Growing...

Right now there are 58 TCIP program completers teaching. We are proud of all of our teachers and expect to see the numbers grow and grow. At present, we have teachers in many different and varied locations – charter schools, city schools, private schools, parochial school, suburban public school districts, tech schools, and alternative schools. We also have two teachers who have decided to teach in other states – New Jersey and Florida. Here is where our TCIP program completers are working:

- Academy Park SD
- Brandywine Hts. SD
- Centennial SD
- Central Bucks SD
- Cheltenham SD
- City of Allentown
- Coatesville SD
- Council Rock SD
- Easton SD
- Hatboro-Horsham
- Hopewell SD (NJ)
- Lifeworks Behavioral Health
- Morrisville SD
- Mount St. Josephs
- North Montco Vo-Tech
- North Penn SD
- Northampton Area SD
- Owen J. Roberts SD
- Palisades SD
- Panther Valley SD
- Penn-Delco SD
- Pennsbury SD
- Philadelphia Archdiocese
- Philadelphia SD
- Reading SD
- Seminole County SD (Fla)
- Souderton SD
- St. Basil Academy
- St. Jude (Chalfont)
- St. Pius X
- Various Charter Schools
- Villa Joseph Marie

New Cohorts Begin

We began fall 2006 by starting four new cohorts – 2 on the main campus, 1 at our off-site campus in South Philadelphia, and our newest campus in Northeast Philadelphia. Right now we have six cohorts moving through the TCIP program. Mr. Robert McNeill, Director of Continuing Education, did a fantastic job promoting the program. Perhaps you heard or saw the ads on radio and television. They were fabulous.

Celebrations

The last three cohorts, upon completion of their last course – Methods and Materials – celebrated at Iron Hill Brewery in Montgomeryville. Each evening was a lot of fun and it was obvious that there was a bond amongst each individual cohort member. One group chose to get together again at a restaurant in Southampton. Will this become a TCIP tradition? I hope so! The power of a cohort is to foster support for all of its members who are making a career change. There is a synergy which develops whereby the sum total of support is greater than what can ever be gained alone. From what I have observed from each cohort’s inception, it is an idea that definitely does work.

Meet the DVC TCIP Staff

Since its inception, both Dr. Bowman and I have worked hard to maintain and upgrade our teaching staff. We are very impressed with the group we have now and hope you will experience their different styles and teaching “tricks of the trade.” I fully expect to see our program come full circle some day and have one of our TCIP program completers on our TCIP teaching staff.

Dr. Howard Chud – Dr. Chud earned his Bachelors degree in music education from Temple University, his Masters degree in administration and supervision from Rider University, and his Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University. He was a high school band director for 22 years and a school administrator for 14 years. He also served as a union president and contract negotiator for four years. Dr. Chud has taught five of the six TCIP courses and is presently the Coordinator of the TCIP program.

Mrs. Barbara Bagnall - Mrs. Bagnall earned her undergraduate degree at Grove City College and her Masters degree at the University of Pittsburgh. She is a certified reading specialist and teaches in the day program and TCIP program at Delaware Valley College.

Mr. Dave Beck - Mr. Beck earned his B.S. degree in construction management technology from Spring Garden College. He received his secondary education certificate from Holy Family College and his Master’s in Educational Leadership from Neumann College. He is presently a full-time teacher at Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia.

Deadline – The deadline to request a spring observation is February 9, 2007.
Meet the DVC TCIP Staff (continued)

Mrs. Rebecca Colagreco – Mrs. Colagreco earned a BA in Spanish from West Chester University and a M. Ed. from Neumann College. She presently teaches high school Spanish.

Mrs. Diana Collura – Mrs. Collura is an 8th grade physics and chemistry teacher in the Bensalem School District. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Cedar Crest College and her Master’s degree in science education from Arcadia University.

Mr. Stan Ferraro - Mr. Ferraro earned a B.A. degree in economics from Temple University. He then earned his Master’s Degree in Computer Technology. He received his special education certification from Holy Family College. Mr. Ferraro presently work in the Maple Shade School District in New Jersey where he a special education teacher and inclusion coordinator and the staff computer coordinator.

Dr. Suzanne Ivans – Dr. Ivans earned her undergraduate degree from the University of California, Santa Cruz, her Masters degree from Rutgers University, and her Doctorate from Widener University. She has worked as a teacher for grades school program specialist, a school administrator, and a district technology coordinator. She is presently a district superintendent in NJ for grades K-6.

Mrs. Gloria Marsella – Mrs. Marsella earned her degrees and certifications from the University of Maryland, Old Dominion, and Arcadia University. She is certified as a reading specialist and also holds her PA Principal’s certificate. She served as both an Assistant Principal and a Principal in the North Penn School District. Mrs. Marsella has taught a variety of courses in the TCIP program.

Mr. Tyler Murphy – Mr. Murphy earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Messiah College and his Masters Degree from Philadelphia Biblical University. Mr. Murphy has taught numerous courses in the TCIP program.

Mr. Darryl Skrovanek - Mr. Skrovanek earned his undergraduate education degree from Kutztown University (German), his Master’s Degree from Kutztown (reading specialist), his MBA from Temple University and his ESL certification from Lehigh Carbon Community College. He also holds his secondary principal’s certificate (Temple). In addition to his teaching and administrative work, Mr. Skrovanek has served as the president of the Allentown Education Association.

Mr. Will Towson – Mr. Towson teaches at Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School and has additionally taught in Camden and Philadelphia. He is certified in both Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Dr. Robert Valente – Dr. Valente is a former school administrator in New Jersey and serves as Director of Delaware Valley College’s Master’s Program in Educational Leadership.

A TCIP Teacher shares her thoughts...

I attended the TCIP program at Delaware Valley College from February through November of 2005. I found the program while researching various options for teacher certification. While the Philadelphia area offers many types of certification programs, the one available at Del-Val was the best option for me. The class schedules were more than convenient, allowing me to work full time while attending evening and weekend classes. The location was also a benefit for me, with it being close to both work and my home. Finally, the cost of the program and the length of time to completion were important factors. The TCIP program at Del-Val was the most reasonable and least expensive out of all the programs I researched, and also allowed completion of the program in the shortest time possible. In all, this program offered me “the most bang for my buck!” After 6 classes and 9 months, my cohort became quite cohesive, with some friendships forged out of all the learning together.

When I first started the program, I had ideas about where I would teach. In short, I imagined I would end up teaching in a suburban school district. When I first embarked on the journey of certification, I never imagined that my destination would be anything other than the suburbs. I am now in my second year of teaching in Philadelphia. My first year was at a charter school, and I am now employed by the School District of Philadelphia. I work at a high school near Temple University, and am very happy about this final destination in my journey to becoming a teacher. I have a supportive administration, comprehensive resources provided by the district to assist in my instruction, and small class sizes to enhance the classroom environment. I wouldn’t want to teach anywhere else at this point in my career! I’m grateful for the educational experience I had at Del-Val which helped me achieve my goal of becoming a teacher.

-Emily Cohen (Spring 2005 cohort)

Important Reminder – In order to expedite your applications, all requests for Intern Certificates and/or Level I Certificates, should be sent to:

Dr. Rachel Finley-Bowman, Ph.D.
Delaware Valley College
700 East Butler Avenue
Lasker Hall 310
Doylestown, PA 18901

Only a $40 money order made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania can be accepted as an applicant’s method of payment. No credit cards, personal checks, or cash will be accepted.