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TEACHING WITH TECHNOLOGY COURSE

St. Joseph, Mo. — Sept. 13, 2004 — Teaching effectively using word processing, electronic images, presentation software, and Web pages is the focus of Prairie Lands Writing Project's fall graduate offering, "Writing and Technology in the Content Area."

The six-week course begins Sept. 23, and meets from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at Missouri Western State College. The teacher will be Mary Lee Meyer, Prairie Lands Writing Project Media Coordinator, who successfully integrated writing and technology in her teaching and educational technology coordinator duties at Jefferson C-123 School until she retired in May 2004.

"Mary Lee has conducted exemplary demonstration workshops regarding teaching with technology throughout northwest Missouri," said Jane Frick, Prairie Lands director.

During the six class sessions, teachers will complete journal writing prompts and writing assignments for their content areas, a technology assessment for their schools, prewriting activities created with graphic organizing software, and a portfolio of their own writings created with technology (word processing, spread sheet, electronic images, presentation software and Web pages).

The registration deadline is Sept. 20. Email Frick at frick@mwsc.edu or call her at (816) 271-4315. Course fees, which include all instructional materials, are \$285 for two Northwest Missouri State University graduate credits or \$135 for certificate of completion hours. Contact Meyer at lucki13@grm.net.

Prairie Lands Writing Project, a National Writing Project site, is jointly supported by Missouri Western State College and the St. Joseph School District. Prairie Lands offers graduate courses in affiliation with the Northwest Regional Professional Development Center located at Northwest Missouri State University.

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Missouri Western State College is a four-year public institution providing a blend of traditional liberal arts and professional degree programs. The college offers student-centered, high quality instruction that focuses on experience-based learning, community service, and state-of-the-art technology. Western is located in St. Joseph, Mo. and is committed to the educational, economic, cultural and social development of the region it serves.