

What is Teaching American History in South Carolina?

Teaching American History in South Carolina is a federally-funded project that provides professional development to history and social studies teachers in the Palmetto State. As participants with this project, teachers attend 10-day Summer Institutes, which emphasize content, methods, and resources for teachers. The course continues through the winter months as participants receive post-institute support from graduate students and cultural institution staff.

What happens during Summer Institutes?

Each Summer Institute consists of 10 full days of professional development activities, which include content instruction, master teacher workshops, and cultural institution presentations. All activities utilize local primary source materials or objects relating to the periods or themes being studied. Content instruction for the 2006 Summer Institutes aligns with social studies standards focusing on United States History 1865 to the present, including material taught in the 3rd, 5th, 8th and 11th grades. Participants will conduct primary source research that will be used to create original lessons.



Midlands teachers sit enthralled as Kitty Wilson reenacts the tale of an enslaved woman at Historic Brattonsville.

What do teachers say about this course?



Everything was great! I can't wait to use all the wonderful information I have received in my classroom! This class has motivated me!

Great class, great people, great info. Thanks.

I have really enjoyed this class. I hope that I can do this next summer. I have learned so much and can't wait to use this in my classroom.

I have enjoyed every day of the institute. I am very impressed.

As usual we received a plethora of information, resources, thinking, and teaching ideas. The food is awesome, the instruction super and the total experience will inspire future generations.



Lowcountry teachers explore collection storage at the Charleston Museum.

When and where are Summer Institutes?

Summer Institutes are open to all South Carolina teachers and take place at local historic sites, museums, libraries, and repositories in the greater Columbia, Charleston, and Florence areas. Preference is given to teachers from the partnering districts of Charleston, Clarendon 2, Dillon 3, Lexington 2, Marion 2, Richland 1, and Richland 2. Housing is not provided, as participants will commute daily to institute sessions. Specific locations and partnering cultural institutions will be announced at a later date. The number of participants in each institute is limited to 20 teachers. Dates for the 2006 Summer Institutes are as follows:

Midlands: June 5-16

Lowcountry: June 19-30

Pee Dee: July 10-21



A Pee Dee teacher makes a personal connection at the Darlington County Historical Commission.

What happens after Summer Institutes?

Participants work with graduate students and cultural institution staff to create lessons based on primary source research and turn in these lessons at the Midyear Retreat held February 9-10, 2007. During the Midyear Retreat participants from all three institutes will come together to share ideas and reflect on their professional growth.

What do teachers get from this course?

- ◆ 3 hours of graduate credit
- ◆ \$500 stipend
- ◆ lesson plan development
- ◆ graduate student support
- ◆ resources for the classroom
- ◆ networking/mentoring opportunities
- ◆ renewed enthusiasm for teaching American history



Midlands teachers receiving a behind-the-scenes tour of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

How to Apply

Simply complete the enclosed application and mail to the address below. Online applications for the 2006 Summer Institutes can be found at:

www.teachingUSHistory.org

For additional information, contact Donald Stewart at stewart@scdah.state.sc.us or 803-896-6224 or by mail at:

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APPLICATION

All sections must be completed fully

Summer Institute *(Must Check One):*

Midlands June 5-16

Lowcountry June 19-30

Pee Dee July 10-21

Title Dr. Miss Mr.
 Mrs. Ms.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

School District _____

School _____

School Address _____

Home Address _____

Phone (H) _____

(W) _____

Email (H) _____

(W) _____

Grade You Anticipate Teaching 2006-2007

Subjects You Anticipate Teaching

Years Teaching (circle the appropriate answer)

(1-3) (4-10) (11-15) (16+)

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Experience/Education

Certifications Currently Held

Undergraduate College/University

Institution _____

Degree _____

Year Obtained _____

Major _____

Graduate School

Institution _____

Degree _____

Year Obtained _____

Major _____

Principal's Endorsement *(Required)*

Principal's Name _____

Signature _____

All teachers can apply at any time. Teachers from partnering school districts in the Midlands, Lowcountry, and Pee Dee regions receive priority consideration. The course remains open until full for all South Carolina teachers.

Mail Completed Applications to:

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