

Community service required

Education majors must complete a set number of hours in service to the community

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Before graduating and beginning careers in education, students at the College of Education get the opportunity to see what life is like in the teaching profession by participating in a field study.

Education students are required to work for an organization off campus that relates to their area of study. The amount of hours that students have to contribute varies with each student's specific interest.

Students in the family and community services option are required to complete 540 hours of "field study": 300 hours during their junior year with 100 hours each term; and 240 hours in two consecutive terms during their senior year. Graduate students in middle/secondary education have to work in a school for a year, in addition to course work at the University.

University seniors Iris Smith

and Dana Cohee and graduate student Amy Nicolaisen are currently working on their field studies. Both Smith and Cohee are in the family and community services option and Nicolaisen is in the teacher licensure program.

Smith works for Womenspace, an organization that provides shelter and services for women who are victims of domestic violence. She has been working with the organization since April and expects to continue working to meet the requirement.

Smith said she got a lot of first hand experience from working for Womenspace. Womenspace relies on volunteers, and Smith said she was well received.

"They make me feel I am wanted in the agency," she said.

Smith's housemate, Cohee, is working for the Lane Education Services District for her senior field study. She assists teachers in the office and works with students who are depressed.

"I am interested in being a teacher, and it is good to get first-hand experience in school working with teachers," Cohee said.

Nicolaisen is working in

Churchill High School in Eugene for her practicum. At this time, she is not teaching in the school, but is observing teaching method.

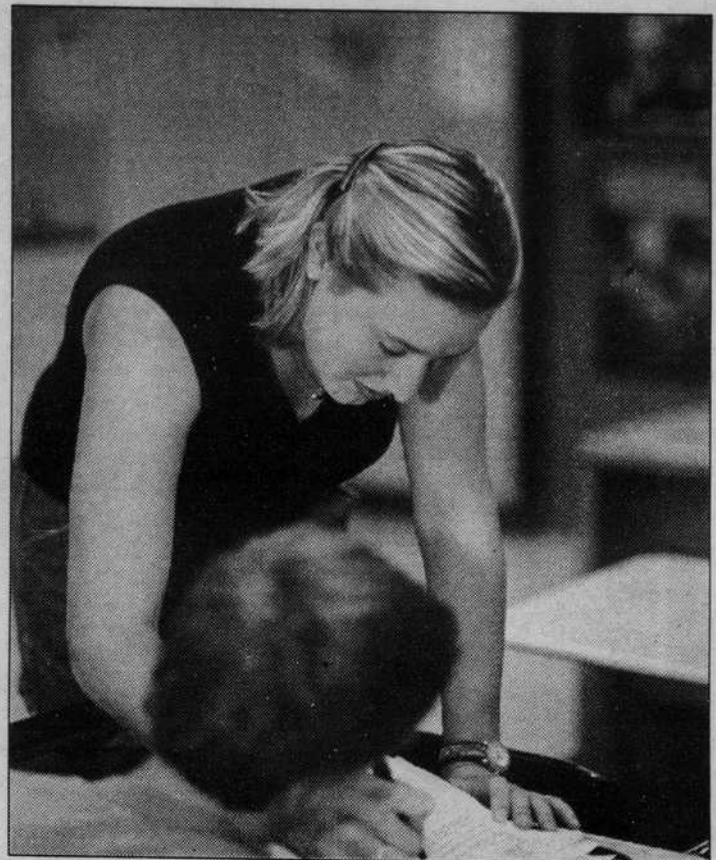
"I expect it will prepare me for my spring teaching experience," she said. "It will give me a chance to get to know the mentor teacher and students who I am working with."

Nicolaisen also said she would incorporate the observations she made at Churchill High School with what she learned in teaching and apply the theories to prepare for teaching sessions next semester.

"Each day is a brand new learning experience for me," Nicolaisen said. Nicolaisen is taking 16 credit hours of course work at the University this term and she plans to spend at least four hours a day in Churchill High School.

Dan Close, the FCS coordinator and professor for the College of Education, expects students to behave professionally in the field study.

"And to learn how to interact with other professionals and how to communicate in a clear and precise manner. And to be punctual and ready to participate in a life in school or agency," he said.



Senior education major Dana Cohee helps a student with his homework. Cohee is working for Lane Education Services District for her 'field study.'

Consumers shop on-line

By Rachel Beck
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Shoppers are buying a lot of books, videos and toys on the Internet these days, but are they ready to purchase diamond necklaces or designer suits on-line?

The test may come this holiday season. Dozens of Web sites — from traditional retailers to startups — are flooding the marketplace with all sorts of luxury goods, including Prada pocket-books and Rolex watches.

But getting people to actually click on the "buy" button — especially from e-tailers they've never heard of — may be tough.

"Selling luxury goods on-line is nothing like selling most other things on the Web," said Michael May, an analyst at the Internet research firm Jupiter Communications.

"You've got the issue of what is real and what is a knockoff ... the issue of price, with some sites discounting and others that don't," he said. "But that doesn't mean shoppers won't buy expensive stuff on-line. They just may proceed with caution."

The luxury goods market is already big business in the traditional retailing world. Sales last year totaled \$133 billion as the robust economy and surging stock market helped encourage shoppers to buy expensive clothing and accessories.

Many expect luxury sales to eventually flourish on the Internet, given the potential for a vastly increased selection and the high incomes of those who buy on-line. About a quarter of the 38 million U.S. households that were on-line last year made more than \$75,000 a year. That's about a third more than the average American household, according to Jupiter Communications.

But demand for upscale products on-line so far has been fairly small.

"The Internet is still new. When someone is first going on-line, they won't buy a diamond ring, but I think that as shoppers become more comfortable with the Web, they will be more willing to go for the higher-priced stuff," said Seema Williams, an analyst at Forrester Research, an Internet research firm in Cambridge, Mass.



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Single graduate students are invited to an open forum to provide your ideas and input. The forum will be held:

Wednesday, October 20 at 5:30 PM.
in the EMU Maple Room

We will present some opinions that have been successful elsewhere, invite your ideas, and ask you to complete a brief survey. We will also provide you an opportunity for future input if we should go forward with the project. The entire meeting should take less than an hour with a light dinner provided afterward.