(1) Aspiring Teachers Institute (ATI)

The Aspiring Teachers Institutes targets second year students to prepare them to successfully pass the state mandated Praxis I and Praxis II exams. In order to graduate and earn certification as an elementary, physical and secondary education majors must pass both Praxis I and Praxis II. Both assessments pose challenges to students which results in students postponing graduation or leaving the school of education. ATI address this issue by helping students to pass both assessments in a timely manner as well as ensure stronger passing rates the first time students sit for the assessments.

(2) STUDY ABROAD IN CUBA: The African Diaspora Alliance Study Abroad Diaspora Excursions Havana, Cuba Spring Break 2019

This study abroad opportunity provides students with interactive engagement with the curriculum through intimate exchanges with Cuban scholars, activists, students, and artists. Students gain an authentic perspective of Cuba with a focus on the Afro-Cuban spiritual, historical, and cultural living legacy. Traveling with The African Diaspora Alliance allows students to experience Cuba through an African Diaspora lens. Diaspora Excursions emphasis authentic cultural exchanges that reunify the diaspora. A Diasporic Hub, Havana is the Capital of Cuba and allows for a deep dive into diasporic transnational networks.

Students also participate in a community service project with The Akokan de Los Pocitos. The Akokan de Los Pocitos Community project is dedicated to facilitating free youth activities for young people in the community of Mariano. Mariano is a marginalized community on the outskirts of Havana with a majority black population.