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For Immediate Release:

EIU INITIATIVE ENCOURAGES TEACHERS TO BECOME STUDENTS

CHARLESTON – Teachers can become the students this summer through a new initiative being implemented at Eastern Illinois University.

“Summer College for Teachers” was designed in response to requests from local teachers seeking courses in their content area and/or courses intended to enhance teaching skills. The task was not a difficult one, given that Eastern already has a long tradition of both preparing teachers for the classroom and of offering advanced study to practicing teachers.

Eastern has provided graduate degree programs and graduate courses to support professional development since 1951. Currently more than 1,700 full- and part-time graduate students are enrolled in EIU courses.

The College of Education, working in conjunction with the School of Continuing Education, has identified 25 graduate-level courses that will be offered to teachers during the summer of 2006. Those interested in taking one or more of these courses will need to apply and be admitted to EIU’s Graduate School. (See <https://www.applytograd.eiu.edu>.)

Once admitted, students can then register for a “Summer College for Teachers” course by visiting the following Web site: <https://sce.eiu.edu/wconnect/ace/home.htm>.

At least one “Summer College for Teachers” course is available in each of the following fields of study: counseling and student development, education, elementary education, English, health studies, mathematics, psychology, secondary education, special education, technology and theatre arts.

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SUMMER COLLEGE FOR TEACHERS

In addition, the departments of biological sciences, chemistry, geology/geography and physics offer graduate credit coursework specifically designed for the secondary science teacher. Students can receive credit toward a master of science in natural sciences degree, or can take the courses to advance their professional/personal competencies.

For a full course list, see http://www.eiu.edu/ceps/summer/course_descriptions.php.