

ELIGIBILITY TO TEACH PPW COURSES

Program in Professional Writing

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Eligibility for teaching BTW 250

BTW 250 is the typical first course an instructor teaches in the program. The following will be considered when identifying instructors eligible to teach in the program for the first time:

- TA's, Specialized Faculty, and Tenure-Track Faculty are all eligible to teach in the program.
- Instructors should have at least 2 years (4 semesters) of experience teaching other writing classes.
- In cases of extenuating circumstances or department need, related work experience can be considered in place of the 2 years of writing instruction.
- It's preferable that TA's have at least 1 year (2 semesters) of teaching instruction in other units before teaching BTW.

Eligibility for teaching Specialty Courses

The PPW also offers a growing range of "Specialty Courses" such as BTW 261, BTW 263, BTW 271, and ENGL 199. Options for becoming eligible to teach one of the program's Specialty Courses includes:

1. at least 1 year (2 semesters) of successfully teaching BTW250 in the PPW,
2. experience teaching the Specialty Course equivalent at another institution, or
3. substantial industry experience, research, or professional development with the Specialty Course subject matter.

While this is the minimum criteria for being considered when staffing a Specialty Course, staffing decisions will take into consideration department and program need in addition to seniority and priority staffing procedures.