



Summer '08 Newsletter

Welcome to the summer edition of the quarterly newsletter of the Concurrent Teacher Education Program. Our program brings together a diverse group of students, faculty and staff, and this has been an active and exciting first year for all of us. In this edition, we hope to highlight some of our most recent activities and accomplishments, and keep you up to date on future events.

With several years of planning for the University of Toronto's Concurrent Education Program now behind us, we are proud to announce the completion of our first successful year! As we look forward to the coming year and the arrival of our second cohort, we have to take this opportunity to congratulate our current students on their accomplishments this past year.

Congratulations to all of you hard working Concurrent Education Students!

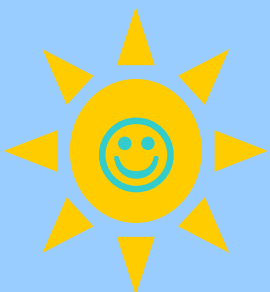
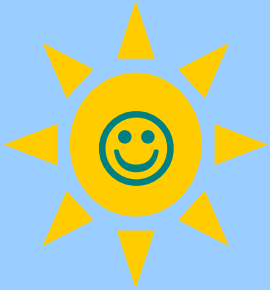
Have a great summer and see you in September!

Sincerely, CTEP Office Staff

Connecting our Communities in Initial Teacher Education

Did you know that the Concurrent Teacher Education Program is one of the four pathways to becoming a teacher? Since 1907, our University has been one of the leading centers in the world for the study of education. Today there are four distinct pathways to the teaching profession all of which integrate wide-ranging research and high-quality teacher education.

On May 5th 2008, the Concurrent Teacher Education Program instructors and staff took part in a one-day OISE Colloquium on coherence in the concurrent, consecutive and graduate teacher education programs focusing on shared goals and work. The goal of the event was to develop understanding of, and commitment to all initial teacher education programs, and ensure high quality learning experiences for all our students. With aspirations to build connection and collaboration through cross-program conversation, members of all units that support our initial teacher education programs across the University of Toronto campuses shared their views about the future of Initial Teacher Education at this institution. As the brand new Initial Teacher Education Program at the University of Toronto we were happy to be part of this important event.





Nusrat Imrit

Meet one of our Students: Nusrat Imrit, CTEP Student at the University of Toronto Mississauga

My name is Nusrat Imrit and I am from Mauritius, a small island off the southern east coast of Africa. I have two sisters, one of who is older and the other who is my twin. I recently successfully completed my first year at UTM in the Concurrent Teacher Education Program, and wish to pursue a career as a French teacher.

Achievements, Dreams and Goals

One of my greatest achievements to date has been the completion of my first year in university. This experience has ultimately proven to have its ups and downs but despite everything it has made me a stronger individual. My dream and goal is to make a difference in the lives of others with the completion of the program.

The Road to Becoming a Teacher

Ever since I was young, I've always been influenced by the teachers who have taught me. With every teacher, came a unique experience of learning and a new perspective on life. As a student I have always enjoyed doing presentations and helping others out, whether it was a peer or simply through volunteer work. My love for helping and guiding others has driven me to make a difference through teaching in the hope that someday I will influence a student.

Student Testimonial

The Concurrent Teacher Education Program is a great opportunity for students to experience university life while gradually being introduced to the rewarding working world of a teacher. One of the biggest reasons I chose to attend the University of Toronto was because of the many programs they offer such as CTEP which is not offered at many other universities. Life at UTM is quite gratifying with the friendly students and helpful advisors that guide us throughout the years.

*“A teacher affects eternity;
he can never tell where his
influence stops”.*

- Henry Brooks Adams

*Everyone can make a
difference, whether it be big
or small, we can all contribute
to the success of others...*

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Coming up: the CTEP Jump Start Day 08/09

The CTEP Jump Start Day is an orientation program developed for Concurrent Education Students at the University of Toronto. The **CTEP Jump Start Day 08/09** will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at OISE and we hope to see some of you current CTEP students at our coming event.

If you are interested in sharing your experiences with incoming students, and taking part in our Student Panel, *please contact our office to learn more!*