

# NEXT STEPS TO NOVEL WRITING

Subject Area  
Student Type  
Study Mode

Languages &  
Communication  
Adults  
Part Time

## What is the course about?

This course builds on the Introduction to Novel Writing course and takes you deeper into the novel-writing process. You'll explore more advanced techniques, with a particular focus on keeping your story moving and avoiding common challenges such as the 'saggy middle.'

Designed for adult learners aged 19 and over, this part-time course is ideal for anyone who wants to continue working on their novel with added structure and support. You'll write alongside like-minded peers in a friendly, encouraging environment that helps you stay motivated, focused, and confident as you develop your novel.

## Why should I choose the course?

If you're serious about writing a novel and want to build on what you've already learned, this course is the ideal next step in your creative journey. It provides the structure, guidance, and motivation needed to keep your project moving, especially through the middle sections of your novel, which many writers find challenging.

You'll benefit from expert input, focused writing exercises, and the opportunity to share your work with others who understand the writing process. The supportive group environment helps you stay accountable, gain fresh perspectives, and remain inspired.

This course is perfect if you're looking for a practical, in-depth experience that will help you stay committed to completing your novel with greater confidence and direction.

## What will I learn?

Throughout the course, you will explore a variety of novel-writing topics designed to help you deepen your skills and keep your story moving forward. Each session will be divided into two parts. In the first half, you'll focus on a key writing topic, supported by a short warm-up exercise to get your creativity flowing. The second half of the session will be dedicated to your own novel work, giving you time to write, reflect on your progress, and receive constructive feedback from your peers in a supportive group setting.

Topics covered include:

- Writing the Second Act
- Staying motivated
- Developing effective side characters
- Writing authentic dialogue
- Incorporating romance into your novel
- Creating and sustaining tension.

If you would like more information about the course learning outcomes, please contact us at [ACLenquiries@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:ACLenquiries@wvr.ac.uk).



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## What will the course lead on to?

This course leads on to our Advanced Novel Writing course.

The course will also enable you to enhance your literacy and communication skills, thereby potentially increasing your employability and future career prospects.

## What support is available?

We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if it is required and a Wellbeing Team that are on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college. For personalised advice on funding, please contact our Learner Services Team on 01925 494 400 or email [learner.services@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:learner.services@wvr.ac.uk).

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Here at Warrington & Vale Royal College we have a team of dedicated, experienced staff who can share their extensive knowledge and skills with you. Learning in a friendly and inclusive environment, you will be fully supported to achieve your goals.

## What are the entry requirements?

There are no formal entry requirements besides an interest in the subject area. You must also be willing to partake in classroom activities and discussions, and be willing to self-assess your weekly progress using an individual learning plan at the end of each session. Students must be aged 19 and over.

## What are my funding options?

Learners in receipt of certain benefits or on a low income may be eligible for fee remission. Please contact our Learner Services team for more information at [learner.services@wvr.ac.uk](mailto:learner.services@wvr.ac.uk)

## Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

There are no additional costs associated with this course.



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