

Education majors! August 15, 2018 is the due date to apply for the Fall 2018 NETSTAR program. Funding provides tuition, books, fees, and living expenses to American Indians.



*Apply by August 15, 2018
for Fall 2018!*

NETSTAR would not be successful without the partnership of Northeastern State University's College of Education.

NSU's faculty focuses on preparing professionals who are teaching scholars, educational leaders, and developers of human potential. Teacher candidates are committed to excellence in their fields and making a difference in their communities.

The College of Education offers six undergraduate degrees. All education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and at the state level, by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA).

NSU has outstanding undergraduate programs and provides various methods of course design, including traditional face to face instruction, blended-hybrid courses and online coursework. NSU is recognized as a leader among other institutions in Oklahoma by providing a significant number of highly effective classroom teachers.

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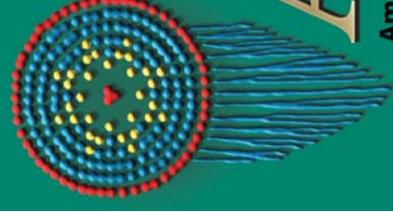
Native Educated Teachers Successfully Taught Academic Rigor



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AIRC

American Indian Resource Center, Inc.

NETSTAR Program

Background

For the past 30 years, the American Indian Resource Center, Inc. has operated five education personnel training programs. Four were funded by the Office of Indian Education and one was funded by the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Approximately 117 Indian students have graduated with a Bachelor, Master, or Doctorate degree from these programs.

Funding for the NETSTAR program has been provided by the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Indian Education. A partnership between American Indian Resource Center, Inc., Northeastern State University, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Kenwood Public School, and Rocky Mountain Public School ensures that program participants will achieve successful teaching careers.



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What are the qualifications for applying for the NETSTAR program?

You must meet the following criteria:

- Be a member of a Federally or State Recognized Tribe
- **Must** graduate by Spring 2019
- Be a full time student working no more than 19 hours per week
- Be a candidate with 45 hours or accepted into the NSU College of Education
- Have a GPA of 2.75 or better
- Be working toward a teaching certificate in Early Childhood, Elementary Education, Special Education, Math, Science, or Social Studies

What does the NETSTAR program provide?

- Tuition and fees
- Books
- Living Expenses
- Seminars for Success

Is the NETSTAR program a scholarship?

No. Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education. A part of this funding requires signing of a paycheck agreement. Once you begin teaching, you will enter into a service paycheck plan. If you do not complete the program, you will be required to pay back all funding from the USDE.



What is meant by *payback*?

All participants must perform work-related payback or provide cash reimbursement to the U.S. Department of Education for the training received.

For the total number of months in the program, graduates are required to teach at least the same number of months at a school with a significant Indian student population. This is the work-related payback option.

Cash reimbursement occurs when a participant does not find employment within 12 months after their participation in NETSTAR has ended. The amount paid back to the U.S. Department of Education is the same amount as the total amount of funds spent on them by the NETSTAR program.

A signed agreement, stating the payback requirements, must be signed by each participant before participating in NETSTAR program activities. Induction Services are not considered part of the student payback obligation.

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