

School of Curative Education awards first diplomas

The first three graduates of the Camphill School of Curative Education were awarded Diplomas in Curative Education, recognized by the International Curative Education and Social Therapy Council, on June 14, 2008. The new graduates now are entitled to use the professional designation 'Certified Curative Educator' (CCE), representing a new profession in North America.

Receiving their diplomas were Emma Brunner, originally from England and Spain but now a resident of Boyertown, PA; Maria McLaughlin of Elverson, PA; and Andreas Schuschke, formerly of Germany and now a resident of Glenmoore, PA.

Curative education is a holistic approach to the education of children and adolescents utilized at our school and the worldwide network of schools associated with the Council. Students in the Camphill School of Curative Education join us as volunteer coworkers, becoming part of a house community that includes students and other coworkers and their families. The curriculum includes academic and artistic coursework, supervised practice in childcare, education and therapy, and the experience of community life.

Building on a long tradition of less formalized professional training in the methods and approaches of curative education, the Camphill Special School of Curative Education launched its practice-integrated course of studies in 2004. The four-year program carries college credit recommendations through the University of the State of New York's National Program on Noncollegiate Sponsored Instruction (National PONSI), permitting students to earn college credits and complete a bachelor's degree upon graduation.

Andreas Schuschke, for instance, will soon add B.A. after his CCE designation, when he completes coursework for his B.A. in Education at Prescott College.

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