

NEW THIS YEAR!

Practicum: [prak-ti-kəm] noun, the part of a course consisting of practical work in a particular field.

Looking to transform your teaching? New for this year: in addition to our encouraging plenary talks and practical seminar-style workshops, we have included extended practicum sessions that are interactive and hands-on. We've listened to your feedback requesting even more emphasis on the practical aspects of teaching.

Offered at both the grammar and dialectic/rhetoric levels, teachers and administrators will benefit from a guided exchange of ideas and applications. Practicum sessions will focus around sharpening implementation of *The Seven Laws of Teaching* in the classroom as well as honing your perception of biblical communication as the foundation for the culture of your school.

For more details: www.rockbridge.org/teacher-training

“ I learned so much about how to integrate the beauty and order of God throughout all subjects.

I am inspired to improve all of my teaching by reveling in the wonder of God's revealed creation and challenging my students to find Christ in all things.

The humble sharing of practical knowledge/experience/best practices as well as the encouragement to carry on in the strength of the Lord are as valuable as I go into my 5th year as it was going into my 3rd year of teaching.

This was a conference that truly equips. Vision and practicality were nicely blended. I am grateful.

This was just what I needed to remind me of why I love classical schooling. I am coming away with new energy, refreshed to start putting these things into practice.

PAST CONFERENCE ATTENDEES



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Educating the Heart and the Mind

2018 SUMMER
TEACHER TRAINING | JULY
16-20

WASHINGTON, DC MONUMENTS!

WORKSHOP ON ACTIVE LEARNING AND FIELD TRIPS



Join our Upper School Principal Jerry Keehner on an optional day trip to catch the highlights of our nation's capital while also discussing best practices in field trip selection and planning. We will leave from Country Inn and Suites (Annapolis) at 8:30 AM. Cost for this field trip experience is \$50.00 per person. Metro and lunch are *not* included. Spaces fill quickly; sign-up early!

7:45-8:15 REGISTRATION & COFFEE

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

LUNCH IS PROVIDED

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- Classical and Christian Education: What's It All About?
- Why Read Great Books?

SEMINARS:

- *Grammar*: The First Two Weeks of Grammar
- *Grammar*: Teaching Bible at the Grammar Level
- *Grammar*: Teaching Reading Effectively, Grades K-2
- *Grammar*: Meaningful Reading, Grades 3-6
- *Grammar*: Classical Science: Building Wonder at the Grammar Level
- *Grammar/Dialectic*: Latin Essentials
- *Secondary*: Teaching Logic
- *Secondary*: Teaching Theology at the Secondary Level
- *Secondary*: Teaching Literature to the Secondary Student
- *Secondary*: Successful Classroom Discussions
- *Secondary*: Rhetoric in the Rhetoric: Oral Exams, Grand Tour, Thesis, Developing Great Orators

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

OPTIONAL LUNCH* WITH ROCKBRIDGE FACULTY

PLENARY SESSION:

- The Seven Laws Applied

PRACTICUM: MAKING THE SEVEN LAWS YOUR OWN

How do you move John Milton Gregory's *The Seven Laws of Teaching* off of the page and into the act of teaching? Hands-on activities, observations, and group feedback will challenge participants to move these time-proven principles into action in the classroom. This practicum will benefit new and veteran teachers as well as help administrators set the bar for the faculty under their care.

- *Grammar*: The Seven Laws Applied from Objectives to Lesson Planning
- *Secondary*: The Seven Laws in Action from Two Perspectives

*Options for lunch will be made available at the conference.

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED...

SEMINARS:

- *Grammar*: Grammar Methods and Tools
- *Grammar*: Oral Presentations: A Grammar Foundation
- *Grammar*: Principles of Time Management and Grading
- *Secondary*: How To—Lesson Planning in the Upper School
- *Secondary*: How To—Teaching Writing
- *Secondary*: How To—Assessments in Science and Math
- *Secondary*: How To—Assessments in Humanities
- *Admin*: Business Functions

8:15-8:30 ANNOUNCEMENTS & SINGING

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- The Conversation Is the Relationship: Shepherding Disciples and School Culture
- The Biblical Admonition to Listen Before Speaking

SEMINARS:

- *Grammar*: The Grammar of History
- *Secondary*: Classical Christian Math

PRACTICUM 1: DISCIPLESHIP, CONVERSATION, AND CULTURE, PART I—IT'S ALL ABOUT ME

Godly culture in our school is created by the conversations we pursue. Potent conversations with students, peers, and parents that reflect an attitude of "my life for yours" only happen by coming face to face with our own bad habits of communication. Through group discussion and interactive exercises, participants will be challenged with the communication pitfalls that start within ourselves. "It's All About Me" will benefit teachers and administrators by setting the shared expectation for discipleship through effective conversations in your school.

PRACTICUM 2: DISCIPLESHIP, CONVERSATION, AND CULTURE, PART II—IT'S NOT ABOUT ME

Once we realize that biblical communication begins with us, we must realize the inherent complexities of engaging others. In part 2, "It's Not About Me," teachers and administrators will be challenged to overcome the common practical roadblocks to being effective instruments in creating godly culture in our schools.

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12:00 FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISMISSAL

PANEL Q & A

PLENARY SESSIONS:

- Every Bush Afire: The Aesthetics Emphasis
- Teaching with Grace

SEMINARS:

- *Music*: Teaching Musically Literate Worshipers
- *Art*: Art Instruction in the Classical Christian School
- *Administration*: Professional Development: Observing, Mentoring, Nurturing, and Evaluating Teachers

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

To register, visit our website at www.rockbridge.org/teacher-training. Deadline for early registration discount is June 29, 2018. Please note: All fees are non-refundable.

\$290 per person (3 or more per school, \$275 per person) for registration fees received by June 29, 2018.
 \$320 per person (no discount for multiple attendees) for registration fees received after June 29, 2018.
 \$50 per person for the optional Washington, DC Monuments Trip. Metro and lunch are *not* included. Seats must be reserved by June 29, 2018.

Options for lunch on Wednesday will be made available at the conference. Thursday lunch is on your own.

CERTIFICATES

ACCS endorsed teacher training certificates will be distributed to those who complete the conference.

NEW LOCATION!

WEEMS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
 600 N. Bestgate Road • Annapolis, MD 21401

LODGING

COUNTRY INN & SUITES

2600 Housley Road • Annapolis, MD 21401 • Tel: 410-571-6700
 Rockbridge Academy has reserved a group block of rooms at the Country Inn & Suites in Annapolis. Complimentary hot breakfast and free WiFi are included. Reservations must be made on or before June 29, 2018. After this date, rooms will be released, and you will not be able to receive our group rate. Ask them about their free shuttle service. Call them directly and mention *Rockbridge Academy* or reserve online at www.countryinns.com/rockbridgeacademy2018.

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“ The most important fact about the subject of education is that there is no such thing. Education is not a subject, and it does not deal in subjects. It is instead the transfer of a way of life. ”

G. K. CHESTERTON