Building Partnerships

The Teacher Residency Program is looking to partner with rural Wisconsin school districts to address the teacher shortage in key licensure area. In this first year of the program, TRP will be targeting secondary licensures.

Through this partnership, teachers and administrators in rural school districts will mentor residency members, while UW-Whitewater provides members with the essential knowledge needed to be an effective teacher.

District administrators, principals and teachers may already know individuals in their community who would make great teachers in their schools. Maybe they are instructional aides, dedicated family volunteers or community leaders. Recommend these local individuals to the UW-W Teacher Residency Program coordinator, and together we can prepare them to be teachers in their home communities.

The UW-Whitewater AmeriCorps Teacher Residency Program (TRP) is an inquiry-based teacher education program that leads to teacher licensure and also addresses teacher shortage areas in rural districts. The program’s mission is to find individuals already living and invested in rural communities who hold a bachelor’s degree, and want to teach in these districts. As a community of adult learners, the members will engage in online and face-to-face instructional experiences as they learn to:

- effectively assess learners to guide instruction.
- practice evidence informed teaching.
- understand teaching as an inquiry-based profession.
- build inclusive classrooms.
- develop further mastery in their particular teaching content.
- gain knowledge through practice-based instruction.

The UW-Whitewater Teacher Residency Program is currently under development. As we move through the development process, program components may need to be modified or added, and the information contained on this document is current as of October 28, 2018.
Program Timeline

April 2019
TPR enrollment opens

June 2019
3-Day Summer Symposium on the UW-Whitewater campus

June - August 2019
Summer Symposium continues with 8 weeks of online learning

August/September 2019
members begin at their host school

September - December 2019
Mondays through Thursdays members observe cooperating teachers, and take on instructional responsibilities in the classroom while on Fridays members take time to continue online learning

January 2020
3-Day Winter Symposium at a central location to be determined

January - June 2020
with their cooperating teachers guidance, members take on the lead teacher role Mondays through Fridays while members wrap up their online learning

June 2020
members participate in the 3 day Summer Symposium and welcome the next group of residency members

Partner Schools

By teaming up with UW-Whitewater’s Teacher Residency Program, you would be a Partner School. As a partner school, you would be helping to grow your own local talent into the future teachers at your own schools.

As a TRP Partner School you will...

- help target potential individuals to refer to the Teacher Residency Program.
- partner a residency member with a cooperating teacher for an academic year.
- welcome the residency member into the school community.
- mentor the residency member by providing needed support to become an effective teacher.
- adhere to the AmeriCorps guiding principles and expectations.
- provide the residency member with a yearly living allowance.

UW-Whitewater will...

- provide residency members with a thorough study of the principals of teaching.
- support and build the relationships between the residency members, their cooperating teachers, school administrators and the UW-W Teacher Residency Program.
- conduct virtual observations of each residency member.

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