

The Florida Master Teacher Seminar 2025

Pensacola State College

May 18–22

The Master Teacher Movement

The original Master Teacher Seminar was established in 1962 by Roger Garrison at Westbrook College in Portland, Maine. Since then, it has evolved into a national movement with more than a dozen annual seminars and an international movement with seminars in Canada and China. Garrison founded the seminar on the following beliefs:

- Excellent teaching takes place in American higher education.
- Teachers striving for mastery of their craft have much to share.
- Bringing teachers together in a relaxed, informal atmosphere to share their successes and their experiences enhances the skills of all.

The Florida Master Teacher Seminar

Florida college faculty from a variety of disciplines will attend the 2025 Florida Master Teacher Seminar May 18–22 at Pensacola State College for an exchange of learning, teaching, and philosophy.

As a member of the assembly of dedicated educators, each participant will be asked to submit ideas to the seminar for discussion. Seminar staff will lead a variety of engaged discussions focused on special interests of the group.

The Schedule

Unlike other academic conferences, participants in the Florida Master Teacher Seminar attend morning, afternoon, and evening sessions as well as share meals. A typical day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends well into the evening. This unique, retreat-like experience explores the spirit of teaching.

Participant check-in and room assignment is 3 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, May 18. A reception and dinner are the first scheduled events. The seminar ends following lunch Thursday, May 22.

Information on what to bring and what to expect will be included in your participant package.

The Cost

The cost of the seminar is **\$1,600** and is all inclusive. This fee covers the total cost of tuition, a private room at the Hyatt Place Pensacola Airport, and all meals and supplies for the seminar. The **deadline** for registration is **January 31**. Online registration is available at pensacolastate.edu/masterteacher. Full non-refundable payment of \$1,600 will be due March 14. Accepted forms of payment are e-check or debit/credit card **only**. A 2.75% service fee may be applied to debit/credit card payments.

The Seminar Staff

Stephen Walker, seminar director, is Professor of History at Southside Virginia Community College. A veteran of national teaching programs, he works closely with Dr. W. Terry Whisnant, executive director and founder of the Virginia Master Teacher Seminar.

Professor Walker currently serves as lead facilitator and presenter for the Master Teacher seminars in Arizona, Florida, and Indiana. He was lead facilitator in the inaugural Master Teacher seminars in Alabama, Georgia, and New Jersey. He has led or participated in over 50 Master Teacher seminars across the United States. Stephen also founded the Virginia Teachers' Academy. The program, specifically designed for K-12 teachers, was modeled after the Master Teacher movement.

Stephen will be joined by a staff of experienced faculty facilitators.

The Site

One of the oldest colleges in Florida's 28-college system, Pensacola State College is in its seventh decade of service to the Florida Panhandle. Pensacola State College serves more than 27,000 full- and part-time students a year on three campuses, three centers, and more than 30 other sites.

All participants will stay at the Hyatt Place Pensacola Airport, which is located across the street from the Pensacola State College campus and adjoins the airport.

Pensacola State is a short distance from Pensacola Beach, with its sugar-like sand and emerald waters; the Downtown Historic District; and the world-renowned Naval Aviation Museum, located aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station. Directions and maps will be provided in your participant information package.

For more information and to access the online registration form, visit pensacolastate.edu/masterteacher or email flmasterteacher@pensacolastate.edu.

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