TSTT Mission

Inspire, support and prepare high school students from traditionally underrepresented communities to become teachers - with an emphasis on high-need areas including math, science, special education and ELL.

In 2008, TSTT will accept twenty Seattle-area high school students from diverse backgrounds to participate in a summer academy and academic-year support program designed to encourage and create opportunities for successful careers in teaching. Students entering their senior year will have priority admission to the program. Students entering their junior year are also encouraged to apply and will be accepted on a space available basis.

Upon high school graduation, TSTT students will have preferred entry into the North Seattle Community College (NSCC)/Western Washington University (WWU) teacher preparation partnership. Students can earn their BAE from WWU with a certificate in teaching - all on the NSCC campus.

What Happens in TSTT?

The TSTT program will run from June 2008 - June 2009. The program will begin with a student and family orientation on the evening of May 29th followed by a four-week summer academy at NSCC and ongoing activities during the 2008-2009 academic year.

2008 TSTT Summer Academy: Exploring Issues in Urban Education

Students will attend the summer academy at NSCC from 9:00am-12:30pm, Monday-Friday, July 7 - July 31, 2008. Transportation assistance to NSCC will be available for students.

The four-week summer academy includes a daily seminar to study critical issues in urban education. Students will read articles, hear from guest speakers, take field trips in the community and complete a research paper and oral presentation on an education issue of their choice. The academy also includes preparation for a hands-on teaching experience with instruction from WWU College of Education faculty and The Homewaters Project - an innovative environmental education organization. Students are eligible to earn high school service-learning credits and/or academic credits for their participation in the summer academy.

2008-2009 TSTT Academic-year Activities

- Quarterly seminars with the TSTT group (including classroom observations and a field-trip to a professional educator’s conference).
- Monthly meetings with a TSTT academic advisor (academic support services available for students who need assistance maintaining at least a 3.0 GPA).
- Tutoring at a local school or other community-youth program (students will be eligible to earn high school service-learning credit and/or running start college credit for this activity).
- College-entry and financial-aid application assistance.

Please visit our website for more program information or a student application:
http://TSTT.NORTHSEATTLE.EDU

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