



Writing Your Way In: Tools for Success with College Writing



A Summit Leadership Badge

Are You Ready to Grow as a Writer?

High school writing	→	College writing
Introductory-level courses	→	Upper-level courses
One discipline	→	A different discipline
Low grades	→	An improved GPA
Time away from school	→	Re-entry to school

No matter where you are in terms of writing, the “Writing Your Way In” badge program at SUNY Potsdam can help you to build practical knowledge and skills you’ll use right away.

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Your work on this badge will help you build a writers’ toolbox of habits and skills that will help you meet the challenges of college-level writing.

Through work on this badge, you will:

- Learn strategies for assessing your own written work
- Increase your awareness of specific tools, approaches, and resources related to crafting college-level work
- Deepen your understanding of how to get the most out of the Writers’ Block peer-tutoring sessions
- Improve your ability to use verbal and written reflection to communicate understanding of the quality of works-in-progress
- Reflect on how what you are learning might be used in the workplace

Open to ALL SUNY Potsdam students

Interested in learning more?

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<https://getinvolved.potsdam.edu/organization/summit>

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Requirements for Completion

- **Orientation session:** Students are assigned a Badge Mentor who will meet with them for an orientation and co-ordinate the student's exit interview.
- **Complete 2-3 writing workshops:** Students select workshops based on need and interest, complete all of the activities during the workshop, and complete a brief post-session reflection.
 - **Search for the following workshops on the Get Involved events page to see when they are available. Join a public workshop in person or book an individual virtual meeting through the Writers' Block webpage. Spring Workshops from the "Writing for Growth and Advocacy" Badge may be substituted with prior approval from the Badge Mentor.**
 - Brainstorming for Success
 - Rewrite for Success
 - Edit for Success
 - Each workshop will be offered in-person before Fall Break; these events are listed in GetInvolved.potsdam.edu. (Groups or classes may also request an in-person event.) After Fall Break, students can book individual virtual versions of the same workshops through the Writers' Block.
- **Participate in 3 - 4 Writers' Block sessions as tutee:** WB tutors who participate in the badge may substitute 2 sessions in which they tutor students in the "Writing Your Way In" badge program or the Write Well/Teach Well program and reflect on those sessions.
- **Reflective Conversation:** The student will present during the Reflective Conversation and take part in a discussion about growth and goals. Reflective Conversations may be individual, or students may choose to include peers or faculty to attend the presentation as audience or as active participants.
 - As they near fulfillment of the Badge requirements, students will schedule a pre- Reflective Conversation meeting with their Badge mentor to assess progress on the required 8 hours of badge participation and plan their Reflective Conversation presentation.

A note about the Workshops:

The workshops *supplement* formal writing instruction in any course, they do not replace it.

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