



***PA State GEAR UP Teacher Academies
Graduate Courses – Spring Session 2006***

Deadlines for enrollment are extended to January 13th for Classroom Management and Math Concepts, and to January 27th for Passing the Praxis

The *PA State GEAR UP Project*, a federal grant awarded to the **PA State System of Higher Education**, is coordinated through the **Office of College and Career Awareness**. The purpose of **GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs)** is to bring college awareness and preparation to select middle and high schools.

On behalf of the **Office of Secondary Education** and the *PA State GEAR UP Project*, you are invited to enroll in any of the following three-credit transferable graduate courses, in the **2006 Spring Session** offered by the following State System universities: **Cheyney, West Chester, and Kutztown**. **Courses are aligned with the School District of Philadelphia curricula and also with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation enacted in 2001**. Please review the course description on the back for dates and start times.

The *PA State GEAR UP* program is offering courses specifically designed for elementary certified teachers seeking middle level certification. As you will note in the course descriptions, most course content is directly related to the Praxis II certification exam. Students who have taken courses offered by the *PA State GEAR UP* Teacher Academies have a **73% pass rate** on the Praxis II examination.

Enrollment Procedures and Requirements

- To be **eligible** for these courses, you must be a **teacher in a PA State GEAR UP school**:
Bartram High School-Main, Tilden Middle School, Pepper Middle School, Turner Middle School, Strawberry Mansion High School, Blaine Elementary School, Douglass Elementary School, L.P. Hill Elementary School, E. Washington Rhodes Middle School, E. Washington Rhodes High School, Martin Luther King High School, Leeds Middle School, Ada Lewis Middle School, or Wagner Middle School
- **All costs, including materials, will be incurred by the PA State GEAR UP program, except for a \$50 refundable registration fee. Mail both the graduate registration form and a check for \$50.00 (for each course) payable to The State System of Higher Education, to Dr. Claudio V. Cerullo, Recitation Hall, College of Education, West Chester University, West Chester, PA 19383.**
- **You will receive an e-mail or phone call confirming your registration in the class. The \$50.00 check will be returned to you by mail upon your successful completion of the course requirements.**

***Please note: There must be a minimum of ten PA State GEAR UP teachers registered in each course by the enrollment deadline for the class to run.**

You may take more than one course

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EDU 565: Passing the Praxis II Exam Germantown High School-OCCA Training Room
The class will meet on Saturdays, February 4th- April 8th, 8:45 am-12:45 pm.

Dr. Thomas Stewart, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Department of Education

This course is designed as an investigation of the rationale, philosophy, and design theory behind current assessments as well as a detailed look at the requirements for professional certification. Teachers will spend a significant amount of time examining how to master the Praxis II test.

XEE 501: Basic Concepts of Mathematics Cheyney University Urban Center, located at 701 Market Street, 3rd Floor. The class will meet on Saturdays, January 21, 2006- April 22, 2006 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm.
No class on April 15, 2006

Dr. Bernadette Carter, Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, Department of Mathematics

This course provides an opportunity for both pre-service and in-service teachers to develop a clear understanding of the mathematical concepts, procedures and processes they will be called on to teach at the middle school level. Instruction will focus on the content categories covered on the Middle School Mathematics Praxis II examination such as Arithmetic and Basic Algebra, Geometry and Measurement, Data Probability and Statistical Concepts, and Problem Solving Skills. Instruction will focus primarily on mathematical content and concepts so that students will not only become proficient with middle level math content, but will understand the concepts deeply enough to teach the material effectively to others.

EDE 586: Effective Urban Classroom Management-Germantown High School-OCCA Training Room
The class will meet on Mondays, January 23, 2006- May 8, 2006-4:00 pm-6:45 pm

Dr. Dave Brown, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, College of Education

Urban teachers will not see gains in students' academic performance without the knowledge and skills needed to maintain order and engage students in learning. In this course, learn how to develop mutual respect, choose appropriate consequences, be more assertive, avoid power struggles, encourage students' self-monitoring of behavior, get students to work independently, use culturally responsive curricula, develop positive relationships with caregivers, and communicate effectively with students. This is an interactive course in which teachers have many opportunities to share effective research-based strategies with one another.

For more information please call the Direct Service Coordinator at your school

Veno Leigertwood 267-236-2605	James Woodrit 267-716-2219	Ebonee McAllister 267-716-2217	Calvin Mayo 267-236-2606	Kenyon Whittington 267-236-3191
John P. Turner MS	William T. Tilden MS	Morris E. Leeds MS	General Louis Wagner MS	James Blaine ES
Bartram HS Main	George W. Pepper MS	Ada H. Lewis MS	M.L. King HS	L.P. Hill ES
		Frederick Douglass ES		E. Washington Rhodes MS/HS
				Strawberry Mansion HS

**For more information about the PA State GEAR UP project please contact: epaige@phila.k12.pa.us
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