of Ideas, Understanding Prompts
10:00 AM–11:00 AM	Selecting a Position, Gathering Evidence & Considering Multiple Perspectives
11:00AM–11:30AM	Thesis Statement Composition, Outlining and Organizing
11:30AM–12:00PM	Lunch Break
12:00 PM – 2:00PM	Essay writing and Overcoming Common Errors
2:00PM –2:30PM	Closing Activities

Day 2

Time	Activity
8:00 AM–9:00 AM	Revision, Proofreading, and Time Management
9:00 AM–11:00 AM	Essay Writing Practice
11:00 AM-11:30 AM	Providing Better Feedback
11:30 AM-12:00 PM PM	Lunch Break
12:00 PM- 1:00 PM	Appropriate and Effective Language Usage
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM	Student Support and Preparation
2:00 PM- 2:30 PM	Writing Knowledge Check

Topics Covered

Writing Test Overview
- What Does the ACT Writing test Require of Students?
- What Is Not Assessed in the ACT Writing test?
- How Is the ACT Writing test Scored?
- Allowable and Prohibited Tools for the ACT Writing test

Student Guidance
- Using Previous Writing Experience
- Student Self-Perception
- Writing Anxiety, Motivation, and Your Role as the Educator

Pre-Writing
- Planning Phase
- Generating a Range of Ideas
- Outlining
- Writing the Thesis Statement
- Notes on Time Management in the Pre-Writing Process

Essay Writing
- Logical Flow
- Effective Introductions
- Effective Paragraphs
- Correcting Common Composition Errors
- Effective Conclusions
- Deploying Effective Evidence
- Exceptions, Complications, and Counterarguments

Language Use and Revision
- Style and Tone
- What is and isn't Important
- Fixing Common Grammatical Errors
- Revision and Proofreading
- Time Management
- Instructional Strategies and Effective Feedback