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Salem State College Graduate School of Education and the North Shore Workforce Investment Board announce a new graduate course and summer externship for middle and high school STEM teachers

This course provides teachers with insight into the how our current economy utilizes advanced skills in science, technology, mathematics, engineering, and communication to remain vibrant and globally competitive.

The course revolves around a 5 to 8 week full-time work assignment in a local company where companies employ teachers in projects that allow them to apply their subject matter skills in real-work situations.

Examples of work include participating:

1. in research and development activities;
2. in the manufacture of products;
3. in the delivery of services for clients or customers;
4. in lab and related research activities;
5. in the preparation of written documentation for clients or customers (in English or other languages);
6. etc.

Teachers can cover for vacationing employees, participate in special, one-time projects, or add value to existing projects. Teachers are interviewed and chosen by the company following normal company procedures and are paid by the employing company at a rate of \$800 per full-time week.

Concurrent with work activities, teachers participate at Salem State College in classroom work outside of work hours, i.e., on the weekends, in the evenings, and/or on-line. Course work includes researching economic structures of today's private markets, and developing publishable lesson plans and curriculum; and, honing related skills that bring their work experiences into the classroom to make the learning more real for their students. Teachers will pay a reduced rate for the course and receive 3 graduate credits upon successful completion of the externship and course.

Companies will act as advisors throughout the classroom activities, reviewing classroom products, helping to make them real for students. The finished product could include field trips by students to companies or guest lecture opportunities for company leaders to classrooms.

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