

FICTION WRITING COURSE – LEVEL 3 AWARD



The **Fiction Writing - Level 3 Course** is designed for anyone considering professional authoring for a variety of media including books, short stories, radio and television.

The aim of this self-study course is to provide a comprehensive guide to the skills and techniques of writing fiction successfully, and will enable students to study a variety of styles.

The course also examines practical aspects of getting published plus the essential elements of both short stories and novels.

On successful completion of this course you will gain a recognised Level 3 award (Comparable to working at A Level or NVQ Level 3).

The course is split into the following 9 Units:

➤ **Unit One – Introduction**

The following topics are covered: Content, Style, Techniques and Marketing.

➤ **Unit Two - The Short Story**

The following topics are covered: How to study and analyse it, Studying the market, Overseas markets, Writing is a business, How do I find ideas? How do I present my manuscript? and Where do I find facts?

➤ **Unit Three - The Theme**

The following topics are covered: Choosing a theme, The basic emotion, First or third person? Get out of the way! Reader identification, Setting and Style.

➤ **Unit Four - The Plot**

The following topics are covered: Plotting, Accuracy, The plot scheme, A twist in the tale, Finding a plot, Conflict, tension & Suspense and Balance and pace.

➤ **Unit Five - The Characters**

The following topics are covered: Your chief character, Names, Can people be plots? Characterisation, Motives, Mannerisms, Minor Characters, Hero, Heroine, Villain or Clown and How people operate.

➤ **Unit Six – Getting Started**

The following topics are covered: How to start? The plot thickens, Stuck? Handling Transitions, How to end? Your work plan and Rules are made to be broken.

Price:
£250.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £100.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
Coursework

Approximate Study Time:
80 Hours of Self Study



➤ Unit Seven - Title & Dialogue

The following topics are covered: Choosing a title, Writing Dialogue, Grammar, dialect and slang, Types of short story and The serial.

➤ Unit Eight – Practical Details

The following topics are covered: Copyright, The laws of defamation, Agents and “Vanity Publishers”, Keeping records, Payment, Income Tax, Expenses, Writing for radio, Writing for television and Presenting a TV drama.

➤ Unit Nine – Writing a Novel

The following topics are covered: Structure, Action, Thriller, Mystery, Science Fiction, Crime & Detective novels, Historical novels, Serious novels and Final points.

Pre-Requirements:

There are no particular entry requirements.

Course Duration & Support:

Students may register at any time and have a full year to complete their studies. You also have access to a personal tutor by mail or email for a 12 month period. As the course is self study you can complete in as little or as long a time as you prefer.

Assessment:

You will be assessed on coursework which is detailed in the course materials. Students will be required to compose relevant stories and extracts for their coursework. Your work can be sent back to your course tutor by email or by post.

Qualification:

The award is gained from successfully completed coursework so there is no exam to complete.

On successful completion of this course, students will receive a **Level 3 Fiction Writing Award**.

This award has been independently accredited at a level of learning equivalent to level 3 on the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) and is comparable to working at A Level or NVQ Level 3.

The award is issued through NCFE. NCFE is recognised as an awarding body by the qualification regulators ('regulators') for England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The regulators are the Office of the Qualifications and Examinations Regulator (Ofqual) in England, the Department for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills (DCELLS) in Wales and the Council for Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment (CCEA) in Northern Ireland.

