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- Transcript(s)
- Skills
- Attitudes
- Support network
- Other?
UNH Mission

➢ UNH Manchester provides access to public higher education for people who live and work in the greater Merrimack Valley.

➢ UNHM serves a diverse urban population by sponsoring programming & services that address the educational needs of the changing demographics in our community.
Advantages of UNH-Manchester

- Individual tutoring available
- Live at home
- Work part-time (10-15 hours per week)
- Get math and English testing that puts you on the right level for college success
- Use a step-by-step process towards an A.A. or B.A. degree
- Be part of a vibrant learning community
CTP Admission Requirements

- Application to a UNH-Manchester degree program (A.A. or B.A.)
- Recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor for high school students
- Recommendation from an employer for nontraditional students
- A recommendation by the UNH-Manchester Admissions Committee
- An interview and recommendation by the CTP Coordinator
- A thoughtful essay on academic and career goals
An interview and recommendation by the CTP-ESOL Coordinator

Recommendation from an ESOL teacher accepted

TOEFL test score report sent to UNH Manchester (www.ets.org) or institutional TOEFL taken at UNH Manchester

Support provided though a grant from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation (NHHEAF)
Math and English assessments help to determine the right level courses for college success

- Placement is mandatory
- In-house math test
- Accuplacer reading test
- In-house analytic writing test
- Sometimes ask students to also take LOEP tests
Advantages of Admission to CTP-ESOL

- Orientation program & on-going academic advising
- Limited course load
- Academic support seminar & cohort class (critical thinking class).
- Individual tutoring available
Frequent monitoring by advisor

Consideration for CTP scholarship

Priority for enrolling in Summer Institute for ESOL students & in UNHM Summer Program for ESOL students

Become part of vibrant learning community
Summer Institute for ESOL students
- Small groups
- ESOL only

Critical Thinking & Lab
- Class combined with entire CTP population
- Separate ESOL lab

First Year Seminar
- Entire CTP cohort
- Same instructor as Institute & Lab
Two-day, five hour skills institute designed to help underprepared ESOL students become familiar with:

- College Culture
- Learning Styles
- Time Management
- Study Skills
- Note-Taking
- Reading Strategies
Critical Thinking Lab

- Course covers a variety of topics focusing around problem solving and analysis
- Lab session gives students an opportunity to apply what they learn in class
- Collaborative and relationship building both within cohort and with instructor
- Lab closely aligned with course topics & no additional homework
Three units focusing around:

- Academic skills
- Career/Major Exploration
- Life Skills

Frequent reflection & writing

More advanced than the first semester FYS since students have had one semester of college
University of New Hampshire
at Manchester

Special Programs for all ESOL Students

- Summer Institute to learn strategies for success
- Summer Language Program
- A social event in Fall and Spring
- Additional tutoring if needed
Student A (Bosnian female)
- Recent high school grad with specific goal
- Strong family support
- Uses resources extensively
- Good social adjustment
- Willingness to follow recommendations

Student B (Vietnamese male)
- Recent high school grad with definite goals, although unsure of major
- Cultural incentive to achieve
- Family support
- Strong work ethic
- Analytic skills- reflective
LESSONS LEARNED

• Screen for commitment
• Intervene early
• Seminar & cohort class need to be coordinated
• With ESOL students, involve families
RESOURCES
