

**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY  
PREPARING RURAL INCLUSIVE SPECIAL  
EDUCATORS  
(PRISE) PROGRAM**

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Nancy Blitz Co-Director in Yuma**

**NAU IS CURRENTLY RECRUITING STUDENTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED AS INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANTS IN THE PRISE CONSORTIUM DISTRICTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PRISE GRANT THAT LEADS TO A DUAL-MAJOR BACHELORS DEGREE IN ELEMENTARY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION WITH AN ESL ENDORSEMENT.**

**CYCLE 3 WILL BEGIN IN YUMA ON JANUARY 3, 2011  
GRANT PAYS FOR TUITION, BOOKS, and PROFESSIONAL  
CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE for 5 Semesters of Coursework  
(Spring 2011 to Summer 2012)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: ON OR BEFORE SEPT 9, 2010**

**DELIVER APPLICATION TO NANCY BLITZ,  
phone number 344-7677 at AWC.**

## **Preparing Rural Inclusive Special Educators (PRISE)**

NAU is working in a consortium with rural Yuma area LEA's (Crane School District, Gadsden School District, Parker School District, Quartzite School District, San Pasqual School District, Somerton School District, Yuma Elementary School District, Yuma High School District and Welton School District) and the Arizona SEA. All of these rural districts enroll high numbers of ELL students.

**Objectives of the Program:** In PRISE Cycle 3, 15 instructional assistants will complete a 71 credit hour program during five semesters, resulting in completion of all coursework for a Bachelors Degree with a Dual Major in Elementary and Special Education and ESL endorsement. The PRISE grant pays tuition for the five semesters of coursework, books and professional conference attendance. NOTE: Students are responsible for paying for the sixth semester, the student teaching semester.

**Application for PRISE Program must include:**

**1) Official Transcripts showing ALL college coursework including proficiency in Spanish as demonstrated by a proficiency exam (CLEP) or two semesters of conversational level Spanish.**

Please send to:

**Dr. Patricia Peterson**

**BOX 5774, NAU**

**Flagstaff, AZ 86011**

**2) Letter verifying employment by September 15, 2010 as an instructional assistant in one of the PRISE consortium districts listed above**

**3) 2 recommendation forms sent by reference person to Dr. Patricia Peterson c/o to Judy Ulrich( 523-5193) or Elizabeth Ketterer(523-0677) by fax 928-523-1929.**

**4) Completed PRISE application and essay**

**5) NAU Undergraduate Admission or copy of completed admission application**

**PRISE application, verification of IA employment and Teacher Education Program application must be submitted to Nancy Blitz by September 9, 2010. Call 344-7677 or email Nancy.Blitz@nau.edu for appt to deliver application to.**

**Preparing Rural Inclusive Special Educators Cycle III (PRISE) Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ AWC ID \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ Bilingual: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

If yes, please specify language: \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL previous colleges and universities attended, including NAU (most recent first)

<b>Institution</b>	<b>City &amp; State</b>	<b>Dates Attended</b>	<b># of Credits</b>	<b>Cumulative GPA</b>
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**Current Employment:**

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ District Name \_\_\_\_\_

District Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Your Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position area:

Special Ed. \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary Ed. \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_

ESL \_\_\_\_\_ # of years \_\_\_\_\_

Related experience in Special Education and ESL (Employment, Volunteer, etc. . .):

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**Application Essay: Please attach a typewritten 1-2 page essay describing the following points:**

- 1) Why would you like to participate in this project? 2) How will you benefit by your participation? 3) How will the project benefit by your participation? 4) Describe: a. Your commitment to completing the degree b. Your professional career plans following completion of the degree.

# PRISE

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### Confidential Recommendation from Supervisor or University Instructor

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(The applicant is responsible for filling in the name on this form)

Please respond to the following questions:

1. What is your relationship to this student? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How long have you known him or her? \_\_\_\_\_

3. How well do you feel you know this student? \_\_\_\_\_

4. On a scale of 1-5 (1=lowest and 5=highest) please rank the student according to the following attributes:

• Maturity	1	2	3	4	5	
• Dependability	1	2	3	4	5	
• Self-confidence	1	2	3	4	5	
• Responsibility	1	2	3	4	5	
• Initiative	1	2	3	4	5	
• Judgment	1	2	3	4	5	
• Ability to make independent decisions		1	2	3	4	5
• Teaching ability	1	2	3	4	5	
• Probability of successful teaching experience	1	2	3	4	5	
• Commitment to completing degree program	1	2	3	4	5	
• Commitment to obtaining a special education Teaching position		1	2	3	4	5

5. Please choose one of the following:

\_\_\_ I recommend this applicant with no reservations.

\_\_\_ This applicant may be successful

\_\_\_ I do not recommend this applicant

6. Comments: (Please feel free to attach an additional page or use the reverse side for additional comments.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Patricia Peterson, NAU-COE, P.O. Box 5774, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-5774 or fax to (928) 523-1929

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