CREATIVE WRITING CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Creative Writing Certificate of Achievement at Cuyamaca College helps students develop their literary voices through the study and practice of creative writing across multiple genres. Students read and analyze works by established and contemporary authors, create and revise original pieces, and participate in workshops and public readings. The program also introduces students to pathways for publication—from self-publishing to professional submission—offering a flexible option for writers pursuing personal, academic, or career goals. A total of 16–19 units is required to earn the Certificate.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Create and refine original creative work in multiple genres, demonstrating control of language, form, and style.
2. Apply critical and editorial skills to evaluate, revise, and strengthen both their own writing and the work of peers through workshop and feedback processes.
3. Evaluate creative writing as an artistic, cultural, and professional practice, drawing connections between their own work and the broader literary community.
4. Develop a cohesive creative portfolio that reflects growth as a writer and readiness for publication, performance, or further academic study in creative writing or literature.

Certificate Requirements

Code	Title	Units
ENGL-C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
ENGL-C1002	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGL-126	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
ENGL-130	Short Fiction Writing I	3
ENGL-140	Poetry Writing I	3
Select one of the following:		1-4
ENGL-131	Short Fiction Writing II	
ENGL-132	Short Fiction Writing III	
ENGL-133	Short Fiction Writing IV	
ENGL-141	Poetry Writing II	
ENGL-142	Poetry Writing III	
ENGL-143	Poetry Writing IV	
ENGL-201	Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Literature	
ENGL-202	Introduction to Film as Literature	
ENGL-217	Fantasy and Science Fiction	
ENGL-236	Chicana/o Literature	
or ETHN-236	Chicana/o Literature	
ENGL-238	Black Literature	
or ETHN-238	Black Literature	
ENGL-200	Cooperative Work Experience in English	
Total Units		**17-20**

Certificate of Achievement

Students who complete only the major requirements above qualify for a Certificate of Achievement. An official request must be filed with the Admissions and Records Office prior to the deadline as stated in the Academic Calendar.