

NEW TEACHER INSTITUTE VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

The New Teacher Institute (NTI) is designed to provide new Trade and Industrial and Healthcare Science Technology Education (Health Occupations) teachers with basic instructional skills. The major emphasis will be on organizing curriculum, delivery methods, managing the occupational classroom and laboratory and other issues critical to the success of new T&I or HSTE teachers as they make the transition from industry to the classroom. Participants must register for the New Teacher Institute in the Fall and Spring semesters (3 semester hours each, total of 6 semester hours), along with Internship in Teaching Career Education (6 semester hours each, total of 12 semester hours). All work is done for college credit.

Dates, Location, and Time

The New Teacher Institute at Valdosta State University is undergoing a dramatic and exciting change! Beginning with the 2008-2009 program, Valdosta State's New Teacher Institute will be delivered as Fall and Spring program, rather than a summer program. This will allow a participant to complete the program without having to relocate to the Valdosta area for four weeks at a time. Class meetings will be held on a series of Saturdays, along with one or two meetings held in conjunction with major CTAE conferences. Web-based activities will be used to supplement in-class instruction. It is hoped that this will be a more cost-effective model and will allow for the immediate application of skills and competencies learned in the class meetings.

The New Teacher Institute at VSU is a combination on-site, web-based, and school-based program. On-site meetings will be held in the Education Center on the campus of Valdosta State University on the following dates:

Date	Meeting Format
<i>Fall 2008 Semester</i>	
August 23, 2008	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
September 6, 2008	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
October 4, 2008	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
November 8, 2008	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
November 22, 2008	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
<i>Spring 2009 Semester</i>	
January 2009-TBA	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
January 2009-TBA	<i>TIEGA Winter Workshop- Location TBA</i>
February 2009-TBA	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>
March, 2009-TBA	<i>Gulf South ACED Conference—Valdosta</i>
April 2009-TBA	<i>On-site—Valdosta</i>

The institute will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Participants must attend all sessions except in the case of an emergency or illness. Exceptions will not be granted for vacations or other activities except for extreme circumstances. All participants must have access to a computer, with a high-quality internet connection.

Registration with the Career, Technology, and Agricultural Education Resource Network (CTAERN)

All participants must register with the CTAERN to participate in this program by contacting the CTAERN staff at 866-454-2823, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If the lines are busy, please leave a message for a return phone call. If you are unable to connect with staff at the CTAERN, send an e-mail containing your interest in this program and your contact information to Marvin Brown at marvinmb@aol.com.

Admission to Valdosta State University

All participants **must be admitted** to Valdosta State University. Participants who currently possess a Bachelor's level degree will be admitted as graduate students. Undergraduate students should list their major as "TIE" and graduate students should list their major as "ACED." In most cases, admission should be for the Fall 2008 semester.

For more information on the admissions procedure, please contact Charles Backes in the Department of Adult and Career Education at Valdosta State University at (229) 333-7152 as soon as possible. Participants who do not meet admission requirements as set forth by the Board of Regents will not be able to complete the program. Participants should let Dr. Backes know their 9-digit student number (870...) as soon as it is assigned by the Admissions Office. The admissions process should be started as soon as possible, as there are admissions deadlines that must be considered.

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In addition, **all participants MUST register and pay for college credit**. Participants should call Charles Backes in order to receive further information on registering for credits at VSU. Late registrations will be handled on a case-by-case basis. **Please contact Dr. Backes as soon as possible to facilitate the admission and registration process. Dr. Backes will assist you with registration dates and procedures.**

Credit for the New Teacher Institute

The NTI is part of a series of activities that are required to attain initial teacher certification. Participants will register for 3 semester hours in the fall semester and 3 semester hours of credit in the following spring semester for a total of 6 semester hours. ACED 4900 (undergraduate) or ACED 7900 (graduate). These credits will be applied toward the *Teaching Methods* and *Curriculum Development* requirements for T&I certification and are applicable to the student's undergraduate or graduate program of study. Other certification requirements including foundations coursework, legislated requirements, and GACE Basic Skills testing will be completed in conjunction with or following the NTI program. Additional tuition and fees will be involved.

Internship and Mentoring Program

All NTI participants will complete an internship during the 2008-2009 school year. The internship will provide an additional 12 semester hours of credit toward initial certification (two semesters @ 6 hours each). The internship will include the use of an on-site mentor. All students must register for the internship for college credit (ACED 4780). Internship credit is applicable to undergraduate degree programs of study, but may not be applied to

a graduate degree program of study. Participants must be concurrently registered for the NTI at VSU in order to participate in the internship program.

Dress, Supplies, and Other Materials

Dress for all workshop activities will be casual. Generally speaking, attire that is acceptable for wear in your classroom and laboratory is appropriate for NTI.

Participants should bring a three-ring binder with paper to the NTI for use in organizing materials provided during the workshop. In addition, participants will be asked to bring curriculum guides, textbook(s) used in classes, and a copy of the lesson plan form required in the participant's school district at the appropriate class meetings. CTAE supervisors or principals should be able to provide assistance in obtaining these materials.

Participants should also bring a copy of their teaching license and professional certification documents to the first meeting, if available.

Meals and Lodging

Meals and lodging are the responsibility of the participants. Numerous restaurants are within easy driving and walking distance of the classroom location. There are a number of reasonably priced motels in the area. A list of reasonably priced hotels is provided below.

Participants are urged to specify government or Valdosta State University rates and inquire about complimentary meals and other amenities. All area codes are 229.

Exit 18 Valdosta

LaQuinta Inn (247-7755), Jameson Inn (253-0009), Hampton Inn-Mall, (244-8800), Quality Inn (244-8510), Courtyard (241-1301), Country Inn and Suites (245-1700), Econolodge (671-1511), Sleep Inn (671-1111)

Exit 16 Valdosta

Ramada Inn (242-1225), Hampton Inn and Suites Convention Center (241-1234)

It is our desire to make your experience as a participant in the NTI at VSU a pleasant and beneficial one. If you have further questions or concerns, please contact us at Valdosta State University. We are looking forward to having you as a part of Valdosta State University.



Please use the following checklist as you prepare to attend the New Teacher Institute at Valdosta State University.

- ❑ **Review NTI materials.** See your CTE Director.
- ❑ **Complete and return student profile form** to Dr. Backes.
- ❑ **Contact the CTAERN** at 866-454-2823 or at marvinmb@aol.com
- ❑ **Contact Dr. Charles Backes** at 229-333-7152 or at cbackes@valdosta.edu.
- ❑ **Apply for admission to Valdosta State University** (visit www.valdosta.edu or call the Admissions Office at 1-800-618-1878 (undergraduate) or the Graduate School (graduate) at 229-333-5694.
- ❑ **Prepare for payment of registration and parking fees.**
- ❑ **Make lodging arrangements**, if necessary.
- ❑ **Arrive at class** on Saturday, August 23, 2008 by 8:30 a.m.

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Thanks for attending the New Teacher Institute at Valdosta State University!