**AA with Emphasis in Creative Writing**

**The Program:**

Our Associate of Arts degree with emphasis in Creative Writing offers students the opportunity to study creative writing in small classes with dedicated, knowledgeable, award-winning faculty. This degree is designed for students interested in joining a literary community, pursuing a career in writing, transferring to a four-year institution for further Creative Writing study, or just exploring their own voice and the writing genres.

Students will take a comprehensive assortment of courses in literature and creative writing designed both to introduce new writers to the writing process and to encourage more experienced writers. Students will read widely as well as write and revise their prose and poetry through a process approach. Courses culminate in a final portfolio that helps students revise work with the goal of being publication ready.

Our Creative Writing courses:

* English 2241: Intro. to Creative Writing:
* English 2251: Intro. to Screen and Playwriting
* English 2261: Intro. to Creative Non-fiction
* English 2271: Intro. to Writing for Children and Young Adults

These courses are offered in a variety of formats to meet students’ needs, including seated, hybrid, and online.

Click here to access the AA with Emphasis in Creative Writing Guide-sheet:

<https://www.anokaramsey.edu/classes/Two-Year%20Degree%20Programs/~/media/Files/Classes/Program%20Guide%20Sheets/10-11_Fall_Creative_Writing_AA.ashx>

**Articulation/Transfer:**

ARCC has an articulation agreement with Minnesota State University Moorhead and Hamline University in St. Paul. Our AA with Emphasis in Creative Writing transfer to these institutions toward a BA in English at MSUM and toward a BFA with a major in Creative Writing at Hamline University. We are also currently working with several other universities on articulation agreements.

**Our Faculty:**

Our faculty are enthusiastic about creative writing and are eager to share their knowledge with students. Award-winning authors with degrees in creative writing, our faculty have published in a variety of publications such as *The Rake, Night Train, Pindeldyboz, Great River Review*, *Minnesota Monthly, Minneapolis Star and Tribune. Additionally, some faculty have published books with Borealis/Minnesota Historical Society Press*, Loonfeather Press, and Holy Cow! Press and have also won prestigious awards such as the Loft Mentor Series Fiction Award, the Third Coast 2008 Nonfiction Award, a nomination for Best New American Writer of 2009, nominations for a Pushcart Prize, and more. For a list of specific publications and awards, please see each faculty member’s bio on the <http://webs.anokaramsey.edu/english/English%20Professors.htm>.

**Literary/Writing Community**

We believe that coursework is crucial, but so is an active literary/writing community. Students at ARCC have the opportunity to participate in the Creative Writing Club, a recognized campus organization of students who meet regularly to workshop their creative writing, discuss writing, and publish the annual literary magazines: *The Rapids Review* on the Coon Rapids campus and *Spirit River Review* on the Cambridge Campus. For more information on the CWC, click <http://webs.anokaramsey.edu/english/Creative%20Writing%20Club.htm>.

Additionally, the English Department presents two exciting series: The Two Rivers Reading Series on the Coon Rapids Campus, and the Minnesota Writers’ Program on the Cambridge Campus. Each semester these series bring acclaimed and award-winning authors to campus. For more about these series, click <http://webs.anokaramsey.edu/english/Two%20Rivers%20Reading%20Series.htm>.