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#### Teachers Brush up on Their Science

Lynne Williams, medical school information  
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Saturday, April 22, science teachers from two Nevada high schools will attend the fourth of five seminars aimed at updating scientific content and teaching techniques. The seminars are held at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, and are taught by the school's faculty members.

Eighteen teachers and two principals from Clark High School in Las Vegas and Hug High School in Reno are participating in the program, which takes a new approach to teacher education. Instead of taking one or two teachers from several schools, this program focuses on two schools and their entire science department and administration.

This Saturday's seminar will focus on AIDS, Hantavirus, Pappiloma and emergent viruses. The afternoon will be devoted to lab experiments, involving different tests used to identify various viruses. The participants also will spend time in the Savitt Medical Library Computer center, learning techniques for integrating computers into their classrooms.

Each seminar in the series focuses on a particular scientific field of study. Participants will assess their curriculum needs, learn hands-on techniques for teaching

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the subject and how other disciplines relate to it. During the summer the teachers will complete a research project and develop curriculum to take back to their classrooms for the coming fall.

The remaining day-long, Saturday seminar, sponsored by the medical school and funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), will be held on May 13; and the same group of teachers will return for a two-week workshop during the summer. The grant from HHMI is \$200,000 distributed over the next five years.

Interested media representatives should contact Lynne Williams, 784-6003, or Ann Diggins, 784-1317; in Las Vegas, contact Marie Pearce, 383-2638.

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Attachment: List of participants

## List of participants

### Clark High School

Carol Adamson, biology anatomy and physiology  
Wade Boyce, vice-principal  
David Goings, hydrogeology  
Diane Hovland, anatomy and physiology  
Norman Johnson, biology, botany  
Barbara Letourneau, chemistry  
Robert Owczarzak, chemistry  
Wayne Tanaka, principal  
Diane Bordenave, earth science  
Regina Butler, earth science, biology  
Kenneth Hamilton, biology/chemistry  
Beth Isaacs, biology, life science  
Kristine Kirkeeng, biology, zoology  
Matt Murphy, biology, chemistry  
Modell Talbert, physics  
Marcia Taylor, chemistry

### Hug High School

Ted Branson, chemistry, physical science  
J.M. Freedman, life and environment  
Lynn Garcia, biology  
Lory Heron, physics, chemistry  
Kay Dee Ross-Isernhagen, biology  
Isabella Clark, biology  
Yvonne Gandolfo, physical science  
Jonathan Hanbury, geology  
Leigh Rasmussen, general science  
Mark Williams, vice-principal