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SEHS offers global, lean learning opportunities

Global learning opportunities

Oakland University is now the only university in the world to offer International Baccalaureate (IB) Level 1 program education for teachers spanning the entire K–12 curriculum, offered in conjunction with the IB Organization in Cardiff, Wales. Applications are being accepted for the fall 2008 cohort program with an information meeting scheduled on Thursday, May 13. Participants will be eligible to apply for IB's Teacher Award Level 1 certificate at the Primary Years, Middle Years and Diploma Program levels, upon completion of OU's 20 graduate credit program. For more information, visit OU's [International Baccalaureate](#) Web site.

Professor Ledong Li will lead a study abroad to rural and urban China from June 27 through July 12. Participants will stay in Guiyang, Beijing and Shanghai, with field visits to historic sites, schools, businesses and health care facilities. Attend the information session on Monday, March 17 at 5:30 p.m. in 350 Pawley Hall. For more information, visit www.oakland.edu/china.

OU's Global Urban Education Exchange Program in Brazil affords teachers, administrators, researchers, and policy makers the opportunity to directly engage with important educational innovations in Porto Alegre's public school programs for the urban poor. Professor Thomas Pedroni will lead the graduate/undergraduate credit study to Porto Alegre, which is scheduled August 13 through 26. Visit www.oakland.edu/brazil for more information.

The New Zealand Student Teacher Exchange Program gives students in the elementary education teacher preparation program the opportunity to spend five weeks student teaching in a primary school in New Zealand. While there, they are house guests of a local family – usually a teacher in the school – and are immersed in the culture of the community. For information, visit OU's [New Zealand Student Teacher Exchange Program](#) Web site.

Lean Learning

The Pawley Institute at OU expands programming, offering lean graduate and undergraduate project-based courses, providing real-life experience. Registration for fall classes begins on March 31. Visit the [Pawley Institute](#) Web site for more information.

The new Lean Thinking for Schools seminar assists school administrators in optimizing resources and creating distinct advantages for schools. Details are available at www.oakland.edu/leanschools or by contacting Professor Shannon Flumerfelt at flumerfe@oakland.edu.

SUMMARY

The School of Education and Human Services offers global learning opportunities, including a new International Baccalaureate program for Educators, and study abroad programs in China, Brazil and New Zealand. In addition the SEHS offers lean training for businesses and schools.

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