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# The Educators' Center



**Dr. Gary Grace, Director of the University Center, speaking at the June, 2008 SLC Workshops**

Established in 2002 under the leadership of the founding director, Ed Gonwa, and currently under the direction of Dr. Lynne Reynolds, the primary purpose of the Educators' Center of Lake County is to provide opportunities for K-12 teachers and administrators to obtain high quality, research-based information about teaching and learning. This, in turn will help them to become agents of positive change within their respective schools and districts.

Guided by a steering committee that is comprised of representatives from schools of education within the University Center's 18 member institutions, Lake County school districts, teacher associations, and the Regional Office of Education, the Educators' Center provides high quality, customized professional development to schools and districts within Lake County. The Center also works in partnership with local schools and districts to obtain grants and outside resources to improve their schools.

Examples of this collaboration include:

- The recently completed 3 year Teaching Enhancement Activities in Math/ Science (TEAMS) Project, a teacher training program for teachers of grades 4-12. NCLB funding was provided through the Illinois Board of Higher Education and augmented by some district monies supported the year-long training for 4 cohorts of teachers;
- Partnering with Waukegan Consolidated School District #60 to provide professional development and external evaluation as Waukegan High School (WHS) implements a DOE Smaller Learning Communities five-year grant. The Educators' Center and the University Center has assisted in the planning and delivery of summer workshops, consultation and professional development during the school year to teachers at WHS as they work to restructure their school into effective smaller learning communities to provide the best possible educational opportunities to students in Waukegan;
- Connecting the grant director of the Southern Illinois University's "Teaching with Primary Sources" grant with the Round Lake public

schools to provide training and lap-top computers to 15 teachers of the Round Lake Schools;

- And, assisting Illinois State University to secure a Transition to Teaching grant that brought to Lake County a bachelor's completion program in elementary education with a bilingual endorsement for paraprofessionals in high need school districts.
- In addition, the Educators' Center has played an important role in a number of other activities such as :
- Surveying Lake County teachers to determine their educational and professional development needs;
  - Conducting bi-annual surveys of Lake County school districts to determine teacher shortage areas and professional development needs;
  - Hosting a number of focus group meetings for Lake County educators in conjunction with the Lake County Regional Office of Education to identify types of professional development programs and services;
  - Responding to school district requests for endorsement programs for their teachers;
  - Coordinating summer school programs from a

number of our member institutions leading to Middle school Endorsements;

- And partnering with the Regional Office of Education, local school districts and service agencies when funding opportunities arise.

The Educators' Center serves as a resource for both school districts and individual teachers. For schools and districts, we can provide customized staff development and identify programs to help their teachers become highly-qualified. We can partner with them to secure grant funding.

For individual teachers, we can provide guidance in selecting degree and certificate programs that will allow them to advance professionally. For a list of current programs, please see the other side of this brochure.

The Educators' Center Steering Committee meets bi-monthly on the third Tuesday of the month.



**Waukegan H.S. teachers creating learning materials for their students.**

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# Advance Your Education Career

Below is a list of degree and certificate options offered through the University Center of Lake County that may be of interest to teachers. For more information about any of these programs, contact Recruitment Specialist/Advisor Tonia Baxter at (847) 665-4014 or [tbaxter@ucenter.org](mailto:tbaxter@ucenter.org) or see: <http://ucenter.org/index.php?/prospective-students/degree-list/>

## Programs that Lead to Initial Teaching Certification (With Certificate Types)

Kendall College	Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education & Post-BA Certification (04 Certification)
Southern IL University Carbondale	Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education (03 Certification)
Dominican University	Master of Arts in Teaching (03 or 09 Certification)
Dominican University	Teacher Certification for College Graduates (03 or 09)
Dominican University	Master of Science in Special Education (LBS 1)
Northeastern IL University	Master of Arts in Special Education, Initial Certification (LBS 1)
University of IL at Springfield	Secondary Mathematics Teaching Certificate (09)

## Programs for Current Teachers

Dominican University	Master of Arts in Teaching (03 or 09 Certification)
Benedictine University	Master of Education, Reading and Literacy (Reading Specialist)
Northern IL University	Master of Science in Education in Reading and Literacy (Reading Specialist)
Northern IL University	Master of Science in Education in Reading and Literacy (ESL/Bilingual)
National-Louis University	Master of Education, Technology in Education (Type 10)
National-Louis University	Certificate of Advanced Study, Technology in Education (Type 10)
Chicago School of Professional Psychology	Education Specialist in School Psychology (Type 73)
Concordia University Chicago	Master of Arts in School Counseling (Type 73)
Northeastern IL University	Master of Arts in Educational Leadership (Type 75)
Dominican University	Master of Arts in Educational Administration (Type 75)
Dominican University	Master of Science in Special Education (LBS 1)
Northeastern IL University	Master of Arts in Special Education, Initial Certification (LBS 1)
Concordia University Chicago	Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction
University of IL Springfield	Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership
University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	Master of Education--Curriculum, Technology, & Education Reform (CTER)
Saint Xavier University	Master of Arts in Teaching and Leadership
IL State University	Ed.D. Educational Administration (P - 12 Administration Concentration)—Superintendent and CSBO certification
Kendall College	Post-BA Early Childhood Education 04 Certification Program
University of IL at Springfield	Secondary Mathematics Teaching Certificate (09)
Dominican University	Teacher Certification for College Graduates (03 or 09)

## Programs for Teaching or Working in Settings Other than K-12 Schools

Southern IL University Carbondale	BS & MEd in Workforce Education & Development
University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	Master of Education in Community College Teaching & Learning
North Park University	Master of Management in Higher Education Administration
University of IL at Urbana-Champaign	Master of Education--Human Resource Development
Roosevelt University	Master of Arts in Training & Development
IL State University	Ph.D Educational Administration (Higher Education Concentration)
Roosevelt University	Graduate Certificates in E-Learning, Instructional Design, Training & Development, Online Teaching, and Performance Consulting
North Park University	Certificate in Higher Education Administration