

DVR Meeting

November 1, 2010

Child Care

Members Present: Mary Rinchiuso (Triton), Kathy Cunningham (Triton), Jen Maldonado (Leyden), Eileen Falls (Leyden), Karen Golin (Proviso East), Valarie Pozen (Leyden)

Schools Absent: Proviso West, Elmwood Park, Oak Park River Forest, Ridgewood, Riverside-Brookfield

1. Triton Update

- a. Mary Rinchiuso discussed the Associate Degree of Arts in Teaching (AAT). This degree is available in Early Childhood Education, Special Education as well as Secondary Math and Science. It is currently accepted at all state universities, and she is pursuing articulation with the local private colleges.
- b. Many of the students are struggling with the basic skills tests; primarily the math section. Students are thriving in the program, and then unable to advance due to their struggle with this test. All education students must pass the Basic Skills test prior to earning 45 college hours. Triton offers a free math workshop for students who want to refresh their math skills before taking the test.

2. Articulated Credit

- a. Valarie Berger discussed the changes in articulation versus dual credit. In order for the high schools to offer articulated credit, the instructor must have a minimum of a master's degree in their subject area. Few of the high school teachers have degrees in the subject area, so this eliminates the possibility of articulated credit. Valarie also explained that the high school courses are no longer articulated for credit with Triton College.
- b. Members present expressed frustration with the students who earned articulated credit prior to this change, but were not awarded the credit. Members felt the students should have been "grandfathered in", and awarded the credit.

3. Promotion of Early Childhood Education in high schools

- a. Members discussed a variety of ways to promote ECE in the high schools. One idea was a showing of "Waiting for Superman" for the Triton ECE students and the high school students. The movie would be followed with discussion on the movie.
- b. Another idea was an ECE summer camp where the students would visit a variety of stations including motivators, make and take, and literacy.

4. Non-traditional students in ECE

- a. Males were considered the non-traditional student in ECE. Mary explained that many of the females are following their passion regardless of the lower pay, while the males were in search of a higher paying career. Mary said many of the males move into elementary or secondary education which is more lucrative than ECE, and it still allows them to work with children.
- b. Mary explained the bilingual ECE Program at Triton. Native Spanish speaking students initially enroll in 1 credit hour courses taught in Spanish by a bilingual college instructor. After a few semesters those students transition into 3 credit hour courses taught in English by a college instructor with a bilingual in-class tutor available for the students. Several students have successfully completed ECE certificates and degrees as a result of the ECE bilingual program at Triton.
- c. This program is working on expansion. All education students must pass the Basic Skills test prior to earning 45 college hours.
- d. Triton offers a free math workshop for students who want to refresh their math skills before taking the test.

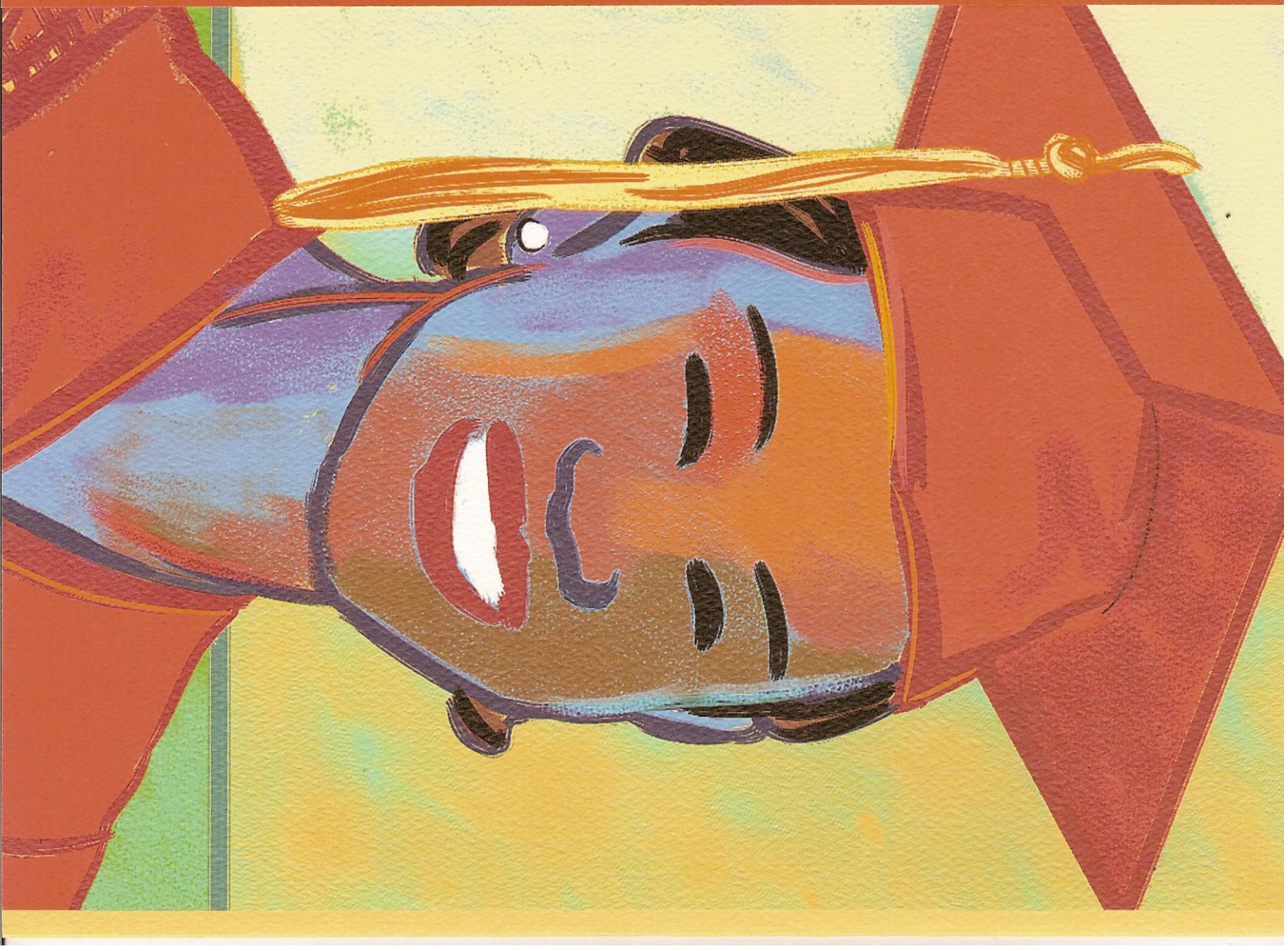
5. Gateways to Opportunity Credentials

- a. Mary reviewed the Gateway credentials. The brochure is attached.
- b. Mary also explained that Triton's program automatically qualifies students for the Gateway credentials, and the students are exempt from the Gateway review process.

Earn an
**ECE, Infant
Toddler or
Illinois Director
Credential**
while attending
Triton College



GA T E W A Y S TO O P P O R T U N I T Y
Illinois Professional Development System



Levels

6

Master's Degree

Available Credentials: **IDC III** In development: **ECE 6 / ITC 6**

5

Bachelor's Degree

Available Credentials: **ECE 5 / ITC 5 / IDC II**

4

Associate's Degree

Available Credentials: **ECE 4 / ITC 4 / IDC I**

3

18 Semester hours in ECE

Available Credentials: **ECE 3 / ITC 3**

2

12 Semester hours in ECE

Available Credentials: **ECE 2 / ITC 2**

Level

1

48 hour Level 1 ECE Training Available Credential: **ECE 1**

Content Areas

Human Growth and Development

Health, Safety and Well -Being

Observation and Assessment

Curriculum or Program Design

Interactions, Relationships and Environments

Family and Community Relationships

Personal and Professional Development

Triton College Entitled Credential Programs through Gateways to Opportunity

ECE Credential Courses

Take the following courses:

- ECE 110: Child, Growth & Development
- ECE 111: Introduction to ECE
- ECE 118: Health, Safety, Nutrition
- ECE 138: Observation, Guidance/
Assessment

Result: ECE Credential Level 2

Add:

- ECE 121: Language Development/
Activities
 - ECE 142: Students with Disabilities
 - ECE 146: Child, Family, Community
 - ECE 231: Science & Math
 - ECE 233: Creative Activities
 - ECE 251: Practicum
 - ECE 252: Seminar
- Result: ECE Credential Level 4, upon completion of AAS Degree**

Infant Toddler Credential Courses

Complete the requirements for the ECE
Credential Level 2 and add:

ECE 115: Infant/Toddler Development

Result: Infant Toddler Credential Level 2

Complete the requirements for the ECE
Credential Level 4 and add:

ECE 115: Infant/Toddler Development

ECE 122: Infant/Toddler Curriculum

**Result: Infant Toddler Credential Level 4,
upon completion of AAS Degree**

Illinois Director Credential Courses

Complete the degree requirements for an
AAS in ECE and make sure to take the
following courses*:

ECE 250: Administration/Supervision

HIA 115: Food Service and Sanitation

HTH 281: First Aid/CPR

**Result: Illinois Director Credential Level I,
upon completion of AAS Degree**

**To qualify for the Illinois Director Credential through the
entitled route at Triton College, you must complete
300 hours of an ECE Administrative Practicum OR have
a minimum of 1200 hours of ECE Administrative work
experience within two years of your date of graduation.*