



## **Approaches to Writing for Students' High School Equivalency, College, and Careers**

### ***A First Literacy Professional Development Workshop***

**When:** Friday November 18 and December 16  
1:00 - 4:00 pm  
(A commitment to attend both sessions is asked of all participants.)

**Where:** First Literacy  
160 Boylston Street, 2nd Floor, Boston  
(Across from Boston Common)

#### **Workshop Description:**

This workshop will explore activities and best practices that stretch from the classroom to careers. Emphasis will be placed on diagnosing writing challenges, developing writing prompts, responding to texts, and practicing essay writing for standardized tests. Although the workshop is most appropriate for HSE and college bridge program instructors, many strategies can be adapted for the pre-HSE and ESOL classroom. Familiarity with the HiSET writing subtest, Accuplacer college placement assessment, and College and Career Readiness standards is helpful but not required.

Participants will be encouraged to try an idea from session one with their students and share the results in session two. Sharing among teachers in both sessions is encouraged.

#### **Facilitators**

**Kelly Folsom** teaches pre-HSE, HSE preparation, and college transition classes at X-Cel Education. He has designed curriculum for social studies, reading, writing, and math classes. Kelly has also designed contextualized career focused units for HSE students interested in a variety of careers.

**Dorrie Nord** is an experienced presenter who has been in the ABE field since 1997, teaching classes from Basic Literacy and ESOL through H.S Equivalency and College Transition. In her teaching, Dorrie strives to make experiential writing an integral part of her classes and has supported the publication of her students' writing.

**Lenore Balliro** is an adult educator with over 25 years experience as a staff and program developer, curriculum designer, writer/editor, and instructor. As First Literacy's Director of Programs, Lenore plans, designs, and co-facilitates its workshops and other professional development activities.

***This workshop is free to staff of non-profit ABE Programs***

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