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New Jersey Council for the Humanities courses to carry graduate credit recommendations

ive courses
offered to
teachers
through the New Jersey
Council for the
Humanities (NICH)

Humanities (NJCH) have undergone a PONSI review and are each recommended for 3 semester hours of credit at the graduate level.

This recommendation means that New Jersey teachers in levels K-12 and administrators who take these courses can earn graduate-level credits at many of the over 1,100 colleges and universities nationwide that accept PONSI recommendations.

The courses are: Holding Up Half the World: Women and Community

The Individual and Community in America

New Jersey's History: The Barrel Tapped at Both Ends

Religious Diversity in America

Worlds Apart: American Cities and Suburbs in Comparative Perspective



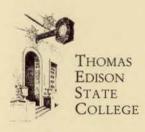
Pictured at the PONSI review of courses offered by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities are: (seated, l. to r.) Dr. Patricia Bradley, chairperson, American Studies Department, Temple University; Dr. Godwin Ohiwerei, associate professor of Sociology, Jersey City State College, and Dr. Shawn Riva Donaldson, assistant professor of Sociology, Richard Stockton College of New Jersey; (standing, l. to r.), Daniel Negron, Jr., assistant director of Corporate-Higher Education Programs, Thomas Edison State College, Dr. Cynthia M. Koch, executive director, New Jersey Council for the Humanities, and Paul Nolan, director of Education, New Jersey Council for the Humanities.

Approximately 125 teachers are expected to take these courses each year through NJCH's New Jersey Teacher Institute, which offers the seminars and other follow-up activities designed to promote professional development. NJCH, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is an independent non-profit organization that was founded in 1972 to enrich the lives of New Jersey citizens and stimulate inquiry and thought

through public humanities programs.

"Receiving the PONSI credit recommendations at the graduate level is critical to a significant number of teachers who take our courses. The

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Update on PONSI Reviews

and Fire Academy Mahwah, N.J.

The Fire Program of the Bergen County Police and Fire Academy recently underwent a successful PONSI five-year review. Ten courses offered annually as part of the educational program to approximately 5,000 firefighters from Bergen, Passaic, Essex and Hudson counties carry a college credit recommendation that totals 18 credits.

Bergen County Police AT&T School of Business Kepner Tregoe, Inc. Somerset, N.J.

> An additional eleven courses offered through the AT&T School of Business have undergone their initial PONSI evaluations and have been recommended for college

Over 200 courses offered through AT&T have been evaluated to Princeton, N.J.

Kepner-Tregoe, an international leader in providing programs on organizational effectiveness, recently had its course, "Engineering the Performance System," reviewed by PONSI and recommended for college credit. Other courses offered by Kepner-Tregoe also carry PONSI recommendations dating back to 1981, when the organization first became

affiliated with PONSI.

University Affiliated Program of New Jersey

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) Piscataway, New Jersey

Two additional courses offered by the University Affiliated Program of UMDNI have been evaluated and recommended for 3 credits each at the graduate level.

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recommendations can

help them meet requirements for graduate degrees they are pursuing or, in some cases, qualify them for advancement," Paul Nolan, education director for the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, pointed out. Students benefit as well, when teachers return to the classroom with new skills and enrichment. Nolan added that the evaluation provided him and his staff with the opportunity to critically examine the strengths and weaknesses of the program, and to develop new goals.



Participating in the recent PONSI evaluation at AT&T School of Business were: (front row, l. to r.), Richard Pleban, business manager, AT&T School of Business; Dr. Theresa Rosania, associate professor of Marketing, Kean College of New Jersey; Dr. Prabhaker Nayak, professor of Marketing, William Paterson College; Carolyn Lynch, program manager, AT&T School of Business; (back row, l. to r.) Dan Negron, assistant director, Corporate-Higher Education Programs, Thomas Edison State College; Dr. James P. West, associate professor and chairman of Department of Business and Economics, Moravian College; and James A. Ratigan, director, Corporate-Higher Education Programs, Thomas Edison State College.

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PONSI corporate partnership paves the way to a college degree

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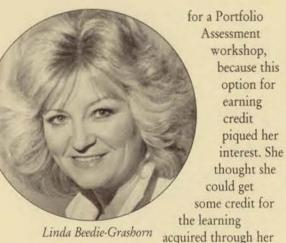
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For Linda Beedie-Grashorn, earning a college degree was never a question of if she could do itonly a matter of when and how.

With the help of the PONSI program and a corporate partnership that Thomas Edison has shared with her employer, AT&T, Linda Beedie-Grashorn recently achieved her goal.

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The Thomas Edison-AT&T Partnership meant that many of the services Grashorn needed to complete her degree were offered at her worksite. She completed her degree requirements with distinction, earning the Arnold Fletcher Award, and has been accepted



into a master's program at Stevens Institute of Technology. Grashorn earned 14

credits toward her degree program from PONSI evaluated courses she took through the AT&T School of Business and AT&T Technical Education Center, Most of the courses fit into the core requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree in Data Processing.

In addition to credits earned through PONSI recommendations. Grashorn was able to earn additional credits in several ways.

"People gain experience in many ways; however, it is not your experience, but what you've learned from the experience that counts," Grashorn found out. After attending a Thomas Edison information session at her job site, Grashorn registered

exams. She studied during her lunchtime break, listened to tapes during her 60 mile round-trip commute to work each day and greatly curtailed her social life. Grashorn credits

AT&T and Thomas Edison with helping her achieve her goal. She pointed out that AT&T places a strong emphasis on the education of its

workforce (and provides a liberal tuition aid policy to its employees) that gave her the impetus she needed at that time in her life to continue her education. "I was attracted to Thomas Edison because it offered me flexibility and convenience. It accommodated my needs, especially by offering such services as testing, academic advising and workshops on site."



PLEASE NOTE

for your records that AT&T NOET-Diversified Technologies and Disciplines in Atlanta, Ga. has changed its name to AT&T NOET-Information Movement and Management.

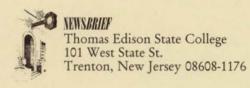
Kean to accept PONSI recommendations

rz ean College of New 1 Jersey has joined with 40 other colleges and universities in the State in enabling its students to use credits earned through successful completion of courses evaluated by PONSI to meet degree requirements at Kean.

After review by the Faculty Senate and the Dean's Council, Kean agreed to accept the PONSI credit recommendations if they appear on a college or university transcript from Thomas

Edison State College or another college or university that will accept the recommendations. This means that students must have their PONSI credit recommendations placed on a college or university transcript in order for Kean to accept the credit.

Barbara Lindeman, director of Continuing Education at Kean, is available to answer PONSI-related questions. She can be reached at (908) 527-2210.



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PONSI/AT&T corporate partnership paves way to degree he College unveiled the next generation of its World Wide Web Site in December, revealing a home page filled with exciting new features that can be viewed at the following address: http://www.tesc.edu

The Web site enables users to immediately access links with information about the College's 12 undergraduate and graduate degrees for adults and Distance & Independent Adult Learning (DIAL), as well as an on-line application. The Web site also features an "info@" e-mail function through which adults who are interested in completing a college degree can send "flash" messages to



Thomas Edison
State College opens
world wide web site

Admissions Services staff for timely replies. Under construction is a direct link to the Computer Assisted Lifelong Learning (CALL) Network, which enables students to enroll, access records, take courses and enjoy other services on-line.

"Historically, access to higher education has been a slow, unwieldly process," noted Dr. George A. Pruitt, the College's president. "In today's fast-paced society, adult learners and the companies which employ them demand priority service. We designed our Web site to provide this new level of efficiency and responsiveness to the needs of today's busy adults.