

Adult School Begins Teachers Training Skills Class

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El Monte Union High School District, through the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School, is developing a teachers' training skills class which would help prepare potential teachers for the California Basic English Skills Test (CBEST), which is required for a teaching position in California. Those interested in taking the training course must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.

The course which will begin on April 13, 2002, and run through June 1, will meet on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at El Monte High School. It is geared towards immigrants and/or those individuals with a primary language other than English. Fee for the eight-week course is \$100. Registration fees will be reimbursed by Los Angeles County Office of Education to individuals who attend at least 80% of the course.

The course will prepare potential teachers for the reading, writing, and math portions of the CBEST test. CBEST is given six times a year and this course will prepare them for the June 8 test. Successful completion of the CBEST test will provide individuals the first step in the credentialing process for the State of California. Counseling and follow-up will be provided by the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School.

Registration begins March 25 at the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School, 10807 Ramona Blvd., El Monte. Last day to register for the course is April 10. Successful passage of the CBEST placement test is a prerequisite for enrollment and will be administered at the time of registration. Information on ESL classes for individuals who fail the placement test will be available at that time.

Board Member Tonson Man proposed this project because he believes that teaching is one of the best and most promising professions in the United States.

For additional information, contact the El Monte-Rosemead Adult School at (626) 258-5800.

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