



NipNews

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NOTES FROM THE PRACTICUM OFFICE

Absences

Teacher Candidates are reminded that any days absent from practicum should be reported to:
 1) Associate Teacher, 2) Practicum Office, and 3) Faculty Advisor, before the school day begins. Any absence must be rescheduled with the consultation of the Associate Teacher. Please let the Practicum Office, and your Faculty Advisor know of the day you have arranged with your Associate as soon as possible. All lesson plans that were to be completed on the day of the absence should be submitted to the Associate Teacher before class commences.

Final Practicum Week

Teacher Candidates in Years 1, 2 and 3 are reminded that the final practicum week must be completed between April 26 - 30, 2010. Nipissing has worked with Laurier Brantford to ensure that Teacher Candidates are allowed to be in residence until April 30, as well as all final exams should be completed prior to April 26th.

Alternative Placements for Year Four:

The Alternative Placements Presentations and Handbook distribution will be on March 15, 2010 as indicated at the January 4 presentation. After consultation with PAC, SAC, the Dean and WLU, the criteria of the placements are drafted as follows:

The practicum can take place from May 1, 2010 until May 20, 2011 subject to an approved application.

The practicum will include a community service/component and will develop the skills and understandings of teacher candidates

The practicum can be in any setting in Ontario that is not a publicly funded school system

The practicum can be a Nipissing sponsored International practicum

The practicum must be voluntary experience

Concurrent Education students are asked not to contact potential placements until an official letter and clear direction are provided in March 15, 2010.

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back after Reading Week. We hope that you had a relaxing week with family and friends. The final stretch of the 2009-10 year is here. Good luck with your studies and practicum. Circle K and SAC have many activities planned for the rest of the term. Participate to gain leadership and community experience.

Congratulations to Erica Larmer of year four, the recent recipient of the David Marshall Leadership Award from Nipissing University for her contributions as the past president of Circle K. This award is richly deserved by Erica for her leadership of various student activities.

YEAR 3 TEACHER CANDIDATES: AGENDA FOR MARCH 15, 2010

On Monday, March 15th, a full day of valuable activities has been planned. Attendance will be taken and participation is expected. Teacher Candidates will be provided with FREE lunch and will also receive a valuable toolkit that includes a USB stick, DVD, curriculum materials and more! Please review the message below for details and registration information!

AGENDA:

-Registration	8:00-8:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Room 201 (Upon registration you will be provided with 2 coupons: 1 for lunch and 1 for a toolkit)
-Free Breakfast	8:00-8:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Lower Lounge (Provided by SAC)
-Keynote:	9:00-9:45 a.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre *Career Pathways for the Future (Sarah Zमित- SCWI Co-ordinator, Niagara Region)
-Workshop #1	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Assigned classroom (Please see Room locations below) *Registration Required
-Workshop #2	11:00-11:45 a.m.	Assigned classroom (Please see Room locations below) *Registration Required
-Free Lunch	12:00-12:45 p.m.	50 Wellington, Lower Lounge
-Dr. David Booth	1:00-2:15 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre *Critical Literacy with a Focus on Gender Issues
-Alternative Placement Information Session	2:30-3:30 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre
-Virtual Grand Teacher Candidate Meeting	3:30-4:00 p.m.	50 Wellington, Theatre (Only for Teacher Candidates in a Virtual Grand placement)

*Registration is Required: Please visit the on-line workshop site to register: <http://iteach.brantford.nu/workshops> Registration will open on Friday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m. It will close on Monday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. Space in each workshop is limited.

iTEACH

iTeach Bridging Fee T2202a Tax Information

- ***Tax receipts will NOT be mailed out ***
- Please be advised that the 2009 T2202a tax receipts are now available on the Nipissing University Web site through WebAdvisor.
- **If you are familiar with WebAdvisor**
Go to WebAdvisor, Students' Menu, Click on Tax Forms link.
- **Not sure how to access Webadvisor?**
Click on My Nipissing from the main web page (www.nipissingu.ca). Next click on Help-"Format of students accounts at Nipissing University". (Found under General Information)
- **Not sure what your password is?**
Go to My Nipissing and click on "Forgot your password?" in the "sign in" box.

GRADUATES: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

In preparation for graduation, graduating Teacher Candidates have a number of responsibilities ahead. A "Professional Responsibilities" document has been created, which outlines information about applying to graduate, requesting transcripts, as well as applying for membership to OCT and QECO.

This document can now be found on our web-site: <http://nipissingu.ca/brantford/downloads/ProfessionalResponsibilities.pdf>

CONVOCATION COMMITTEE

Any Year 4 Teacher Candidate who is interested in working with Deanne on planning Convocation please contact her at deanneo@nipissingu.ca

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

CONVOCATION will take place on June 23, 2010!

DEGREE FRAME SALES

Attention: Graduating Teacher Candidates! Showcase your hard work and achievements in a Nipissing University Degree Frame.

Degree Frames are now available for order. Order forms can be picked up in Kelly's office at the 67 Darling Street building. Sample frames are also available for viewing. Please refer to the attached poster for pricing information.

Pre-Order Special Order your frame before May 14th, 2010 and you will receive \$5 off your order!

PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!

USING OPERA TO TEACH NUTRITION

Get Stuffed is a contemporary opera for children inspired by the Canada Food Guide and created in partnership with the Ministry of Health Promotion and the Ontario Agri-Food Education – Healthy Eating Program. They will be holding a 4 week tour including stops in the GTA during the week of April 19th, and they are willing to travel to Brantford to perform!

Teacher Candidates are invited to co-ordinate a show with their practicum school relationships and the classes they are currently working with. The 'Get Stuffed' team will take care of logistics and planning for the show. They are working hard to expose students, teachers and young families to 'Get Stuffed' and its importance for child development.

If you are interested in this opportunity and would like additional details, please contact **Lauren Shoolman** by phone: 416.537.6066 x 222 or e-mail: laurens@tapestrynewopera.com

TEACHERS CREDIT UNION INFORMATION

Join the credit union that's gone platinum! Teachers Credit Union has been voted Hamilton Spectator's 2009 Platinum Reader's Choice Best Financial Institution, Best Place for a Mortgage and Best Financial Planner.

We're experienced with educational employees for 70 years, we know education and we know our members. You can count on us to support and fulfill your financial needs throughout your education and career. With a virtual branch just for educational employees and worldwide ATM access, we're committed to providing you best-in-class banking services wherever you are.

Surf, call or visit us today! www.teacherscu.on.ca 905.525.8131 or toll free 1.800.598.2891

PEER CONNECT PRESENTS: DIVERSITY WEEK

This year, Peer Connect has put together a week of Diversity-focused programming for the students of Laurier Brantford from March 8th - 12th. Our goal of Diversity Week this year is to provide hands on and shared learning opportunities for students on campus. This will help increase awareness, disseminate knowledge and develop skills and perspectives that will help strengthen our campus and promote mutual respect for one another.

Diversity week can be added to your co-curricular record! Come out to two information sessions and any other two events during the week and you will receive a certificate of participation and a entry on your co-curricular record.

Diversity is the thing we all have in common. Celebrate it! If you would like to be involved in Diversity Week, please contact peerconnectbrantford@wlu.ca

TRIBES TRAINING

An additional Tribes Training Session has been added! "Tribes" is a community building process – a culture and active learning pedagogy best learned by experiencing it. The cost of the course is **\$194.25/ person** –and this includes the book.

This Tribes workshop is being offered at the Nipissing Brantford Faculty of Education on different dates to meet your suitability. To register for Tribes, email Tracey Andrus at andrus.home@sympatico.ca. When you email please include your name, contact information, and state that you are from Nipissing University/Brantford campus. I will get back to you a.s.a.p.

Session Four: March 25th-28th

March 25th and 26th: 3:00-9:30 p.m.

March 27th: 9:00-2:30 p.m.

March 28th: 9:00-12:30 p.m.



CIRCLE K

Circle K Social Club has some exciting plans for the Winter Semester!

The Brantford Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake takes place March 6th-7th - If you are interested in forming a team of 4-6 members and bowling for an hour to support BBBS, please email: circlek@nipissingu.ca. A minimum of \$20.00 is required per person to participate. This is a great way to spend a night with friends for a great cause! \$20.00 includes unlimited one hour bowling, shoe rental, and free beverages and food supplied by BBBS!

On March 8th, Circle K will begin a Pencil Drive benefiting local Brantford schools. Each building will be outfitted with three bins for donations - for years 1, 2, and 3. The year that donates the most will receive a prize in each of their Nipissing classes! Keep an eye on the NipNews and emails to come later in the month for more information on this great fundraiser benefiting local schools!

Lastly, there will be a brainstorming meeting for the 2010 first year Education Orientation day on Wednesday March 17th at 4:00pm. Anyone is welcome to come and submit their creative ideas for next year's Eddie Day! Attending the brainstorming meeting does not commit you to volunteering for Eddie Day in September - we are just looking for as many creative ideas, and would love to have the input of students that have been through Nipissing's orientation.

STUDENT CLUBS

Student Advisory Committee



THINK RECYCLE! Our \$50 student incentive draw is in full swing. During the week of March 15 - 19 you have the chance to double your chance of winning the \$50 CASH PRIZE. For every item you bring in during this week you will receive not one but TWO ballots. The draw will wrap-up on March 25th at which point either a Nipissing or Mohawk student will win the \$50! Go Nipissing Go!

Stay tuned for a breakfast SAC will be holding in the next coming weeks, free for Nipissing students. More information to come...

SAC is always looking for teacher candidates who would like to enhance the Concurrent Education program for active and prospective teacher candidates at Nipissing, Brantford. We are currently looking for anyone interested in a Secretarial position within the group. If you are interested e-mail sac@nipissingu.ca for more information.

Our NEXT MEETING is Tuesday March 9th, 8:30 - 9:50 in Darling 104. See you then!

PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Parent Engagement Committee is looking for student volunteers to help with this year's 4th Annual Parent Information Fair. Your services would be required: Saturday, April 24, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (approximately). The Fair will be held at Branly/Notre Dame School (238 Brantwood Park Road).

This is a free event for families and caregivers of children prenatal to 12 years of age and participating agencies.

The fair will provide information on various community services, share information about getting children ready for school and highlight the importance of early learning, health, safety and quality child care in our area.

Student volunteers are needed to assist with set-up and participation throughout the day. Please contact Andrea Stefanchuk at 519-752-5308 ext. 33 or e-mail at astefanchuk@woodview.ca

FIVE OAKS DAY CAMP SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

Are you searching for summer employment?

Five Oaks Day Camp in Paris, ON, is seeking applications for 16 positions: Lifeguards, Counsellors, Administrative and Program Staff. Please view the full job posting on the 'Job Board' in the 67 Darling Street building. Interested applicants can pick up an application form from Kelly in the Darling St. building.

Deadlines for applications: March 8 (Head Counsellor, Day Camp Administrator & Program Staff) and April 5 (Counsellors and Lifeguards)
Check out the Five Oaks website: www.fiveoaks.on.ca

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITY: BRANT COUNTY POWER

Brant County Power is in the process of rolling out a GIS system in 2010.

To prepare for our project we are looking for an interested energetic individual to help us to collect GPS data in our service area during the summer months.

This position may be of interest to someone pursuing a career in the electrical field who might find this opportunity both challenging and educational. It could lead into future employment opportunities.

Interested individuals should contact Glen Fuller, Operations Manager. E-mail: gfuller@brantcountypower.com
Phone 519 442-3363 ext. 731

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITY: UK

Are you a Newly Qualified or Experienced Teacher? Are you eligible to work in the UK? Then we would like to hear from you. ITN Mark Education has great UK Teaching Opportunities for Newly Qualified and Experienced Teachers starting in September 2010!

Due to the high demand and growing popularity of ITN Mark Education, we require Newly Qualified and Experienced Teachers who are ready to enter the classroom environment as soon as September 2010. ITN Mark Education will be holding **UK Principal Interviews in various Canadian centres in May/June 2010**. These interviews are a great way to meet potential employers face-to-face and discuss the many teaching opportunities and vacancies in the UK, which need to be filled by teachers such as you.

Fantastic opportunities are available for Qualified Teachers with various specializations and qualifications, both at the Primary and Secondary levels. With supply, short-term, long-term and permanent positions available, ITN Mark Education knows how to get you through the door.

To submit an application and get more information regarding our UK principal interviews, **send your CV** to Rachel Robillard, Canadian Education Consultant at: canada@itnmark.com PLEASE VISIT US AT www.itnmark.com

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING OPPORTUNITY

ABU DHABI – 100'S OF TEACHERS AND KINDERGARTEN PRINCIPALS NEEDED

Mega oil rich Abu Dhabi, wealthiest and most progressive of the seven United Arab Emirates, invites highly motivated and flexible teachers/principals to become involved in the second of a seven year strategic plan to restructure the Public Education System, in one of the most dynamic and exciting Nations on the Planet.

Teacher Qualifications – Native English Speakers, minimum Bachelor Degree and/or B.Ed. degree, with an intern teaching program, valid State Teaching Certificate and minimum two years teaching experience.

Required – 108, Kindergarten Teachers (English curricula and international pedagogy); 385, Grade 1, 2, & 3 Teachers (English, Science, Mathematics and IT); 75, Grade 10-12 Teachers (Expansion of English Instruction). Retired Teachers welcome.

View the complete job posting on the wall in the 67 Darling Street building

Check out the website www.caneducom.com, or email CV to Attn: VP – HRD @ Eng.Administration@caneducom.com. All applicants are acknowledged.