



Experience teaching in an urban school setting!

C I 295D: The Philadelphia Urban Seminar

May 16–29, 2011 in Philadelphia, PA

Sign up for this two-week, 3-credit, immersion course in which you can apply, in an urban public school setting, what you are learning in your Penn State courses.

During this course you will:

- ✓ work directly with children and teachers in Philadelphia public school classrooms (special education, pre-k through secondary placements are available)
- ✓ participate in lectures/workshops from leading urban educators and researchers
- ✓ participate in community service in a Philadelphia neighborhood
- ✓ attend cultural events in Philadelphia
- ✓ engage with readings on urban teaching and social justice

Learn more on youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2h31zBks2A>

You must successfully obtain several clearances to be eligible to register for this course.

For clearances:

Visit the CIFE Office: <http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/cife/clearances> **before** February 1, 2011. Be proactive. Securing clearances can take up to 8-weeks.

To register:

Contact Ms. Lisa Clapper at lrc139@outreach.psu.edu **before** March 1, 2011. Be aware. Registration can take place only **after** you have secured your clearances.

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This two-week, 3-credit, summer-semester course for Penn State students provides a unique immersion experience in an urban public school environment. The experience will help you begin to thoughtfully consider diversity in public school education. You will spend the weekdays working with children and teachers in Philadelphia public school classrooms. The evenings will include attendance at cultural events in the city and daily learning forums that will allow you to reflect on each day's experiences in addition to academic readings. The weekend will be spent in organized community service and social activities.

Fees and Transportation:

You will be responsible for payment of the 3-credit tuition and \$195.00 program fee, as well as most meals.

- **The program fee will be nonrefundable after April 1, 2011.** Dormitory lodging at La Salle University, van transportation between University Park and Philadelphia, and transportation to schools will be provided at no additional cost.

For course information:

Contact the professor in charge of the course—Dr. Jeanine Staples in the College of Education—at staples@psu.edu. **Note:** Dr. Staples *cannot* help you to secure your clearances or register for the course.

Important: All registered students will be invited to a mandatory orientation for this course in April, 2011. Information on the academic, social and civic components of the course, in addition to its policies and procedures, will be shared at the orientation.

Important: Registered students may receive an assignment prior to the beginning of the course. If such an assignment is made due, it will be communicated via the course's Angel site email.

Important: This 3-credit course is inclusive. Registered students must stay on campus at La Salle University and are not permitted to lodge elsewhere.

Step One: Go to the CIFE Website (<http://www.ed.psu.edu/educ/cife/clearances>) and review information regarding all clearances required to register for CI 295D: The Philadelphia Urban Seminar.

Step Two: Secure your FBI, PA State Child Abuse, PA State Criminal Record Check and TB shot. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** This process may take up to 8 weeks to successfully complete. Begin the process as soon as possible (i.e. January, 2011) to further ensure your ability to register for this course and secure a school placement by March 1.

Step Three: Take the hardcopies of ALL of your clearances *and* TB shot to the CIFE office (University Park Campus). Share these documents with Ms. Kerri Kopcha (kdl111@psu.edu). If you are unable to get to Ms. Kopcha personally, contact her and follow her instructions on how to share your hardcopies with her.

Step Four: The CIFE office (Ms. Kopcha) will contact PSU Outreach (Ms. Lisa Clapper, lrc139@outreach.psu.edu) to verify your eligibility for registration. You will receive an email to this effect. Please retain this email for your records.

Step Five: Upon successful registration, your bursar account will be charged for the 3-credit tuition plus a \$195.00 registration fee. This fee includes the costs for speaker fees, a course t-shirt, copyrights for articles and book chapters, and some meals provided during the course.

Step Six: Your name and contact information will be added to the Instructor's Elion account and you will be populated in the ANGEL roster for this course.

Step Seven: Dr. Jeanine Staples (staples@psu.edu) is the Professor-in-Charge of this course. Dr. Staples will email you regarding academic course requirements and pre-surveys to help prepare for the course.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. There is 50 student cap on this course. Eligible students (i.e. those with valid clearances) will be registered on a first come, first served basis. Registered students will be assigned a roommate based on the class roster.
2. Students are not permitted to room with romantic interests/partners.
3. (Pre-K, Special Education, Elementary, Middle or Secondary School) Placements in Philadelphia schools will be pursued on or before March 1 and *only* for registered students.
4. Clearances take 6-8 weeks to secure. Placements will not be pursued for un-registered students.
5. Students without a placement site are *not* permitted to participate in the Philadelphia Urban Seminar.
6. All registered students *must* live on campus, at La Salle University, during the entire two-week immersion course, inclusive of weekends.
7. Registered students with any acute or chronic disabilities will be accommodated in this course to the fullest extent possible. After successful registration, please contact Dr. Staples in advance of your stay for support.
8. Neither Dr. Staples (nor teaching assistants) can help students secure clearances or register for this course.
9. Neither Dr. Staples (nor teaching assistants) will respond to inquiries from parents before, during or after the course for any reasons, bar a severe emergency that requires student protection.
10. Students are required to attend a mandatory orientation to prepare for CI 295D: The Philadelphia Urban Seminar. This orientation will be held on a date to be determined by the Professor-in-Charge of this course. Students will be notified of it several weeks in advance via email.