

**College of Education Academic and Research Update**  
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**May 1, 2009** - There has been a lot of activity in the College this past year both academically and in research. We just completed an evaluation of the Department of Counseling and Higher Education which looks very positive. Over the next three years all of our departments will do a similar self-evaluation.

The College entered into a partnership with The College of Arts and Sciences to create a new track towards certification of high school teachers in mathematics and science. This program is called [Teach North Texas](#). We had the most successful startup of such a program in any university nationally.

The University has revised its core curriculum and programs in the College are busy submitting courses for the new core. The biggest changes in the core are the reduction in the number of hours required and the institution of two new core classes: a Discovery course at the beginning of a student's undergraduate career and a capstone at the end tying together the core and content courses. Many of our COE programs have capstone classes already (e.g., student teaching, internships). These will be modified slightly to fit the new core requirements.

The College enrollments were up this fall and spring. The College accounted for 13.2% of all undergraduate enrollments at UNT, 26.2% of all masters' enrollments, 30.1% of all doctoral enrollments.

The scholarly work of the College is excellent. We continue to be very successful in obtaining grants and contracts. Last year the College generated over \$27 million in external funding or 26.1% of all grant funding at UNT. Already this year the College has received \$3 million in new awards, has \$ 1.3 million in continuing awards, and has another \$11 million dollars in grants under review currently. In part, these funds provide support for graduate student to work as researchers alongside our faculty.