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Institute for Urban Education

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A Brief History

Never doubt that a small, group of thoughtful, committed education deans can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

With apologies to Margaret Mead
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**Mission**

*To prepare educators that can effectively work with diverse learners*
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Goals

• Expand upon existing pre-service and in-service professional development opportunities in urban education

• Facilitate the integration of science and practice in the area of Urban Education

• Increase the collaborative teaching and research efforts of UW System Programs of Education and K-12 Schools
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Program Components:
Short-range  (Initiate in 2006-2007)

• Pre-service Program Offerings
Create curriculum and school and community experiences where pre-service teachers can gain relevant knowledge, skills, and dispositions that will enable them to effectively teach in urban settings
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Program Components:

Long-range Recommendations (2008+)

• Residential Pre-Service Program
• In-service Program
• Master Teacher-in-Residence Program
• Scholar-in-Residence Program
Phase I  2006-2007
Initiate Pre-Service Program

Components:

• Supervision Support for Student Teachers (Coordinate among all participating UW institutions)
• Seminar on Urban Education (for all participating student teachers)
• Community Experience (for all participating student teachers)
• Program Evaluation
Phase I Pre-Service Program Funding 2006-2007

$100,000.00 provided from UW System PK-16 Initiative Grant to:

• Hire project coordinator
• Conduct program evaluation
• Hire faculty for urban education seminar
• Hire student teaching supervisors
• Support meetings of System Governance Board and Project Steering Committee
Sustaining Phase I
2007 and Beyond

• Participating campus contributions from tuition and fees for student teaching
• Secure external funding to allow for phase out of PK-16 Grant support and exploration of long-range recommendations
Phase II
Recommendation
Residential Pre-Service Program

Goal: To secure urban residence for student teachers to allow for creation of community-based learning model and emersion experience in urban setting
Phase III
Recommendation
In-Service Program

Goal: to provide ongoing professional development in the area of urban education

Components:
• Certificate in Urban Education for In-Service Teachers
• Biannual conference on Urban Education
Phase IV
Recommendation
Master Teacher-in-Residence Program

Goal: Access expertise of Master teacher for pre- and in-service offerings

Components:
• co-lead the Seminar on Urban Education
• provide supervision of pre-service and in-service teachers
• complete a project of personal interest
Phase V
Recommendation
Scholar-In-Residence Program

Goal: Opportunity for UW faculty to advance research and/or teaching in urban education

Components:
• Work in-residence on a relevant research and/or teaching project within the program
• Other involvement based on interests and expertise of the scholar
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**Next Steps…**

- Organize governance board and steering committee
- Establish program policies
- Hire project coordinator
- Hire program evaluator
- Develop seminar
- Identify community experiences
Common Challenges

• Competition to recruit “best and brightest” into education
• High-stakes testing (PRAXIS II)
• Geographic composition of communities
Common Challenges

• Lack of adequate resources to:
  – Support out-of-region recruitment
  – Fund scholarships for historically under-represented populations
  – Expand non-traditional offerings
Solutions

• Collect relevant data
• Reallocate existing resources
• Secure additional resources
  – State Budget Request
  – Professional Organizations/Foundations