

# St. Cloud State gets \$5 million grant

St. Cloud State University's College of Education has received a nearly \$5 million grant for a five-year project to improve teacher education.

The grant, from the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest ever received by the school. It will help pay for a program that pairs student teachers in classroom residencies with veteran teachers who act as mentors and co-teach classes.

Officials at St. Cloud say the program will help young teachers become more collaborative in their teaching and that they will benefit from the experience and example of older teachers. It also will double the number of teachers working in a classroom, giving students more contact with adults.

Most of the schools that use student teachers from St. Cloud will use the co-teaching method. St. Cloud's College of Education graduates almost 500 education majors each year. The school is the nation's 12th-largest producer of teachers.

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