

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2002 SUMMER PROGRAMS

Holland Meijer Campus

Strategies for ADHD/ADD Students
Trends in Technology
Teacher Stress and Burnout
Math Manipulatives
Make-It Take-It: Elementary
Understanding Non-Verbal Behavior
Gap Analysis for the MEAP Instructor
Internet Tools for Teachers
Update on Special Education Law
Public Relations for School Leaders
West Michigan as an Instructional Resource
Crisis and Emergency Management
Understanding Dysfunctional Families

Traverse City

Exploring the Earth System of Michigan
Teaching with Block Scheduling

Downtown Grand Rapids

Web Design I, II & III at DEV
Michigan Literacy Progress Profile at EC
Workshop in Language Assessment at EC

Allendale Campus

Physics by Inquiry I at Padnos
Software and Interactive Physics at Padnos
A Week with AIMS at Padnos
Physical Science Workshop: at Padnos
Workshop for Chemistry Teachers at Padnos
Additional information on these workshops may be obtained by contacting Professional Development Coordinator Claudia Sorwa at 616.771.6706 or via e-mail (sowac@gvsu.edu).

SOUTH AFRICA HOSTS PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

A contingent of 11 GVSU Education students conducted their pre-service teaching in Cape Town, South Africa this spring as part of the assisting portion of their education requirements in elementary or high school classrooms.

The students traveled to Cape Town during the months of March and April. Along with their classroom experience, the students also performed service learning for impoverished township schools and made several sight-seeing day trips.

While in South Africa, the students resided with host families to further enrich their experiences in one of the most culturally diverse countries in the world. They were accompanied by professors Ram Chattulani and Bob Hagerly.

STUDY ABROAD TRAVELS TO NEW ZEALAND IN 2003

A Graduate Studies In Education initiative to New Zealand is set for the summer of 2003.

The Study Abroad program will travel to the North Island of New Zealand where detailed instruction on Curriculum Design, Reading, Technology, Elementary or Secondary Education and Administration will be offered.

For additional information, call 616.771.6650, or contact Loretta Konecki (koneckil@gvsu.edu) or Caryn King (kingc@gvsu.edu).

CSAL Program Promotes Involvement

Various career opportunities beyond K-12 education are offered through the School of Education's College Student Affairs Leadership (CSAL) Masters In Education degree.

CSAL prepares students for professional positions within institutions of higher education. These positions include admissions, student orientation, housing/residence life, student life, academic advising, recreation, financial aid, minority affairs, career services, international affairs, and judicial affairs.

CSAL graduate students share in GVSU's desire to promote and encourage community involvement with several service-oriented projects.

The service projects have included participation in Community Outreach Week, which consisted of a local stream clean up with the West Michigan Environmental Action Council, Steeple Town Ministries, God's Kitchen, and Casa de la Paz. In addition, they have participated in Make a Difference Day, Relay for Life and the American Red Cross Blood Drive.

Faculty and professional staff involved with the CSAL program strive to help students make



Lisa Robinson, left, and Lanae Gill volunteer their time at God's Kitchen as part of CSAL's involvement during Community Outreach Week.

a connection both inside and outside the classroom. By making a connection, CSAL students gain knowledge in regard to diverse socioeconomic populations. This interaction provides those in the program with an opportunity to use what they have learned to demonstrate the importance of community outreach.

This summer, the CSAL program will celebrate its fifth anniversary of higher learning and promoting and encouraging community involvement.

Speaking Of New Programs... ...TESOL Now Being Offered

A new program being offered by the School of Education has people talking — and teaching — in West Michigan.

Teaching of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and English as a Second Language (ESL) endorsements are being delivered. Two endorsements — a K-8 Elementary certificate or a 7-12 Secondary certificate — are being offered. Those completing the master's program receive both endorsements.

The program began this year with more than 80 students and teachers participating.

"It is a very thriving program right now, and one of the fastest growing in the School of Education," program coordinator and advisor Antonio Herrera said. "We're very happy with the program."

"It was very needed with the influx of foreigners and speakers of other languages. This area is more internationalized and global and metropolitan than many others."

"There is not only the demand for teachers in these areas, but also a demand for teacher training."

Currently, a specially tailored program is being catered to the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Master's level courses and endorsement programs are being taught to approximately 30

teachers in the district.

"Many teachers in some districts might not have the opportunity to come to Grand Rapids for classes, but we can send faculty over there to teach the program," Herrera said.

The TESOL program is a combined venture between the School of Education and GVSU's English Department.

"Although it exists and continues to go on, there has been a decline in bilingual education," Herrera said. "There is a very severe need, because bilingual education cannot absorb all students that are immigrants or have limited abilities or disadvantages. We're trying to swing the pendulum back before the problem becomes too large."

Herrera said that plans are currently in the works to create a summer ESL Institute, which would consist of an intensive 12-week master's curriculum with a required practicum. Some of the practica include travel abroad opportunities, including one that is sending seven teachers to Xi'an University in China during the month of July.

Those interested in learning more about the program or the trip to China may contact Herrera by phone (616.771.6673) or e-mail (herrera@gvsu.edu).