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University Park, IL, March 19, 2008 – Teachers have only a few short weeks in the summer to add to their skills and increase their qualifications. Vacation Education, offered by Governors State University, provides a variety of graduate education courses at convenient times for educators.

"Educators need the summers to unwind after the school year is over and prepare for the next school year," said Dr. Peggy Woodard, Interim Dean of the College of Education at Governors State University. "Vacation Education gives teachers the courses they need to improve their skills while still allowing them plenty of time to relax and enjoy the summer."

Vacation Education classes begin after the end of the regular school year in June and finish before the beginning of the new school year in August. Classes are offered Monday through Thursday. Because of the convenient scheduling, educators can attend two of these three-hour graduate level courses, gain knowledge, and still have time for the best days of summer.

Vacation Education credits may apply to recertification requirements, professional development goals, or toward a master's degree. Enrollment in a master's study program is not required for participation in Vacation Education.

Some of the course topics offered as part of this special summer schedule include teacher leadership and school improvement, mathematics teaching strategies, learning and assessment, and technology in the classroom.

"Teachers need time for their families, vacations, and days at the beach. With Vacation Education, they not only have weeks before and after the GSU classes, they have long weekends throughout the summer," added Woodard.

For more information about Vacation Education, or to view a list of the courses offered during this special summer learning opportunity, call the College of Education at (708) 235-7577, or visit www.govst.edu/vacation2008.