

# CEE Program Updates 2007

## February 2007

- New **ME-PD Learning Community** sites have been established this semester: two sites in Sun Prairie and one in Kettle Moraine, Milwaukee and Onalaska, enrolling more than 129 new students. CEE administers the program in partnership with the School of Education.

## March 2007

- On March 6, 49 educators and administrators from school districts and higher education institutions participated in the **DPI and UW-La Crosse License Renewal Support Center PI-34 Professional Development Plan Review Team Training Day**. The 49 attendees became certified to review professional development plans for school, district and regional initial educators, pupil service personnel, administrators and master teachers in Wisconsin.
- Dr. Delores Heiden offered a one credit online course for teachers attending a **Wisconsin State Reading Association Institute** in Onalaska or Waukesha. The course drew 6 participants and assisted professional educators in their use of language to help children become strategic thinkers and independent, active literacy learners.
- **Holistic Care to Improve Elders' Quality of Life**, an elective for the Gerontology Certificate program, was offered March 17 on campus. The workshop was designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals.

## April 2007

- **Spanish Medical Terminology**, a program designed for those who work in healthcare professions and need to communicate effectively with Spanish-speaking patients and clients, is offered April 13-14 at the Health Science Center. Participants will recognize and utilize basic Spanish medical terminology in communication; work more effectively with medical interpreters and translators in delivering health care and other services; and expand their knowledge and use of resources available to serve Spanish-speaking patients and clients.
- **Physiology of Aging**, a core workshop for the Gerontology Certificate Program will be offered April 20-21 in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. The workshop is designed for health and human service professionals and other interested individuals. The Gerontology Certificate is offered in partnership with the Psychology Department.

## May 2007

- **Basic Plant Identification**, part of the Wetland Delineation workshop series, takes place in Waukesha **May 14-16**. The workshop was developed by **associate professor Tim Gerber, biology**, in response to requests from past participants.
- The 22<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Health Education Network annual meeting takes place May 22 in Appleton. Developed and led by **Professor Gary Gilmore**, Health Education and Health Promotion, the meeting will draw more than 70 health practitioners to address the need for partnership development of health education and promotion at local and statewide levels.
- The **International Death, Grief and Bereavement Conference** takes place on campus June 3-6. Developed in partnership with the Center for Death Education and Bioethics and led by Professor Gerry Cox, sociology, the conference will draw more than 170 professionals and those dealing with grief from throughout the United States. To register or for more information, call 785-6504.

## June 2007

- CEE's summer pre-college programs kick off with **Environmental Explorers**, June 12-13 and **Harmony Explosion Camp**, June 21-24. Nearly 100 middle and high school youth will attend.
- Professor emeritus Jim Gallagher will lead 12 individuals on an **Ireland walking tour**, June 14-23.
- In cooperation with Chileda, we are offering the **Autism Spectrum Disorders Certificate program** this summer for 25 participants. This certificate is for health and human service professionals, educators, paraprofessionals, parents, and persons working directly with an individual with an autism spectrum disorder.

- Additional CEE youth programs taking place on campus this month are **Girls in Science**, attracting **80** upper elementary and middle school youth, June 23-24, **Harmony Explosion Camp**, June 21-24 and the **USA Cycling Camp**, attracting **32** young adult cyclists, June 24-29.
- **Art in the Natural World: Off the Beaten Path II**, a credit course for teachers, June 25-29, will be offered in the natural setting of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.

### July 2007

- **"Exploring the Outdoor Classroom,"** a credit course for teachers, July 9-13, will be offered in the natural setting of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> annual **Young Scholars** program, July 9-13, offers 85 students hands-on experiences primarily in the arts and sciences through inquiry, creativity and problem solving. Twelve UW-L faculty and academic staff will teach classes for the program.

### August 2007

- New ME-PD Learning Community sites have been established in Brown Deer, Lake Geneva, Portage and West Salem, enrolling more than 110 students. CEE administers the program in partnership with the School of Education.

### September 2007

- Advance your figure drawing skills through the **Figuration Studio** workshop offered Sept. 10-Nov. 12, Mondays, from 6-8 p.m. at the Center for the Arts studio. The program is a self-directed, non-instructional studio class for adult artists at all experience levels. For more information or to register, call 608.785-6500.
- In partnership with the Psychology Department, **Foundations of Gerontology**, a core workshop for the online credit Gerontology Certificate Program will be offered Sept. 10-Nov. 2. The program uses the Internet to bring UW education to working professionals around the country.
- The **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium**, led by assistant professor Eric Brunsell, Educational Studies at the Pigeon Lake Field Station September 16-18, will be attended by more than 60 high school students presenting research and experimentation in sciences, mathematics and engineering.
- **Academic Skills workshop**, a must for all high school students, helps prepare participants for the academic adjustments when transitioning from middle school to high school or high school to college. The workshop covers time management, textbook reading, note taking and test preparation. The program is \$49 and will be offered Sept. 22 on the UW-L campus. For more information call 785.6500.
- The **Gerontology workshops** offered this fall include Essentials of Gerontology, Drugs and Aging, Supporting Lesbian, Gay and Transgendered Elders, and Creative Connections and Dementia. The certificate is offered in partnership with the Psychology Department. Workshops are open to all - to register or for more information, call 785.6500.
- The **23<sup>rd</sup> annual Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Conference** will be held on the UW-L campus, October 4-5. Attendees will explore, in an interdisciplinary manner, questions related to identity, "in-groups" and "out-groups", separatism and tolerance as they relate to globalization, human rights, peace and conflict. The program is open to the public – to register or for more information, call 785.6500.

### October 2007

- Two workshops, part of the **Nonprofit Series**, *We Need to Get Organized* and *All We Need is More Money*, will be offered Oct. 10 and Oct. 11 on the UW-L campus. Designed for board members and key staff, the program will present essential elements for successful board experiences and what it takes to build a sustainable funding plan. To register or for more information, call 785-6509.
- **ACT Prep Course**, a pre-college program designed to raise student test scores by enhancing test-taking skills and strengthening their academic preparation will meet six Saturdays, Oct. 13-Nov. 17 on the UW-L campus. To register, please call 785-6500.

- **Supporting Lesbian, Gay and Transgendered Elders** workshop, offered Oct. 12 on the UW-L campus will assist LGBT people in identifying resources and strategies for their aging journey. Registrations are still being accepted. Please call 785-6500.
- A **Post-Traumatic Stress workshop**, designed to help local providers know what to expect from soldiers returning from war and others experiencing traumatic stress, will be offered on Oct 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Health Science Center. The program will be taught by a psychologist who served in Iraq and therapists who provide services to veterans and their families. To register, call 785.6508.
- The dramatic rise in the diagnosis of autism calls for additional educational opportunities for school personnel, human service providers and healthcare providers. Join individuals from around the Midwest at the **2007 Midwest Autism Conference**, Oct. 21-23 at the La Crosse Center. An evening program for parents will also be offered, Oct 21 from 7-9 p.m.
- Through shared resource agreements with Black River Falls, Galesville-Etrick-Trempealeau, Holmen, La Crosse, Onalaska, Sparta, Viroqua and West Salem school districts, credit courses are offered to educators and administrators this academic year. The collaboration provides district specific, teacher-centered professional development that is aligned with the districts established goals. In addition, this partnership strengthens the relationship of the Department of Educational Studies with the districts for placement of clinical students and student teachers in their schools and classrooms.
- The **Chicago Art & Theatre Tour**, organized by the School of Arts and Communications, will include the Broadway musical "Jersey Boys" and a visit to the Chicago Art Institute to view Jasper Johns exhibit, Nov 3-4. For more information or to register, contact Continuing Education/Extension (608) 785-6500.
- **Essentials in Long Term Care workshop**, Nov. 6, will help supervisors and managers identify and foster development of the most essential job skills in long term care and related fields. The program will be held on campus.

## November 2007

- The **2007 Wisconsin Lower Extremity Symposium and Workshops** took place Nov. 9-10, the result of a long-term partnership with the Physical Therapy Department and Gundersen Lutheran Sports Medicine. A distinguished faculty of orthopedic surgeons, physical therapists, and athletic trainers will present recent advances in orthopedic and sports injuries. More than 80 physical therapists from throughout the U.S. are expected to attend.
- More than 650 **ME-PD Learning Community** students and alumni, school district administrators, and UW-L faculty and staff convened Nov. 10-11 on campus for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Learning Community conference, developed by CEE and the School of Education. Barbara Coloroso, internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of teaching, parenting, bullying, school discipline and non-violent conflict resolution, was one of the keynote speakers.
- Ed Zaccaro will present a workshop, "**Meeting the Needs of the Mathematically Gifted Child,**" on Nov. 28 for teachers and other school professionals. He will also offer an evening program for parents, "**The Eight Components of Successful Programs for Mathematically Gifted Children,**" Nov. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cleary Alumni & Friends Center. Cost for the evening program is \$9.