

# **Attention!!!**

NECC is looking to recruit NEW students for our Region 3 Partnership/ R3P grant program (formerly TOPS funding)!!! We will be starting a cohort group in the Spring 2012 semester, who will be taking Introduction to Early Childhood Education on Tuesday evenings in Lawrence.

Our grant program covers the tuition and fees for a course (up to \$450/per course per student) required as part of our ECE Associate's Degree program. We are starting a new model for incoming students; a cohort group of R3P students who will take most of their courses at NECC together. Classes will be offered in the late afternoon and evening for these students, with the possibility of some Saturday and online courses as well.

**In order to be eligible to participate in this program, students MUST:**

- 1) Not already hold an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree
- 2) Be a Massachusetts resident
- 3) Be currently working in an ECE setting in MA (must be with children birth to 8 and out of school time programs)
- 4) Have a PQR number from EEC

**Students will be required to:**

- 1) Apply to the college (\$25 fee) by 12/1/11
- 2) Complete the Assessment testing by 11/22/11 (no fee)
- 3) Prior to the end of the Fall semester- apply for financial aid through NECC
- 4) In the Spring, reapply for Financial Aid and for the EEC Scholarship

**At registration:**

- 1) Students will complete the appropriate paperwork, including signing a contract
- 2) Bring a copy of their student ID number and assessment results
- 3) Bring a copy of their PQR number

**While in the program, students will be expected to:**

- 1) Pass all courses with a C or better (C- or below will require a meeting with the R3P Coordinator at NECC and may require the student to pay for their next semester of coursework)
- 2) Maintain their residency and work requirements
- 3) Abide by the contract requirements
- 4) Maintain communication, particularly with issues in coursework, with the R3P Coordinator at NECC, to include a mid-semester face to face meeting in the Fall and Spring semesters

If you have employees who are interested in joining this program, please have them contact Jody Carson via email at [jcarson@necc.mass.edu](mailto:jcarson@necc.mass.edu) ASAP! They should contact Jody via email immediately- slots will fill fast! After an email is sent (don't wait for a response to assess!), head to assessment to complete required testing and complete the application process.

Sending an email and being added to our interest list does not guarantee enrollment; as we have to ensure all requirements have been met. Please contact Jody via email ASAP with questions, concerns or to get on the list!!!!

Please Note: Due to EEC requirements, applicants for this program will be prioritized based on EEC's priority list of programs. All program types are encouraged to apply, though!

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