Maria G Fung* (fungm@wou.edu), Mathematics Department, 345 North Monmouth Avenue, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR 97361. Mathematical Explorations as a Gateway to High-school Content Mastery: a Number Theory Approach. Preliminary report.

In this talk we will discuss a variety of pedagogical tehniques used in an advanced mathematics elective course for preservice high school teachers. We will specifically focus on the selection of exploratory activities that connect number-theoretic ideas to high school mathematics content, on appropriate cooperative learning techniques, on reflective writing assignments, and on project ideas. (Received September 26, 2006)