UNIVERSITY of ST. THOMAS HOUSTON

PPOHA NEWSLETTER

ONLINE COURSES

We had the most successful online semester in our program history! During the Fall 2012 semester, the Graduate School of Education offered the following courses:

EDUC 5302 – Learning Theories
EDUC 5303 – Cultural Foundations
EDUC 5314 – Theories of Second Language Acquisition
EDUC 5325 – Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties
EDUC 5339 – Human Growth and Development
EDUC 5345 – Evidence Based Practices for Students with Mild Disorders
EDUC 5390 – Educational Leadership
EDUC 5397 – Curriculum, Planning and Development
EDUC 6320 – Research Seminar: Proposal
EDUC 6321 – Research Seminar: Study and Findings
EDUC 6330 – Administrative Internship I

GET HELP WITH WRITING AND RESEARCH

The Writing and Research program of the Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC) continues to offer practical and in-depth mentoring and advising to graduate students in the School of Education. All students pursuing their Master of Education degree are encouraged to make use of the consultation that is provided in the Center. Regular GSSC hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5:00 p.m., or by appointment.

To schedule an appointment with the Writing and Research Coordinator, please email Catherine Barber at barbercr@stthom.edu.

About the University of St. Thomas PPOHA Program

To increase access for graduate students and to increase enrollment revenue, UST is:

1) Developing masters courses in education for online delivery in dual language instruction, special education, and administration. By increasing access to and completion of these programs, UST is not only increasing enrollment but is also helping to fill the critical shortages of P-12 masters-level educators in these areas;

2) Infusing the masters in education program with technology;

3) Developed and piloting an institution-wide Graduate Student Success Center that is specifically designed to provide assistance with graduate-level writing, research, and issues of academic/work/life balance; and

4) Developing and piloting procedures for graduate student fellowships. UST's masters education graduates are leaders who will train other teachers and thus have an influence far beyond a single classroom.

The overall project outcomes are two-fold: (1) to increase enrollment of Hispanics and low income students in UST graduate programs and (2) to increase graduation rates in our masters programs.

PPOHA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

In order to be considered for a Scholarship under the Title V Promoting Post-baccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) Program a student must have been accepted into the Graduate Education Program at the University of St. Thomas. The following steps must be completed in order to be considered for the scholarship:

- Submit the University of St. Thomas School of Education Graduate Application
- Submit the Title V PPOHA Scholarship Application and Essay
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Permanent Resident

Scholarships are reviewed each year and are not renewable; students are encouraged to apply for the scholarship every year. Qualified applicants are eligible up to a $5,000 annual scholarship, based on need and academic ability.

For more information, please contact Olga Starostina
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Did you know:

94% of UST online students complete their courses successfully!

UST offers online courses for masters level degrees in Special Education, Bilingual Education and Educational Leadership!

PPOHA Grant Personnel

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