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**SALVE REGINA COLLEGE ANNOUNCES TWO-YEAR
SEQUENCE OF COURSES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION**

AUGUST 27, 1965

Sister Mary Rosalia, A.S.M., Dean and Director of Special Education at Salve Regina College, has announced a projected two-year program in Special Education. The program of courses is designed to prepare teachers of the mentally retarded for certification in the State of Rhode Island and other northeastern states. The courses will be offered in the late afternoon and during summer sessions to enable inservice teachers to attend the classes.

During the recently concluded summer session, Salve Regina offered its second workshop in Special Education in cooperation with the Newport School Department. The workshops were specifically designed to give to classroom teachers the added professional knowledge necessary for meeting and understanding the needs of the child with unusual education problems.

The summer programs were also specifically approved for renewal of certification for elementary teachers since it is recognized that the classroom teacher must deal with the problems of the slow learner and should be able to make referral of children in need of special education .

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There are nearly five and one half million mentally retarded people in the United States, 3% of the total population, with more than twenty-thousand retarded children believed to reside in Rhode Island alone. Minimum estimates indicate that a mentally retarded child is born every five minutes.

The direct cost to the taxpayer in support of schools, residential institutions, and related specialized services amounts to over half a billion dollars annually, a sum which is at least matched by the extra costs borne by families of the retarded themselves. But the indirect cost to the nation arising from lost productivity is estimated to approach five billion dollars a year.

Many urgent steps are now being taken to meet the needs relevant to possible prevention and at least adequate care and treatment. Authorities in the field estimate that a minimum of fifty-five thousand additional qualified teachers are needed in the country today.

Through the program being established at Salve Regina, the college plans to do its share in training teachers and others through workshops and courses to help realize the material, physical, social, emotional, and educational potential of the mentally retarded child. The Sisters of Mercy, not only at Salve Regina and in the Province of Providence, but elsewhere throughout the country, are actively engaged in this endeavor.

During the coming college year 1965-1966, the course "Curriculum for Retarded Children" will be offered in first semester and "Psychology of Education of Exceptional Children" the second semester.

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During the summer session 1966, the following courses will be given: "Characteristics and Needs of Retarded Children," "Mental Hygiene," and "Psychometrics"--and directed activities with retarded children will be provided.

"Child Growth and Development" is projected for first semester 1966-67; "Reading Instruction for Retarded Children" second semester. In summer session 1967 "Theory, Methods and Demonstration Teaching for Retarded Children" and "Art and Music Education for Retarded Children" are planned.

Those interested in being placed on the mailing list to receive all announcements of the above programs may write to the Director of Special Education, Salve Regina College, Newport, Rhode Island 02841.

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