

# P artnering to R eform E ducation Newsletter

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## Teacher Education Program

One of the key grant components is the reform of the ISU teacher education programs in ways that prepare future teachers to meet the learning needs of PK-12 students in our dramatically changing 21<sup>st</sup> century society. The grant defined a general framework, based on the recent research on teacher education effectiveness, comprising the elements of inquiry-, project-, and problem-based active learning, compressed (more intense) field experience, and improved content knowledge.

To date, three task forces and the project advisory board, which have included forty-five individuals representing various groups in the 20 professional development schools, and the Colleges of Education, Arts & Science, Business, Health & Human Performance, and Technology, have taken part in the ever-evolving design of teacher education programs. In early April, the proposed teacher education program designs will be presented to the relevant colleges and departments for their discussion and pilot development. What a fantastic and exhilarating

time to be part of the ISU community!

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## DID YOU KNOW.....?

Thus far, over 800 hours have been dedicated to developing the proposals for the revised Teacher Education Program.

## Newsletter Begins

This inaugural edition of the Project PRE Newsletter is a briefer version of future monthly editions. The staff and co-directors are eager to share the progress of the many grant activities with the ISU and PDS communities.

## Project PRE

The collaborative partnership of the ISU College of Education, other ISU colleges in which pre-service teachers take courses, and the 20 Professional Development schools (PDS) served by ISU received a \$3.9 million federal grant. The 5-year grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Education is titled *Partnering to Reform Education* (PRE), locally referred to as **Project PRE**.

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# Center of Pedagogy Progress

With a less formal, and yet to be determined, name than Center of Pedagogy, another task force has developed a proposal for the creation of a mutually governed center to support and promote the work of PK-12 and university educators. The center is intended to provide professional development, assistance, and resources that fill the gaps between existing agencies and providers. That plan, too, will be presented to colleges and departments soon.

The task force charged with the development of a proposal for the center identified and prioritized nine major types of services needed. The first four to be addressed are:

- professional development (not provided by other units)
- collaboration & coherence of programs, curricula, and courses,
- resources – sharing, procuring, and identifying,
- identifying, coordinating, and facilitating research interests and opportunities across the university and PDS schools

The next steps include seeking approvals and funding sources as well as planning for the implementation of the first phase of development.



## WORKSHOPS

### Winter 2005

**Teacher Mentor Program**—currently in progress:

- Indianapolis at Northwest HS
- Terre Haute at Sarah Scott MS

### Summer 2005

**ISU Faculty Workshops**—May & August

**Integrating Educational Technology into Teaching**

- Terre Haute - June 6-9, Sarah Scott Middle School
- Indianapolis - June 13-16, Service Center Indianapolis Public Schools

**K-12 Science and Health Teacher Academy**—TBA

## Spring Showcase

Join us on April 21, 1:00-3:00 in the College of Education Lobby as we showcase many of the activities that have occurred since the beginning of the Project PRE grant, October 2003.

Many of the Project activities as well as student class/art work from our PDS partners will be on display during this event.

## Getting the Word Out!

Maria Doti-Greninger, Communications and Marketing, will assist us in this endeavor by submitting articles to area newspaper which will highlight our activities. Also, you can now hear a “30-second spot” announcing Project PRE activities if you are placed on hold when calling an ISU number. Watch (and listen) for Project PRE activities in the news!

## New Project PRE website available

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[http://soe.indstate.edu/project\\_pre/](http://soe.indstate.edu/project_pre/)

## Meet the Director of Evaluation

Linnea Rademaker, Director of Evaluation, was hired in January 2005 to oversee the assessment portion of the Project PRE. She has obtained ISU IRB approval to administer surveys to workshop participants and is presently gathering and synthesizing feedback to assess where the PRE Project workshops can improve and what has been done well.

Linnea hails from East Peoria, IL. Having earned her doctorate in curriculum and instruction in May of 2004, her dissertation was a case study evaluation of an arts advocacy organization. She is excited about sharing the results of the Project PRE evaluations with others through conference presentations, reports, and journal articles.

## FALL OPEN HOUSE

September 19  
Hulman Memorial  
Student Union  
Time: TBA