

NOTICES

UO Offers Fully Funded Graduate Education Program

The University of Oregon, in consortium with the nine federally recognized tribes of Oregon, has been awarded a three-year grant from the Office of Indian Education to train approximately 10 new American Indian teachers to work in reservation, urban, and suburban schools serving significant numbers of Indian students.

This program is called "Building Community through the Sapsik'walá (Teacher) Education Program." Sapsik'walá is a Sahaptin word meaning "teacher."

The heart of this program is building communities of practice whose participants share problems of practice that arise in the workplace, learn from each other, build a professional identity, and find opportunities for career growth.

Siletz Tribal member Misty Moceikis recently completed the program and now teaches second grade students at Siletz Valley School, the public charter school for kindergarten to eighth-grade students in Siletz, Ore.

Teacher trainees will complete the requirements for a master's degree and an Oregon initial teaching license during five- to eight-quarter terms of full-time study, depending on the program they choose. Applicants can choose among a host of pre-service

teacher training programs in the following areas: general education (elementary or middle/secondary) or special education (early intervention, elementary or middle/secondary).

All programs include three quarters of school-based learning experiences, including a term of full-time student teaching. During the third year, employed new teachers will continue to receive support services from the program that include a mentor, formative evaluations of their teaching, support to attend a professional conference, seminars, on-site consulting, an electronic distribution and discussion list, and on-line consultation and Web site conferencing.

Grant recipients are expected to repay their training expenses by serving in eligible schools for an amount of time equivalent to their training. Successful applicants are eligible for a monthly stipend plus instructional supplies and dependent allowance (if applicable). All tuition costs are paid by the Sapsik'walá Program.

Program Qualifications

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree by the time they begin the program and normally have an undergraduate GPA of at least 3.0 or provide evidence of graduate potential.

Teacher trainees receiving Sapsik'walá Program grant support must meet the requirements for Indian eligibility. These are established by the U.S. Department of Education (34 CFR Part 263.3). Indian means an individual who is:

- A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940, and any tribe or band recognized by the state in which the tribe or band resides
- A descendant of a parent or grandparent who meets the requirements described above
- Considered by the secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose
- An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native
- A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect on Oct. 19, 1994

Application deadline is Feb. 15, 2004. For further information or to request an application packet, please contact Program Coordinator Pat Rounds at plounds@uoregon.edu or 541-346-1056.

Sponsors Needed for Summer Food Programs for Kids

State Schools Superintendent Susan Castillo recently announced that the Oregon Department of Education is looking for organizations to sponsor Summer Food Service Programs for children age 18 and under.

According to a recent study, Oregon has one of the highest rates of hunger in the nation. The Oregon Food Bank estimates that one in five children ate from an emergency food box at some time in the previous year. The Summer Food Service Program makes food available to children at highest risk for hunger.

The Summer Food Service Program reimburses approved sponsors for serving meals that meet federal nutritional guidelines. Sponsors receive payments based on the number of meals they serve and their documented costs of running the program.

A sponsor may contract for food service from a qualified vendor or prepare their own meals if they have appropriate facilities and a staff skilled in large-quantity food preparation. A sponsor must attend a training session and demonstrate ability to operate a program and comply with regulations.

Sponsoring organizations must be fully capable of managing a food service program and must be one of the following:

- Public or private non-profit school
- Local, municipal, county, tribal, or state government
- Public or private non-profit college or university
- Public or private non-profit summer camp or a private, non-profit organization

In addition, a meal site must meet geographic or enrollment criteria. Meal sites may be located in a variety of settings, including schools, recreation centers, playgrounds, parks, housing projects, community centers, migrant centers, Indian reservations, day camps, universities, community colleges, and residential summer camps. Programs are especially successful when connected to organized cultural, educational, or recreational programs.

For more information and training dates, contact Barbara Cracknell, Summer Food Service Program coordinator, at 503-378-3600, ext. 2619; e-mail at barbara.cracknell@state.or.us; or visit www.ode.state.or.us/nutrition/sfsp/index.htm.

Crisis Line Available for Women Overseas

The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line – 866-USWOMEN (866-879-6636) – is an international toll-free domestic violence crisis line that abused American women and children living overseas can call by contacting the regional AT&T operator in their country of residence and ask to be connected.

The crisis line operates from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. (PST) Monday through Friday. For corresponding operating times in your country of residence, please visit our Web site at www.866uswomen.org.

Domestic violence advocates also are available via e-mail at crisis@866uswomen.org. All communication is confidential.

In 2003, abused American women and children living in France, Italy, England, Ireland, Ethiopia, Dominican Republic, Finland, Iran, Chile, Holland, Jordan, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia contacted the crisis line.

In addition to providing domestic violence advocacy, safety planning, and case management, the organization has assisted clients with relocation expenses, emergency funds for housing and child care, and payment of legal fees.

To volunteer, e-mail the organization at help@866uswomen.org.

The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line doesn't receive any government support. All of its funding comes from individuals and private foundations. To help support the crisis line, you can contribute on-line at www.866uswomen.org or mail your donation to The American Domestic Violence Crisis Line, 3300 NW 185th, #133, Portland, OR 97229. All contributions are tax deductible.

