POST-EMPLOYMENT TRAINING -
AMERICAN INDIAN REHABILITATION
THE PET-AIR PROGRAM
San Diego State University / College of Education
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San Diego State University (SDSU) through Interwork Institute, Center for American Indian Rehabilitation and Education (CAIRE), established the “Post-Employment Training-American Indian Rehabilitation” (PET-AIR) in 2000. PET-AIR is a 21-unit advanced post-graduate certificate program designed to provide post-employment training for personnel who coordinate and manage programs for American Indian and Alaska Native Rehabilitation. Also included are partners that serve Tribal members through the state-federal and Tribal Rehabilitation systems.

The PET-AIR program provides 3 separate one-week “on-campus” administrative training sessions at SDSU during the cycle. Distance learning sessions occur throughout the 12-month cycle. Topics are presented in a context that relates to programs serving American Indian and Alaska Native consumers with disabilities. Partnership with state agencies is also presented as best practice model.

Training content is selected to provide focus on current and relevant issues that impact service delivery for individuals who are American Indian/Alaska Native with disabilities. The curriculum has increased emphasis on specific issues and advocacy confronting American Indian/Alaska Native consumers. This training is intended to enable people to become more effective professionals and work with partners to implement new programs and enhance the quality of existing programs and services. PET-AIR is also intended to serve as a career ladder/ramp for rehabilitation professionals who have consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to American Indian rehabilitation and will serve as the future leaders within their respective organizations. PET-AIR graduates earn a 21-unit post-graduate certificate in Rehabilitation Administration from SDSU.

Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) professionals can pursue a 21-unit post-graduate certificate in Rehabilitation Administration. Jim E Warne, Oglala Lakota and Dr. Fred McFarlane are co-directors for the PET-AIR Program at Interwork Institute. The first eight cycles has had over 100 participants from over 40 Tribal VR programs. Twelve PET-AIR graduates have earned Rehabilitation Master of Science degrees through distance learning using PET-AIR units for transfer. PET-AIR graduates are current participants in the SDSU and North Texas distance learning MS programs.

http://interwork.sdsu.edu/main/pet-air

NOTE: PET-AIR IX (cycle nine) will begin summer 2014
COST

The PET-AIR program provides student participant expenses for Tribal VR professionals. Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA), U.S. Department of Education, funds the PET-AIR program to provide training and academic continuing education for Tribal VR professionals and partner VR representatives. Tuition, travel, hotel, per-diem expenses are covered for accepted PET-AIR students. There is a **$55.00 SDSU application fee** that is paid by the applicant or Tribal VR Program for staff development. This is an RSA supported training and continuing education program that addresses staff development in public (Tribal) rehabilitation administration.

The intent of PET-AIR is to have a pool of graduates prepared to utilize their graduate level training to enhance the infrastructure of Tribal VR programs. Another objective is to have PET-AIR graduates continue their academic goals in Rehabilitation. The PET-AIR units are designed to be transferable into other MS and/or Ph.D. rehabilitation programs. This program is an opportunity for Tribal VR professionals on their academic path to an MS degree in Rehabilitation.

Scholarship recipients have a **“TWO-YEAR “PAYBACK”** commitment to continue to work in Tribal VR, CFR 386.4 (b) Related Agency (1), and other public rehabilitation programs. Public rehabilitation includes State agencies, Client Assistance Programs, Independent Living, under the Rehabilitation Act as Amended, referenced in CFR 386.1 (b) (1-31), in return for this scholarship.

**The Courses** – are a part of the graduate curriculum of San Diego State University through the Administration, Rehabilitation, and Post-secondary Education Department (ARPE). The PET-AIR Program is under the Rehabilitation Administration Certificate program. Courses include:

- ARP 680 - Seminar in Rehabilitation Administration & Postsecondary Ed (3 units)
- ARP 710A - Organization Development in Rehabilitation (3 units)
- ARP 720 - Human Resource Development in Postsecondary Education (3 units)
- ARP 740 - Advanced Seminar in Rehabilitation Administration (3 units)
- ARP 745 - Internship in Rehabilitation Administration (3 units)
- ARP 755 - Governance & Policy Development in Rehabilitation (3 units)
- ARP 798 - Special Study in Rehabilitation Administration (3 units)

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***Note-Application for admission to San Diego State University is also required***