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Web Institute for Teachers 2003

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The Web Institute for Teachers (WIT) is an intensive summer seminar designed to help preK-12 teachers integrate the World Wide Web into their curriculum. Since 1997 WIT has trained more than 440 Chicago-area teachers. The International Society for Technology in Education lists WIT as an exemplary professional development program for inservice teachers.

WIT is not just about developing web pages or using existing resources. Rather, it presents a holistic, comprehensive approach to planning effective teaching and learning that incorporates multimedia resources. Participants gain a greater understanding of how to search the Web, evaluate web-based materials, find and adapt lesson plans, and plan for successful technology integration.

The Program

WIT includes a variety of learning experiences designed to help participants to integrate the World Wide Web into teaching and learning. Instruction takes place in homerooms of 20-24 participants, each facilitated by two experienced mentors. Participants also learn from a set of “special topics” modules that address topics such as the creation of web-based assessments, animations, and interactivity. A series of plenary sessions brings in outside speakers chosen for their ability to extend participants’ thinking in new ways. Plenary sessions also include lunch and the opportunity to talk informally with participants, mentors, and other WIT staff.

WIT 2003 meets five days a week for four hours a day beginning Monday, July 7 and ending Friday, August 1, 2003.. Sessions are offered in the morning (9 to 1) and afternoon (1 to 5). Classes will be held at the University of Chicago and in a variety of locations near the University and (depending on enrollment) at selected locations around Chicagoland.

WIT supplies each participant with a Web and email account on its server, allowing space for Web pages and other materials to be stored, as well as facilitating online communication with mentors and with other participants. These accounts are maintained for at least a year following the Institute.

Two Strands Are Offered

Participants can apply for the strand that most meets their needs and prior experiences.

The first strand, **Using the Web in the Classroom**, concentrates on finding, evaluating, and adapting existing web-based resources. This strand is designed for teachers who have used computers for personal productivity and lesson planning, but who have not yet used the Web widely with students. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard, and must know how to copy and move files. Upon completion of **Using the Web in the Classroom**, participants will be able to:

- Choose the right Internet search engine for a given task; phrase and refine queries
- Evaluate Internet-based educational activities and resources
- Send and receive email, including attachments
- Create and maintain a classroom Web page
- Use simple graphics tools
- Plan how to use the Web in your classroom

The second strand, **Creating a Curriculum Web**, teaches participants how to integrate curriculum planning with web development to create a website to support teaching and learning using Macromedia Dreamweaver. Participants must have well-developed computer skills (including the regular use of email, Web



WIT mentors are experienced teachers who have successfully integrated the Web into their teaching.

searches, and tools such as PowerPoint), must be comfortable learning new software quickly, must have an Internet-connected computer at home, and must be prepared to spend substantial time outside of class working on their curriculum web projects. For this reason, we do not recommend that participants in **Creating a Curriculum Web** take on any additional work during the dates of the Institute. Upon completion of **Creating a Curriculum Web**, participants will be able to:

- Use Dreamweaver to build a web-based project that can support a sustained process of teaching and learning
- Apply advanced concepts in curriculum development and learning theory
- Maintain a directory tree of files on a Web server, using FTP and other tools
- Include sound and video on a Web page

- Assess student learning through online tools and evaluate the effectiveness of your curriculum web
- Teach others how to use the Web to support teaching and learning

Who Should Attend

The Web Institute for Teachers is designed for the following audiences:

- PreK-12 teachers in all subject areas
- School librarians and media specialists
- Resource and special-education teachers
- Technology coordinators
- Curriculum specialists
- School and district administrators
- Educators in non-school settings
- Homeschoolers interested in using the Web with their students



WIT includes plenary sessions by outside speakers who help participants to think about issues related to integrating technology into teaching.

Recertification and Lane Credit

Successful participants in WIT 2003 will be eligible for up to 16 CEUs for use in teacher recertification plans as required by the Illinois State Board of Education.

CPS teachers who successfully complete WIT 2003 will be eligible for 3 credits of lane promotion credit through the CPS Teachers Academy.

Tuition

Tuition for WIT 2003 is \$1250. A \$100 deposit is due upon acceptance to secure your spot. Housing is not provided, although we can help participants from outside Chicagoland find suitable accommodations.

Tuition assistance and other incentives will be available to some teachers in the Chicago Public Schools. Conditions and restrictions apply. See the website for more information.

Application Procedure

The application for WIT 2003 includes three parts: a main application form, a supplemental application (available only on the Web) and a letter of recommendation. To access application instructions and materials, please visit

<http://WebInstituteForTeachers.org>

All application materials must be received by May 1, 2003, in order for your application to be considered.