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Teachers brush up on their science

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Tomorrow, high school science teachers from two Nevada high schools will attend the first of five seminars aimed at updating scientific content and teaching techniques.

The day-long, Saturday seminars, sponsored by the University of Nevada School of Medicine and funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), will be held on Jan. 28, Feb. 25, March 18, April 22, and May 13; and the same group teachers will return for a two-week workshop during the summer. The grant from HHMI is $200,000 for the next five years.

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

Each seminar will focus on a particular scientific field of study, and participants will assess their curriculum needs, learn hands-on techniques for teaching the subject and how other disciplines relate to it. During the summer the teachers will

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complete a research project and develop curriculum to take back to their classrooms for the coming fall.

This Saturday's seminar will focus on diabetes: the basic science of the disease, clinical diagnosis and the patient perspective. Participants also will spend part of the afternoon working in the school's computer center, learning how to use computers in their classrooms.

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