February 24, 2010

Dear Student,

We are pleased to announce a great opportunity for Drury University student teachers to gain “international” teaching experience. Education majors planning to student teach in the fall semester of 2010, may apply to do one-half of their student teaching at Hem Sheela Model School located in Durgapur, India. Hem Sheela Model School was founded in 1995 by Drury professors, Drs. Rabindra and Protima Roy, and was designated a sister school of Drury University in 2002.

Hem Sheela is a comprehensive K-12 school where the medium of instruction is in English. There are approximately 3,000 students enrolled and 125 certified teachers with three school sites including a 20 acre campus housing all grades, a separate elementary school, and a tribal school in a nearby village. The school follows the national curriculum guidelines and secondary level students take India-wide examinations during the spring with Hem Sheela students performing successfully with exemplary scores.

Drury students have been visiting Hem Sheela since the school’s inception in 1995 and the Roy’s have hosted over 17 groups of students and faculty to India. Although education majors have participated in clinical experiences through a course EDUC 490/690, this is the first time we are offering six weeks of student teaching experience in India that will be coupled with teaching in one of our partner schools with student teachers playing a key role in the start-up and set up of a classroom beginning in August. Students participating in this program will be required to present a lesson, seminar, or facilitate other discussions with teachers and students in our partner schools and/or Drury teacher education candidates.

If you would like to be considered for this experience, please complete the enclosed application. Finalists will be required to complete an interview process. Students who are selected will be awarded a scholarship provided by Drury University that will include plane fare, ground transportation in India, food, lodging, and other related educational expenses for the trip.

Applications are due in the School of Education and Child Development office by April 1, 2010 with interviews to follow. Selection of two students is planned by May 1. Students who are selected are required to participate in orientation meetings and planning sessions prior to the trip.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joye Norris             Dr. Protima Roy
Professor of Education      Professor of Education
DRURY UNIVERSITY

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM AT HEM SHEELA MODEL SCHOOL

Please type or print clearly: Date: _____________

NAME: __________________________________________ ID#: _____________

                   Last              First              Middle              Sex: M or F

Local Address: ___________________________________________________________________________

                    Street    City    State    Zip Code

Local Phone number: (______)_________________ Email Address: _______________________

Cell Phone number: __________________________

Date of Birth: __________ Citizenship:__________ Social Security #:_________________

Application for Semester/Year: FALL SPRING WINTER SUMMER

Year: __________

Academic Major: _____________________________ Academic Advisor:_____________________

Credit hours completed: _______ Cum. GPA:___________ GPA in Major:_____________

Expected Date of Graduation: _____________________

Indicate your academic standing when you participate in this program: JR.   SR.   Post - Bacc

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Education classes completed elsewhere:  

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Please list any previous Study Abroad Experiences:

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Are there any special financial aid issues the committee should be aware of?

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Please return to Dr. Protima Roy or Dr. Joye Norris, or Education Office

Date Received: _________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, please describe for the committee why you want to study abroad, what you hope to learn through your experiences, your views of a multicultural classroom experience to your education at Drury, and what you perceive you can contribute to the Hem Sheela Model School. Also, describe how you plan to share your experience upon your return. Please limit your response to one page.

For further information, please contact Dr. Protima Roy (proy@drury.edu) or Dr. Joye Norris (jnorris@drury.edu).