

Course Description

EDE1046 | GKT Preparation for Essay Test | 1.00 credit

The student will review formal college-level writing in order to prepare to pass the General Knowledge Test Essay section. The student will refine their ability to develop a cohesive essay that satisfactorily addresses the given prompt.

Course Competencies

Competency 1: The student will write a cohesive, well-developed essay that answers given prompts by:

- 1. Establishing a thesis statement that addresses the required information and the target audience
- 2. Writing an introduction that frames the topic and presents the thesis statement clearly
- 3. Developing adequate support, illustrative arguments, and/or explanations with relevant details and examples
- 4. Organizing ideas and details effectively with sustained focus on the thesis statement and a consistent point of view
- 5. Using a variety of sentences and transitions effectively throughout the essay
- 6. Demonstrating proficient use of college-level, standard written English (i.e., varied word choice, syntax, language conventions, semantics)
- 7. Providing a concluding paragraph that supports the thesis statement

Competency 2: The student will assess the quality of his/her own writing and strengthen it through revision by:

- 1. Proofreading to ensure that information is conveyed clearly and coherently
- 2. Proofreading to ensure that facts are reported accurately
- 3. Proofreading to ensure that claims are substantiated
- 4. Ensuring relevance and sufficient support for thesis statements
- 5. Proofreading and editing one's essays accordingly

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information

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