

## **The Arizona Cultural Teaching and Learning Experience January 7-14, 2012**

### **Overview**

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse teacher education students will travel to Phoenix, Arizona, to gain a more diverse understanding of teacher education. The students will leave January 7, 2012 and spend one week working at Fowler Elementary School District (<http://www.fesd.org/>). Brenda Leahy from Career Services and a School of Education faculty member will accompany students on the trip.

In response to demographic changes and a pattern of underachievement and disengagement of large numbers of students, there is a national movement underway to support teachers to critically examine, reflect on, and respond to practices for learners with diverse needs and from diverse backgrounds.

**The Arizona Cultural Teaching and Learning Experience** will provide teacher education students the opportunity to work with ethnically, culturally, linguistically, and socioeconomically diverse learners.

### **Outcomes:**

- As a participant in the Arizona Cultural Teaching and Learning Experience, students will expand knowledge of various cultural and ethnic groups.
- As a participant in the Arizona Cultural Teaching and Learning Experience, students will reflect on their teaching experience and learning.
- As a participant in the Arizona Cultural Teaching and Learning Experience, students will gain experience and strategies for working with diverse populations.

**Total Cost:** \$700, with \$150 scholarship opportunity.

### **Informational Meetings:**

- **Friday, October 7 – 10 a.m. (Career Services Presentation Room, 1142 Centennial Hall)**
- **Monday, October 10 – 4:00 p.m. (Career Services Presentation Room, 1142 Centennial Hall)**

**View meeting presentation as a PDF file.**

### **Application Process**

- Submit application to the Office of Field Experience in 145 Graff Main Hall between 7:45 a.m. Thursday, October 20 and 4:00 p.m. Friday, October 21.
- Participants will be selected and notified by Monday, October 31, and the \$100 deposit must be paid by Friday, November 4 to reserve a space in the program.
- Preference will be given to students admitted to the teacher education program, and who have completed at least one field experience.
- Payment of additional installments by November 18<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> deadlines.

**For more information contact:**

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