

Southwest-A Education Renewal Zone

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Henderson State University is on the cutting edge in teacher preparation. Through its innovative and strategic design of process, content, and context delivery, Henderson is a leader among liberal arts colleges and universities in Arkansas.



“Building a Bridge to Support the Future”

When the call was issued for instructors to be a part of not only pre-service teachers’ classroom instruction but the professional development of pre-service and in-service teachers as well as building and district level administrators, you answered. Hence, you share with them in their professional growth and development.

Today we exhort you to enlarge your borders and extend your territories by becoming a visiting professor to an ERZ school classroom. By becoming a visiting professor you extend your sphere of influence beyond the university circle into the classes, minds and hearts of public school children. As you partner with the class, a relationship is formed that will never be marred or forgotten. You have within your power the ability to chart the course that will change the destiny of not one but a classroom full of children.

The concept of the visiting professor allows a college or university professor to adopt a public school classroom and visit it throughout the year. High school classrooms adopted by a visiting professor would in turn visit the professor’s class on the university campus. Elementary classes adopted by visiting professors will participate in tours of the Henderson campus thus heightening the awareness and interest of students for college at an earlier age. The idea of the visiting professor/visiting classroom stimulates discussion between higher education, public school, and students while promoting productive collaboration between universities and public schools.

Once you become a visiting professor the ERZ offers you further support by providing reimbursement for travel mileage to and from the school as well as meals. If you spend the night to assist with classroom instruction or modeling of effective practices for the teacher hotel expenses can also be claimed for reimbursement.

This is a prime opportunity for you to give insight, content knowledge and background to the participating teacher. It is an awesome opportunity for you to make a wonderful first impression on a child as it relates to his or her coming to college. You can be among the first to issue the invitation to a child to focus on higher education as a goal in life. Join with the ERZ in building the bridge to support the future of public school and university partnerships by becoming a visiting professor.

Be among the first to change the destiny of public school children! To become a part of a growing database, please contact the ERZ office at 870.230.5476 or emailing rideouv@hsu.edu.