

ED 589

Improving Writing Skills through Writing Family Histories

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Prerequisites: Since this is a graduate level course, a baccalaureate degree is required.

Course Credit: Three semester hours. This course has been approved as an Education course or an English course. Students may choose to receive credit as Educ. 589 or Eng. 589.

Description:

This course will focus on writing family histories. Research, gathering family histories, making family trees, using photographs, using anecdotal records will be combined with writing and revising skills to create interesting and memorable family histories.

Course Objectives:

1. Students will gather information about their families from a variety of sources – letters, photographs, documents, public records, and Internet searches.
2. Students will make a family tree.
3. Students will write stories about their family members using a variety of writing prompts.
4. Students will learn revision strategies that will help improve their writing.
5. Students will create a final project, either a scrapbook, illustrated story, poem or poster culminating their work for this class.
6. Students will read a family history or historical fiction novel and write a reaction to their reading.
7. Students will read 1 book or article about writing and share writing tips.
8. Students will write at least one lesson plan demonstration how to incorporate writing family histories in their curriculum.