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UNHs Live, Learn, and Teach Summer Program in 29th Year

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DURHAM, N.H. -- More than half of the 30 participants in this year's Live, Learn, and Teach summer education program at the University of New Hampshire are non-traditional students.

According to Liza Finkel, director of the seven-week, 10-credit program where prospective teachers learn how to design and teach experiential and community-based curricula, applicants this year are divided between traditional students and those who have already worked in other careers who are looking to make a change. Credits earned in this program can be counted towards a master's degree in education. A minimum of 30 credits is required for a Master of Education or a Master of Arts in Teaching.

"This is a great program for people who have definitely made up their minds to be teachers, and for those who are still not sure," Finkel says. "The applicants this year range in age from 19 to 49, and include a man who was in the Coast Guard, an entomologist and a mechanical engineer."

Participants in the Live, Learn, and Teach program work in teams to teach area youth (K-12) during a five-week summer school program under the supervision of experienced educators. The program begins with a week at the UNH Outing Club cabin in Franconia. Then, the students design a five-week summer school program for local children in three communities. Applications for this year's Live, Learn, and Teach program are still being accepted. Call (603) 862-2310 for more information.

There is one certified teacher for every five Live, Learn,
and Teach students, and one Live, Learn, and Teach student for every five summer learners, Finkel says. Enrichment classes are offered for students in grades 1-9 at Oyster River Middle School and Dover Middle School July 10-Aug. 10. At Somersworth High School, credit classes are offered.

For more information about registering for the summer learning programs at any of the local schools, call Rachael Burr at (603) 862-2381 or the main Education Office at (603) 862-2310. The cost is $150 for the first student and $130 for each additional child. Scholarships are available.

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