

*Winning Strategies*: A Conference for Paraprofessionals and Future Teachers at Normandale Community College (NCC)

The fifth annual regional *Winning Strategies* conference will be held March 20, 2010 as a joint collaboration between the Metropolitan Educational Cooperative Service Unit (ECSU), Metro SPLISE Special Education Project, and Normandale's Education Training Academy (EdTrAc).

Conference sessions will emphasize curriculum, teaching tips, helpful technology, and fresh instructional methods. Since the focus of EdTrAc is to improve teacher preparation in science and mathematics and to increase the number of specialists in those areas, some sessions will be dedicated specifically to science and math topics.

*Winning Strategies* is a rewarding, initial conference experience for future teachers, helping them develop a positive attitude toward continuing education when they become classroom teachers, and connecting them to the collective wisdom of experienced teachers and paraprofessionals.

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