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To: Students completing EDS 685- Practicum in Learning Disabilities

From: James O. Grant, Ph.D.

Re: Camp dates and Expectations

Congratulations! You have been accepted to complete the practicum in learning disabilities during the summer of 2005. The summer camp was started over 20 years ago and has grown from serving 32 students to over 80 students from all over the mid-west. The success of this camp is due to the hard work that everyone involved puts forth.

It is impossible to over emphasize the importance that you as an academic tutor play in the success of this venture. My objectives as the director are to provide you with guidance to help you implement the strategies and techniques that we have discussed in class. You will be assigned no more than 3 students to tutor, and you will not have more than two students at a time unless you so choose. The students will be tutored in reading and written language primarily. You will be tutoring from 8:30 a. m. through 12:20 p.m. From 1:00 – 1:40 p.m. we will meet in a seminar with another group of graduate students who are completing EDS 640 (the Grandville Clinic). These students will be tutoring the morning students from 1:50 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Therefore, your day will end at approximately 1:50 p.m. every day with the exception of Thursday June 23rd when we all will meet from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to discuss the assessment data and plan interventions.

So that you may feel comfortable with the operation of the camp, I will be holding two days of orientation on Friday June 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Monday June 20th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. These meetings will be held on the Allendale campus. Students arrive on June 21st, and the last day of camp will be Thursday July 28th. I will send you more details of the orientations in early June. I am asking that you also reserve Thursday June 23rd from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for individual meetings with myself to discuss your diagnostic findings.

I have enclosed a camp calendar for your information. Hopefully this letter and camp calendar will allow to plan your schedules. In addition, you will find a letter of intent to participate in this experience. **Please return this letter as soon as possible so that I may plan accordingly.** Thank you in advance for your time and energy that you will devote to this experience.