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ATTENTION JUNIOR & SENIOR Math, Science & Engineering Majors

In this economy, the $70k job you hoped to land with your math, science or engineering degree might not be available. On the other hand, the idea of teaching has always been at the back of your mind. Here’s where opportunity and timing meet.

As a CART participant, you will live at LSU for six weeks during the summer and receive intensive training to make you the best math or science teacher you can be. You will be assigned to a school in one of nine parishes in the Alexandria region. The program offers a free Masters of Natural Sciences and a $35,000 stipend for your year as a graduate student. You will co-teach in a mentor teacher’s classroom during that time. Then you will teach for three years with a fulltime teachers’ salary and benefits. The LSU Gordon A. Cain Center is recruiting math, science and engineering majors for the Summer 2010 cohort. The application deadline is April 2, 2010. Applications are also being taken for the Summer 2011 cohort. For applicants assessed as “outstanding” by CART staff, students will also be accepted into the program on a rolling basis. For more information about CART, email neubrand@math.lsu.edu or call him at 225-578-7677 (office) or 225-772-7252 (cell).

Find out how! <<<

ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION:

WHEN: March 15th and 18th at 2 PM & 4 PM
WHERE: Prescott Hall Room 203
Pizza and drinks will be served

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What is CART?

CART can take you there.

**Q&A**

**QUESTION:** I have thought about teaching but I haven’t taken any education courses. How will you prepare me before I get into the classroom?

**ANSWER:** After reviewing your application and interviewing you, we’ll know where you stand. We will screen for candidates we think will be successful in a rural setting and we will shoot straight with you. If you are chosen, you will undergo six weeks of intensive training at LSU as soon as you graduate in May. After being assigned to a school in one of nine parishes in central Louisiana, you will co-teach the coming school year four days a week with a mentor teacher. You will work with LSU and LSU-Alexandria professors on your Masters of Natural Sciences and Louisiana Teaching Certification one day a week.

**QUESTION:** What if I can’t finish your Masters program and then decide not to fulfill my teaching commitment?

**ANSWER:** You will sign a contract stating that if you receive a Masters of Natural Sciences (MNS) degree and do not fulfill your teaching, you will repay all tuition, fees, and stipends received.

**QUESTION:** Why should I choose this program over other alternative certification programs?

**ANSWER:** You should choose this program if you want to stay in Louisiana, teach in a rural area, obtain teacher certification and a Masters of Natural Sciences degree at no cost. Other programs might send you to teach out-of-state for a couple of years, but since the expectation is you will pursue graduate school or a different career, there is not an emphasis on attaining teacher certification status or a professional, teacher-oriented masters degree.

**QUESTION:** I want to be a part of something special. What’s special about CART?

**ANSWER:** The goal of this program is to improve overall performance of schools in the Alexandria area by bringing in 60 content rich, quality math and science teacher into schools over the next four years. You’ll be instrumental in helping keep CART alive and passing program benefits on to others. You might have a mentor teacher helping you along in year one, but in year two or three it’s likely you’ll be a mentor to someone participating in CART.

**QUESTION:** Will you help me with the teacher certification process?

**ANSWER:** From preparing for PRAXIS I and II to helping you take care of your certification paperwork, we have a vested interest in your success and that includes certification.

**QUESTION:** Does the MNS degree prepare me to go on to a PhD.?

**ANSWER:** No, it gives you a foundation to be the best math or science teacher you can be.

**QUESTION:** What about benefits and health insurance?

**ANSWER:** While you are a graduate student you can purchase health insurance from LSU for around $1,000 per year. For further information, see http://www.shc.lsu.edu/files/2009-10/LSUBrochureLetter.pdf

Once you earn a fulltime teaching position you will receive full salary and healthcare benefits.

**QUESTION:** What happens if it turns out that my mentor teacher and I have irreconcilable differences?

**ANSWER:** We will do our very best to make sure that this does not happen. If it does, we will work with you to find a solution.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

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