## The 2010 Innovative Initiative Award Recipient

## **Greenville College**

for program entitled

## Undergraduate Teacher Education Partnership Program (UTEP)

**Program Description** 

This program was developed in partnership between Greenville College, Kaskaskia College, and Lewis and Clark Community College. Implementation began in 2004-05 with coursework at the community colleges and 2005-06 with classes offered on the community college campuses by GC. This program has grown and developed over a five-year period that has allowed students to attend Greenville College classes on their community college campuses. Strong commitment from the partners is evident in the rates of student success, participation in monthly Committee on Teacher Education (COTE) meetings at GC by the community college partners, and in the continued articulation of classes in meeting the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards between all partners.

Students are allowed to complete 5 semesters of course work at their local community college at the regular tuition and fee rate, thereby reducing the overall cost of the program. After successful program completion, including earning their Associate of Arts degree at the Community College, the student may be admitted to the Teacher Education program at Greenville College at the regular undergraduate tuition rate. Admission to the program is dependent upon meeting all Greenville College Teacher Education admissions requirements. 131 program completers have successfully earned their teaching credentials between school years 2006 and 2009.

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