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18 UGA programs reach out to help Georgia teachers deepen their knowledge in respective academic subjects

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Funded by more than \$892,000 in Title II Improving Teacher Quality grants that run from March 2006 through June 2007, UGA faculty from the College of Education and other units have developed professional learning experiences that aim to strengthen Georgia teachers' content knowledge. Here's a brief look at each one, their innovations and anticipated impact:

Culture and Content in Latin America (CCLA)

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Description: This international experience is designed to give teachers in their second or third year of involvement with the Center for Latino Achievement and Success in Education (CLASE) the opportunity to experience Latin American cultures while adding to their content knowledge of either mathematics or science in a Spanish language intensive environment. Participants can earn six semester hours or 10 SDUs of credit and are required to carry out a project in their schools to improve the content achievement of Latino students and share their experiences with their teacher colleagues.

Key Teacher Education Innovations:

- Participants are involved in Latin American cultural and educational experiences, in either Mexico or Costa Rica.
- Participants carry out science- or mathematics-focused projects in their schools to improve the content achievement of Latino students.

Anticipated Impact:

- Teachers will more thoroughly understand the culture and language of Georgia's Latino children.
- Teachers' experiences in the project will result in improved science and mathematics achievement of Latino students.

Contextual Teaching and Learning of Life Science for Elementary School Teachers

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▲ UGA science education student reads with Costa Rican schoolchildren



◀ Bob Hill, associate professor of lifelong education, administration, and policy, teaches teachers about lichens

Welcome sign at UGA's Ecology and Research Station in San Luis, Costa Rica

