



Department of Instruction and Teacher Education
College of Education

MEMO

To: Early Childhood Leader

Re: South Carolina DSS Technical Assistance Scholarship

From: Nancy Freeman (803) 777-2470 nfreeman@sc.edu

There is still time to apply for a summer course offered by DSS scholarship. Note the dates carefully. When you accept a scholarship you are making a commitment to attend ALL sessions.

EDEX 691 *Introduction to Inclusive Practices for Young Children with Disabilities* with Dr. Herman T. Knopf will contribute to the creation of a shared understanding of best practices in early care and education. It can be taken for Graduate and Undergraduate credit. It will meet on the 2nd floor of the Children's Center at USC in Columbia.

Scholarships will be awarded according to criteria established by SC-DSS. *To be eligible for this course, individuals who have taken previous DSS-supported coursework are expected to have followed through and earned a passing grade.*

The Introduction to Inclusive Practices for Young Children with Disabilities course is designed to enhance understanding of practices that have empirical evidence to suggest their effectiveness when used with young children. The content of the course emphasizes the importance of collaboration among multiple stakeholders to arrive at programmatic and practical application decisions that will result in positive outcomes of young children and their families. This course has been approved by the Center for Child Care Career Development and can serve as partial fulfillment of core competence coursework leading to certified trainer and technical assistance provider credentials.

This course will be offered through a blended delivery format (using a combination of online and face to face interactions) to facilitate student learning. Access to a computer and internet access will be necessary to successful participation and completion. A computer lab is available for student use on the 2nd Floor of the USC Child Development Research Center if necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA SCDSS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

The goal of this initiative is to build on efforts begun in Summer 2001 to create a strong infrastructure raising the educational level of the childcare workforce in South Carolina.

Participants who are awarded scholarships to enroll in **EDEX 691: *Introduction to Inclusive Practices for Young Children with Disabilities*** will commit to fully participate in all course activities, complete all required assignments.

Each participant will also develop and implement an Action Plan and will apply to the South Carolina Center for Childcare Career Development to become both a certified trainer and a certified TA provider. They will submit the lesson plans approved by PITC for certification by the South Carolina Center for Childcare Career Development.

Failure to comply with these scholarship requirements may result in forfeiture of the scholarship in the amount of \$1,405.

Scholarship Agreement

The **SOUTH CAROLINA SCDSS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP** covers in-state undergraduate or graduate tuition at the University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Students will be responsible for applicable USC application fees and the cost of books and materials. The anticipated cost of materials is \$100. The application fee to The Graduate School is \$50.00. Students are also responsible for the costs of room and board.

If you are awarded a **SOUTH CAROLINA SCDSS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP** you will have to demonstrate your eligibility to enroll in USC's Undergraduate OR Graduate School.

All students born after 1956 will have to submit PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION before they can be registered by the Office of Educational Outreach staff. If you do not have access to your childhood immunization records your county health department or family doctor can administer a titer test to determine your past immunization history.

All students will have to submit Legal Residency Certification. This form as well as the immunization form can be found at gradschool.sc.edu under "Forms". You will be contacted by the staff of the Office of Educational Outreach with instructions as to what else you need to complete to be eligible for course registration promptly after being approved for participation in the scholarship program.

If you have questions about immunization, residency, application process or fees call (800) 922-2577 Option #2.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
 SCDSS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SCHOLARSHIP
 EDEX 691: Introduction to Inclusive Practices for Young Children with Disabilities**

**This Course will meet from 10:00am-4:00pm on the following dates:
 July 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31**

*Mail this application to Dr. Nancy Freeman at the address below AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
TO COMPLETE THE USC REGISTRATION PROCESS*

Name	
Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number	XXX – XX -
circle which →	GRADUATE CREDIT UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT If you are registering as a graduate student you must include a copy of your diploma, college transcript showing your graduation posted, OR your SC teacher's certificate
Home Address	
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	City State Zip
Work Address	Street
	City State Zip
Phone Numbers	home () work () fax () cell ()
e-mail (write VERY clearly)	
Employer	
Primary Responsibilities	(Use another page if necessary)

(Place a check next to the address and phone number where you prefer to be contacted).

I am applying for a Scholarship for EDEX 691: Introduction to Inclusive Practices for Young Children with Disabilities and have read and agree to meet all of the terms of the Scholarship described in this application.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail your application to: Dr. Nancy Freeman
 USC CDRC
 1530 Wheat Street
 Columbia, SC 29201