

# ELMHURST COLLEGE

Elmhurst, Illinois

2003-2004 Title II Report

## **Mission:**

Since its founding in 1871, Elmhurst College has prepared students for lives of expanding opportunity, service, and achievement. EC emphasizes the development of inquiry skills, commitment to meaningful work, humane values, understanding of global interdependence, and responsible citizenship. EC is committed to the challenge of preparing knowledgeable, caring, creators and directors of learning experiences.

## **Teacher Preparation Programs:**

Elmhurst College offers 22 baccalaureate programs – Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; Special Ed LBS I; K-12 Art, Foreign Language (French, German, Spanish), Music, Theater, and Physical Education; and 12 programs leading to Secondary Certification.

Graduate programming features a cohort-based master's program in Early Childhood Special Education.

## **Student Characteristics:**

In fall of 2004 (most recent available): 66% of students were under age 25; 24% were students of color or international students; 79% attended EC full-time, 17% part-time, 4% grad; 83% were Illinois residents, and 16 countries were represented in the student body.

## **Admission Requirements:**

**Admission to the Teacher Education Sequence:** Completion of 28 semester hours with at least a 2.5 GPA, registration for the Illinois Basic Skills test, C or better in 6 semester hours English composition, a field experience plan on file, enrollment in EDU 110 or MUS 320.

**Admission to the Specific Teacher Ed Program:** Passing scores on the Illinois Basic Skills Test, completion of at least 48 semester hours with at least a 2.5 GPA and a major GPA of 2.5-3.0 (program-dependent), C or better in all professional education courses (2.75 for secondary majors), 20 hours field experiences, and a personal history/philosophy statement.

**Admission to Student Teaching:** Completion of all course requirements, cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better, major GPA of 2.75-3.00 or better, min 100 diverse hours of field experiences, approval by faculty and the teacher-education committee, passing scores on Illinois Content Area test.

## **Accreditation:**

The Teacher Education Unit is fully accredited by the National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education and the Illinois State Board of Education; programs are individually approved by national specialty organizations. Elmhurst College is accredited by North Central Association of College's and Schools.

# CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

## **Teacher Education Vision:**

We strive to develop our site-based approach, develop inter-culturally responsive teachers for all children, and meet teachers' ongoing professional development needs. Toward this end, we are expanding diverse field experience opportunities, working with two emergent PDS sites, implementing a TQE grant in partnership with schools from the Associated Colleges of Illinois, and increasing our use of technology for teaching and learning.

## **Best Practices:**

- The Satellite Network streamlines student placements in diverse field settings through a partnership with 139 schools in 46 districts. Practitioners are active as adjunct instructors, on advisory boards and on assessment design teams.
- Standards-based field experiences are integrated from the first education course.
- Technological competence is developed in education courses and through experience; it is assessed via technology portfolios.
- Service learning is part of the teacher education curriculum for all elementary and early childhood majors.
- Elementary and Early Childhood education majors select content areas of concentration.
- Faculty members collaborate with students on undergraduate and graduate research that is presented at state and national meetings.
- Two PDS partnerships provide expanding professional development opportunities for pre-service and in-service teachers.
- School, community, and business partnerships flourish at Elmhurst College, including internships arranged through the EC Center for Professional Excellence and collaborative programs provided in partnership with the Associated Colleges of Illinois.

## **Notable Features and Accomplishments:**

- Elmhurst College is the only NCATE-accredited school in Illinois to be consistently ranked in the top tier of Midwestern regional liberal arts colleges in U.S. News and World Reports' annual survey of "America's Best Colleges".
- EC's Education Department offers the only undergraduate K-12 special education program in the state.
- January-term courses, optional and tuition-free to students enrolled full-time in Fall and Spring, offer opportunities to travel, take electives, work toward middle school endorsement or take required courses.
- A master's program (letter of approval) in Early Childhood special education emphasizes interdisciplinary learning, action research, and partnerships between students and mentor families with special needs children.
- Students and graduates have been recipients of Golden Apple scholarships, foundation awards, Bill Gates scholarships, and Kappa Delta Gamma awards and scholarships.

**Program Information for Elmhurst College  
2003-2004**

<b>S.1</b> Total number of students admitted into teacher preparation, all specializations, in academic year 2003-2004	844
<b>S.2</b> Number of students in supervised student teaching in academic year 2003-2004	162
<b>3.2</b> Number of faculty members who supervised student teachers:	
➤ <b>S.3A</b> Full-time faculty in professional education	7
➤ <b>S.3B</b> Part-time faculty in professional education but full-time in the institution	5
➤ <b>S.3C</b> Part-time faculty in professional education, not otherwise employed by the institution	11
<b>S.4</b> Total faculty student teaching supervisors	23
<b>S.5</b> Student teacher/faculty ratio (Divide total given in S.2 by the number given in S.4)	7:1
<b>S.6A</b> The average number of student teaching hours per week	40
<b>S.6B</b> The total number of weeks of supervised student teaching required	12-16
<b>S.7</b> Average total number of hours required	480