

**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY
RURAL INCLUSIVE SPECIAL EDUCATORS
(RISE) PROGRAM**

Dr. Patricia Peterson, Project Director

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

CYCLE 3 WILL BEGIN IN YUMA IN JUNE 2006

**GRANT PAYS FOR TUITION, BOOKS, and PROFESSIONAL
CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE for 5 Semesters of Coursework
(Summer 2005 - Fall 2007)**

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NAU is working in a consortium with rural Yuma area LEA's (Antelope School District, Crane School District, Hyder 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 RISE Cycle III, 20 instructional assistants will complete a 78 credit hour program, resulting in completion of all coursework for a Bachelors Degree with a Dual Major in Elementary and Special Education and ESL endorsement.

Project Activities

COHORT 3
Summer 2006 (4 courses)
Fall 2006 (5 courses + practicum)
Spring 2007 (5 courses + practicum)
Summer 2007 (5 courses)
Fall 2007 (5 courses + practicum)

Tentative Courses-Summer 2006

ETC 447 Technology in the Classroom-3 credits

ESE 380 Introduction to Exceptional Children-3 credits

EDF 301 School and Society-3 credits

EPS 324 Educational Psychology-3 credits

Spring 2008: Student teaching (Cost not covered by RISE Grant)

May 2008: Graduation

***Fall and Spring courses scheduled from 4:30 to 9:00PM

Monday thru Thursday and/or weekends

***Summer courses scheduled daytime, evening and/or weekends

Application for RISE Program must include:

- 1) Official transcripts documenting proficiency in a foreign language (preferably Spanish) as demonstrated by a proficiency exam or 2 semesters of the same foreign language
- 2) Letter verifying employment as of January 2006 as an instructional assistant in one of the RISE consortium districts listed above
- 3) 3 recommendation forms sent by reference person to Dr. Patricia Peterson
- 4) Completed RISE III application and essay
- 5) Letter of Admission to NAU Yuma Teacher Education Program
- 6) NAU Undergraduate Letter of Admission

Applications Accepted: December 5, 2005 thru March 31, 2006

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

REQUIRED INTERVIEWS HELD: April of 2006

For More Information: call Nancy Blitz, Co-Director at 344-7677

Or email: Nancy.Blitz@nau.edu

Additional copies of Application Materials at www4.nau.edu/clde

For additional Fingerprint Cards call John at 317-6432

Rural Inclusive Special Educators Cycle III (RISE) Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ SS# _____
Mailing Address: _____ Email: _____
Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Sex: ___Bilingual: Yes _ No___ If yes, please specify language: _____

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

Institution	City & State	Dates Attended	# of Credits	Cumulative GPA

Current Employment:

Employer: _____ School: _____

Job Title: _____

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

Application Essay: Please attach a typewritten 2-3 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.

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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	1	2	3	4	5

Teaching position

5. Please choose one of the following:
 I recommend this applicant with no reservations.
 This applicant may be successful
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6. Comments: *(Please feel free to attach an additional page or use the reverse side for additional comments.)*

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