



Regional Wrap-Up

Region 5 T/TAC

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Mark Your Calendars!

- **Third Annual SOL Content/Teaching Academics: Summer 2002**
- **June 24—28**
- **James Madison University**, Harrisonburg
- Enrollment deadline: **May 31**
- In cooperation with JMU's Center for School Leadership and Regions 4 & 5 Governor's Best Practice Centers

- Graduate credit option available
- Open to all public school educators
- Five academies available:
 - K-5 Language Arts and Social Studies
 - K-5 Math and Science
 - 6-12 Math
 - 6-12 History and Social Studies
 - K-12 Special Education

- Two day academy (Thursday and Friday) for school and central office administrators

For program questions contact Dr. Michael Rettig at <rettigmd@jmu.edu> and for assistance with registration, billing, on-campus lodging and meals contact Bonnie Powell at <powellbs@jmu.edu> or 540.568.8043. Visit the SOL Academy website at <www.jmu.edu/solacademy2002>.

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We're on the Web!

Visit the JMU T/TAC website at <<http://web.jmu.edu/ttac>> and bookmark it for future reference. Meet the staff, read the current and past newsletters, register for workshops, check out items from the library, and link to other sites of interest.

T/TAC Wants YOU to Provide Input to the T/TAC Project

Elementary and middle school representatives are needed to serve on the regional steering committee/focus group. As direct service providers, the group provides feedback, as well as suggestions and input for future events, to the T/TAC staff. The group also assists the Virginia Department of Education with its futures scanning activity. The group meets 2 or 3 times per year.

If you are interested, or for additional information, contact Cheryl Henderson at T/TAC, 540.568.3774 or 1 888.205.4824, email <hendercl@jmu.edu> or write to the address listed above.



PREP Project of Virginia

Providing Resources and Education to Professionals Working with Infants and Children Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing (Beginning Level)

Dates and Locations:	Richmond	May 22, 2002
	Northern Virginia	May 30, 2002
	Charlottesville	June 19, 2002
	Winchester	July 23, 2002

Sponsored by: VID D/VCU
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 For more info, go to www.vcu.edu/vidd/

Coming This Summer (to a computer near you!)

- **TEDU 500: Current Issues in Early Childhood Special Education**
- **Purpose:** Updated information and resources for educators and related service personnel (for re-certification only)
- **Format:** Web-based course
- **Credit:** 3 hours of graduate credit
- **Cost:** \$ 318, in-state tuition (subject to change)

This course is a **collaborative distance education project** between universities in Wisconsin and Virginia and will be taught by faculty from Old Dominion, Radford and Virginia Commonwealth universities. **Topics will include:** brain development, sensory processing and temperament, effective learning environments and instructional strategies, new approaches in assessment, natural environments and inclusion, assistive technology and augmentative communication.

This course will be offered through VCU's School of Education, Office of Continuing Education. To receive **further scheduling and registration information** (when the details have been finalized), please email your name and full address to braycock@vcu.edu.

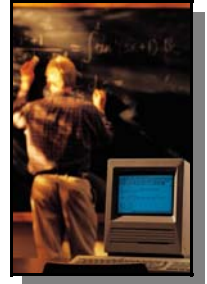




Training Opportunities for 2002-2003

Detailed information will be distributed next school year.

- **Access to the General Curriculum**
- Presented by **Doug Fisher and Nancy Frey**, San Diego State University
- **November 1**, 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- **DoubleTree Hotel**, Charlottesville
- In cooperation with GMU and VCU T/TACs



- **TechKnowledgey 2002**
- **November 19-20**, 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- **Holiday Inn Select, Koger South Conference Center**, Richmond
- Registration fee: **\$100** (one day); **\$130** (both days)
- Registration Information Contact: **Children's Hospital**, Hospital Education Program, 804.321.7474 x6096
- In cooperation with Children's Hospital and ODU and VCU T/TACs

Topics will include: Assistive technology for students with learning disabilities; Assistive technology assessment; Assistive technology for students with Autism Spectrum Disorders; Using assistive technology in vocational evaluation; Making language visible through augmentative communication; and Assistive technology for beginners.




- **Working with Students Who Challenge Us**
- Presented by **David Pitonyak**

This awareness level training will focus on ways to support students with disabilities who engage in challenging behaviors. Participants will be encouraged to view behavior as communication and to explore ways to better understand these "messages." Information will also be provided about ways for team members to support one another as they collaborate around individuals with challenging behaviors.

David Pitonyak has consulted with families and professionals throughout the United States, Canada, and England. He has worked in a variety of settings, including homes and residential settings, schools, supported competitive job sites, sheltered workshops and day activity programs. He is the president of the Commonwealth Coalition for Community and the founder and contributing editor for *The Community Journal*, a disability rights newsletter that focuses on building community. In 2001, David was presented with the Outstanding Professional Award by the Autism Society of America, Greater Roanoke Valley Chapter. Dr. Pitonyak is interested in positive approaches to difficult behaviors.

Audience: teams of general and special educators, paraprofessionals, therapists, administrators, parents





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