



## Fantástico Teacher Residency Program (FTRP)

### Overview

The *Fantástico Teacher Residency Program* is a paid, year-long student teaching experience in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS). NEIU teacher candidates are paired with experienced CPS mentor teachers for the purpose of learning to teach and gradually assume lead teacher responsibilities. The *Fantástico Teacher Residency Program* begins in the Fall semester and ends at the conclusion of the CPS academic year.

Teacher residents are CPS employees and are paid a salary of \$40,000, plus benefits. \$15,000 of the salary is an interest-free advance that can be used for tuition and other expenses during the residency program. The advance is paid back over 2-4 years of future CPS employment. Teacher residents commit to working in CPS at least 3 years after the completion of the residency.

### Admission

The program accepts applications early in the Spring semester prior to the Fall start.

In order to qualify for admission, NEIU teacher candidates must be approved to student teach in the Fall semester and agree to extend their student teaching through the Spring semester. It is not possible to start the teacher residency in the Spring semester.

The program is open to all undergraduate and graduate students who are on track to earn an endorsement in one of the following areas:

- Early Childhood Education
- Bilingual Education
- Special Education
- Physical Education

Teacher candidates who plan to obtain licensure in elementary, middle school and/or secondary education can qualify for the *Fantástico Teacher Residency Program* if they are also earning an additional endorsement in bilingual education or special education.

More information about the online application process is available on the College of Education website.

### Program of Study

During the year-long student teaching experience, teacher residents complete required licensure coursework and are responsible for all tuition charges. Required coursework consists of student teaching seminars in the primary area of licensure (in both the fall and spring semesters) and any remaining courses required for the bilingual or special education endorsements.

Residents are released from their schools one day a week to facilitate the completion of required coursework. At the end of a successful residency, licensure is earned in a high need subject area. Once licensed, salary levels are \$60,000+.

### Bilingual Education Endorsement Course Requirements

- TESL 301/402 The English Language for Teachers
- BLBC 3/438 Bilingualism and Education
- BLBC 3/439 Culturally Responsive Teaching in Diverse Classrooms
- BLBC 3/440 Methods/Teaching ELL in Diverse Classrooms
- BLBC 3/441 Methods of Teaching in Bilingual Classrooms
- BLBC 3/442 Assessment in the Bilingual Classroom

100 hours of field experiences and a passing score on the required Illinois state language proficiency exam also are required.

### Special Education Course Requirements

- SPED 376 Teaching Learners with Moderate to Severe Disabilities
- SPED 2/372 Development & Characteristics of Children w/Exceptional Learning Needs
- SPED 382 Strategies for Differentiating Instruction
- SPED 383 Informal Assessment and Progress Monitoring

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