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DAYTON, Ohio, July 14, 1988--The University of Dayton is one of 30 colleges and universities nationally and the only one from the state chosen to participate in Project 30, a program designed to integrate liberal education and teacher education curriculums.

The 30 institutions will serve as models of efforts to encourage students studying to be teachers to become better educated in liberal arts. "There is a need for what is now called 'cultural literacy' as a device for aiding students, especially disadvantaged students, achieve more successful entry into mainstream society," said Eugene August, an English professor and one of UD's Project 30 team members. "By enriching teacher education, Project 30 promises to increase cultural literacy of both teachers and students significantly."

The other members of UD's Project 30 team are Thomas Lasley, chair of teacher education and local director of the project; John Geiger, professor of teacher education; Michael Payne, associate professor of philosophy; Sister Sherrie Shugarman, assistant professor of teacher education; and Ellis A. Joseph, dean of the School of Education.

The program will begin at UD in August with 25 freshmen in teacher education starting the specially integrated courses. The Carnegie Corporation is giving $2,500 to each participating team. UD has earmarked $30,500 to meet all of its team's other expenses for materials, conferences and teaching.

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