The College of New Jersey Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy

Recruiting Tomorrow’s Teachers

what? The College of New Jersey Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy

who? High school juniors...thinking about a career as an urban teacher?

when? Bask in the limelight this summer... July 9 – 20, 2007

where? Experience campus life at the College of New Jersey

why? An exciting way to learn about teaching...and make a difference in a student’s life
Mission Statement
The College of New Jersey’s Summer High School Urban Teacher Academy is offered to high school juniors interested in pursuing a career in urban education. This program is designed to attract students to the field of urban education through exposure to a world-class curriculum and hands-on experiences that focus on teaching.

A national shortage of teachers is predicted over the next decade due to student enrollment increases, teacher retirements, turnover, and career changes. Studies suggest that while two million teachers may be needed nationally over the next ten years, traditional teacher preparation programs have only one million teachers in the pipeline. Teacher shortages will be particularly acute in urban schools, especially in math, science, special education, bilingual, and early childhood. TCNJ’s Urban Teacher Academy aims to capture the interests of high school students as an effective recruitment strategy toward resolving this shortfall.

Who is Eligible
Students who meet the rigorous criteria for admission who have completed their junior year at any of the following high schools will be considered for admission.

- Bordentown Regional High School
- Burlington City High School
- Burlington County Institute of Technology High Schools
- Ewing High School
- Hamilton High School- North, East, & West
- Hillsborough High School
- Hopewell Valley Central High School
- Lawrence High School
- Marie Ratenbach School
- New Egypt High School
- Princeton High School
- Robbinsville High School
- South Brunswick High School
- South Hunterdon Regional High School
- Trenton Central High School
- Willingboro High School
- West Windsor Plainsboro HS-North & South

Program Description
The Urban Teacher Academy serves as an excellent long-term recruitment strategy to increase the pool of candidates interested in becoming urban teachers. Benefits for the Urban Teacher Academy include:

- An introduction to teaching and the teaching profession;
- Opportunities to meet with distinguished TCNJ faculty, educational leaders, and teachers to discuss issues pertinent to urban education;
- Field trips to urban schools and to community agencies;
- Meaningful, creative, hands-on learning activities;
- Classroom observations;
- Teaching experience before college;
- Opportunities to make a difference in a student’s life;
- Team building exercises;
- Experiencing the TCNJ campus

High school students will experience learning as individuals and as productive citizens as they explore new concepts and ideas. Students will experience the profession as they are guided through issues pertinent to urban education and the functions of schools.

Students will experience the classrooms as they become acquainted with teachers and teaching on a personal and professional level. Working in small groups, students will plan and teach mini-lessons to groups of urban elementary school children.

Each participant will be required to complete all assignments, keep a portfolio, and write a summary report about his/her experiences in the Urban Teacher Academy.

Criteria
Students who are selected for this program must meet the following criteria:

1. Applicants must be high school juniors
2. GPA of 2.8 or better on a 4.0 scale
3. Enrolled in college preparatory courses
4. Two teacher recommendations
5. Essays required
6. Interview (if requested)

Program Organization
Registration will be limited to thirty high school juniors. This program will meet daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. If additional time during the day is needed, advance information will be sent home to parents/guardians.

Students are required to attend every daily session. Absences for compelling circumstances must be approved by the Program Coordinator. An orientation program for will be held on campus in early June. Letters of invitation will be sent directly to parents/guardians.

Expenses are Covered
No tuition is charged for the Urban Teacher Academy. TCNJ will cover costs for books, materials, lunches, snacks, field trips, and other expenses for books, materials, lunches, snacks, field trips, and other admissions. This program does not include daily transportation expenses to and from The College of New Jersey.

Transportation Required
Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting students to and from the program. Specific times and location of pickup and drop-off areas will be provided prior to the beginning of the program.

Incentive
Upon successful completion of this program, each student will receive $250.

Instructors
Faculty will include TCNJ professors, local community and educational leaders, and urban teachers.

Awards Ceremony
Parents/guardians will be invited to attend a recognition ceremony on July 30, 2007. This program will also showcase the students’ experiences and recognize everyone’s achievement.

Here’s What Students Need to Do to Apply

1. Attach a brief autobiographical sketch (100-200 words typed) that includes your personal background and aspirations.
2. Attach an essay (200-250 words typed) explaining why you are interested in pursuing a career as an urban teacher.
3. Attach two letters of recommendation from teachers.
4. Attach a transcript of your high school grades including the first two marking periods of your junior year.
5. Attach a list of extracurricular school and community activities, including offices held, leadership positions, and amount of time devoted each week. Include paid work experience as well as volunteer positions. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Applications will not be processed until all materials have been received.

Application Deadline: April 18, 2007
APPLICATION
TCNJ SUMMER HIGH SCHOOL URBAN TEACHER ACADEMY
JULY 9-20, 2007

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 18, 2007

Date ________________________________

Name of Student ________________________________

Current Grade _________ Date of Birth _________________________

Student E-mail Address______________________________

Home Mailing Address________________________________

City or Town_______________________________ Zip______________

County__________________________________________________

Home Phone________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Work Phone ______________________________

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address________________________________

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone ______________________________

School Name ______________________________________________

School Address ______________________________________________

School City or Town __________________________________________

School Guidance Counselor __________________________________

School Guidance Department Telephone (______)___________________

FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN:

I give permission for my child to attend TCNJ’s Summer Urban Teacher Academy from July 9-20.

Signature of Parent/Guardian______________________________

Date_____________________________________________________

Please mail completed application to:
Laurence R. Fieber
Urban Recruitment Coordinator
The College of New Jersey
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Ewing, New Jersey 08628-0718

Additional Information:
Laurence R. Fieber
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The College of New Jersey, a primarily undergraduate institution, provides academically prepared students with a challenging education and a rewarding residential experience, small classes and a prestigious faculty. TCNJ has been recognized for excellence in U.S. News and World Report, The Fiske Guide to Colleges, Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges, and Peterson’s Competitive Colleges.

The College of New Jersey is located on 289 tree-lined acres in suburban Ewing, NJ.

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