

## BSC and SEPA\* Grant Offering Fall 2007 Graduate-level course for High School Teachers

Bridgewater State College is offering BIOE 514-001, Microbiology in the High School Classroom. Microbiology as a science influences multiple fields in biology, including genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, clinical medicine, and environmental biology because microorganisms are ubiquitous and critical organisms in the maintenance of the biosphere.

This course is designed for the high school teacher who would like to learn microbiology and then use its principles in the classroom to illustrate multiple concepts about the biosphere (including those that meet the Massachusetts state standards) and to excite student learning in biology.

Teachers need not have background or course work in microbiology, but a college-level course in cell biology or introductory biology would be helpful and is strongly recommended.

## **OBJECTIVES:** In this course you will:

- 1. Learn the relationship between structure and function in a microbial cell.
- 2. See how microbial metabolic pathways are the foundations for our thinking about basic energy usage in a cell.
- 3. Learn how studies of microbial genetics led to major advances in our knowledge of this field.
- 4. Learn about the interaction of microorganisms with their environment and the effects this interaction has on the biosphere, including you!
- 5. Study the contributions of microbiology to the biomedical, agricultural, veterinary, biotechnological and environmental fields
- 6. Use the guided inquiry model from BSC CityLab to perform a variety of experiments that can be performed in the high school classroom including those dealing with microbiology's importance
  - i. in the clinic as both disease organisms and as producers of antibiotics,
  - ii. in the environment as decomposers and recyclers or organic matter,
  - iii. in genetics as model systems to understand the major paradigms of evolution and transfer of genetic information, and
  - iv. in the biotech world as 'gene expression systems' for production of new pharmaceuticals.

**<u>DATES:</u>** Wednesday Evenings. September 5<sup>th</sup> – December 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:45 – 7:25 PM.

LOCATION: Bridgewater State College, Conant Science Building, Room 207

For further information contact BSC CityLab at 508-531-2635 or <a href="CityLab@bridgew.edu">CityLab@bridgew.edu</a>
To learn more about BSC CityLab Activities visit our web site at webhost.bridgew.edu/CityLab.

To register for this course contact The Registrar's office at 508 531-1231.

## Enrollment is limited. Please register early.

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## Fall 2007 Registration/Academic Advising Form

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