

TO: ASU West Early Childhood Interns
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You are invited to attend a special course for Early Childhood interns and their mentor teachers at ASU West's Child Development Center. Through a grant from the United States Department of Education, we are offering **Practicum Plus**. This special course has a collaborative training component in technology that intends to prepare PreK-12 interns and their mentor teachers to:

- Integrate technology across the curriculum and
- Practice new technologies and instructional strategies

In **Practicum Plus**, intern and mentor teacher teams attend workshops prior to and during the practicum semester to assist them in integrating technology in their classrooms. These teams then implement what they have learned in their classrooms and evaluate results.

We have worked with interns and mentor teacher pairs in the past and found that this joint training has benefits that go beyond the technology skills learned. The relationships that develop from the staff development assist both the intern and the mentor teacher in professional growth. In addition, interns gain significant technology and curriculum development skills to add to their resumes.

You are invited to participate along with your mentor teacher. Your commitment would be to attend two 6 -hour hands-on workshops at **ASU WEST** on **August 7 and 8** and two 3-hour half day workshops (**Sept. 30 and Oct. 28**) during the fall semester, for a total of 18 hours and 1 graduate credit at no cost. This credit can be used toward an ASU West Master's Degree in elementary or secondary education. This credit will be awarded upon the completion of you coursework during your student teaching semester.

Please call our PT3 grant secretary, Elizabeth Warriner, at (602-543-6411) TODAY to register for this course or for additional information.



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