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Funding Available for UMaine Early Intervention Graduate Courses

ORONO, Maine – Full tuition is available for four graduate-level, special education courses to be offered by the University during the spring 2002 semester. Funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant, the early intervention courses are funded by a U.S. Department of Education grant and will be taught at sites around the state.

The courses are provided collaboratively by UMaine's College of Education and Human Development and Center for Community Inclusion. Students may pursue either a master's degree with a specialization in early intervention or the state endorsement (certification) option required for a Maine Teacher of Young Children with Disabilities - Birth to School Age Five. The courses are available to individuals who have a bachelor's degree and to undergraduates with senior-level status and advisor permission

Among early intervention and early childhood personnel who might find the courses helpful are developmental therapists, service coordinators, teachers, administrators, speech pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers, nurses, counselors and psychologists.

Tuition will be fully paid for full-or part-time students accepted under the Training Options for Early Intervention Personnel (TOP) grant, funded by the DOE's Office of Special Education Programs. Interested individuals who do not apply for tuition support through the TOP grant also may enroll in individual early intervention courses.

Times and locations for the courses are:

- Typical and Atypical Development in Infancy and Early Childhood – Mondays, 6:45-9:45 p.m. Sites in Orono, Searsport, and Augusta or Waterville.
- Foundations of Early Intervention (two sections) – Five Saturdays: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 4/6 & 4/20. Sites in Orono, Rumford, and Augusta or Waterville, Portland or Gorham; Thursdays: 6:45-9:45 p.m., beginning January 24. Sites in Orono, Searsport, and Augusta or Waterville.
- Fostering Partnerships in Early Intervention (two sections) – Five Saturdays: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/30, 4/13. Sites in Orono, Rumford, and Augusta or Waterville, Portland or Gorham; Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m., beginning January 23. Sites in Orono, and Portland or Gorham, and possibly Ellsworth.
- Serving Infants and Toddlers in Natural Environments – Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. Sites in Orono, Caribou, and Augusta or Waterville

For more information about the classes and the grant : visit the TOP website

at <http://www.ume.maine.edu/cci/learning/top>; contact Sandra Doctoroff, (207) 581-1437, sandy.doctoroff@umit.maine.edu, or Sharon Gilbert, (207) 581-1219 sharon.gilbert@umit.maine.edu. The Voice/TTY phone number 1/800-203-6957.

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