

Teacher Preparation News

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Have a great fall semester!

We're so happy to have you back!

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If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email edprep@semo.edu by 12:00 noon on the **Friday** prior to the publication date to have it included in the next newsletter. ***Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad*** Follow this [link](#) for recent past newsletters.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back, education majors! We have missed having you on campus and look forward to seeing you in our classrooms. We know there is much about this semester that will be different from the past, but there are some things in our Education Preparation program that haven't changed: caring, knowledgeable faculty, course work that prepares you well for a teaching career, an emphasis on using technology in instruction, an education program that is nationally accredited, and classmates that will become life-long friends. If you are a new freshman or transfer student, we want to extend you a special welcome and let you know you can stop by our department offices at any time with questions or concerns. Have a great semester!

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Thursday, August 24: Edgy Educator Potcast Informational

Would you like to be part of the Edgy Educator Podcast? You get to interview people that you find interesting and build your resume! Faculty, community members, friends, and ...? You decide! **Swing by Scully 240 (office by the elevator on the same floor as Subway) for treats and information with Dr. Robin Smith anytime between 11a.m. - 12noon on Thursday 8/24 or Tuesday 8/29.** If that time does not work for you contact Dr. Smith for a time that does! Email: rlsmith@semo.edu See you soon!

Friday, September 1 – Sikeston District Substitute Teacher Training

Sikeston R-6 Schools will be hosting a face-to-face Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1 in Scully room 305. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel to get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach at Sikeston R-6 Schools. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Danyell Pride at dpride@spsr6.org or (573) 472-2581. **To register for the training, please send an email**

to edprep@semo.edu with your name, student ID number, and major by Thursday, August 31 at 12 noon.

NEW DATE!!! Friday, September 8: Cape Girardeau District Substitute Teacher Training

The Cape Girardeau School District will be hosting a Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2023, in Scully 305. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach in the Cape Girardeau Public School District. The daily sub rate for Cape Schools is \$110 for a full day or \$55 for half day. In addition, the District will pay \$75 for attending this training after you have substituted in a district school for one day. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. Anyone with a high school diploma who takes a 20-hour on-line class with DESE may apply or anyone who already has 36+ credit hrs. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Deb Tracy at subcaller@capetigers.com or 573-335-1867. **To register for the training, please send an email to edprep@semo.edu with your name, student ID number, and major by Thursday, September 7 at 12 noon.**

Friday, September 15 – Jackson District Substitute Teacher Training

The Jackson School District will be hosting a Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 15, in Scully Room 305. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel to get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach in the Jackson District. In addition, the district will pay \$45 after you have substituted in a district school for one day. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Kathy Childers at kchilders@jr2mail.org or 573-243.9501. **To register, email your name, student ID number, and major to edprep@semo.edu by 12 noon on Thursday, September 14.**

New Department of Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education Chairperson, Dr. Shannon Clapsaddle!

Dr. Shannon Clapsaddle is the new chairperson of the Department of Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education, effective August 1. She has been a faculty member in the Department of Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education since 2016, and she will continue to teach literacy courses in the Middle and Secondary Program. Before securing a tenure-track position at SEMO, Dr. Clapsaddle taught high school English and reading, as well as served as a Literacy Specialist in Illinois, in addition to teaching adjunct at SIUC. Dr. Clapsaddle serves on the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation, and she earned the 2021 College of Education, Health, and Human Studies Teaching Excellence Award.



New Associate Dean of Educator Preparation, Buddy Alberson!

Mr. Buddy Alberson, former DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) Director of Educator Preparation, started his new position at Southeast as the Associate Dean of Educator Preparation on July 1. Mr. Alberson is a 2010 graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and returned to complete the alternative educator preparation program in secondary business education in 2012. In 2022, Mr. Alberson earned a Master of Arts in Teacher Leadership from Southeast. Mr. Alberson is a 2023 recipient of the Dr. C. P. Gause Education Leadership Award. Mr. Alberson is a native of Vanduser, MO in Scott County and was a business education teacher at Scott County Central before beginning his work with DESE.



Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the Spring 2023 semester, you are required to have an up-to-date fingerprint background check on file with the Teacher Preparation Program. Field work courses include CE364, CE480, ED280, EL314, EL350, EL430, EL480, EX309, EX480, ME222, ME270, SE355, SE380, SE465, and any other course that requires field work in a school. (If you previously obtained a background check for the Southeast Missouri State University Teacher Preparation Program, it has not expired.) To see if your background check is up-to-date with the Teacher Preparation Program you can find this information in your Support Net Notes section. To obtain a new background check, you must go to the following [website](#) and follow the directions provided.

Spring Semester Student Teaching Triad Training Dates

- January 3, 2024 – St. Louis
- January 4, 2024 – Cape Girardeau
- January 5, 2024 - Sikeston

MoCA/MoGEA Study Guides Available on Canvas

MoCA/MoGEA Study guides are available on Canvas. You should receive an invitation to a Canvas Course titled Pre-Service Teacher Resources, which will house study guides and other resources related to educator preparation. If you would like access and don't have it, please email edprep@semo.edu.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2024 Semester?

If so, please be aware that if you do not already have a substitute certificate, we highly recommend that you apply for your substitute certificate by **July 17, 2023**. Instructions on how to apply for your Sub Certificate can be found under "Sub Certificate" [here](#).

The deadline to apply for student teaching is **August 28, 2023**. Instructions for the application process can be found [here](#). (**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON THIS PAGE**).

Click on the [application for student teaching](#). Once you have completed the application, a link to upload your documents will be sent to within 5 business days.

Also, know that you will be required to pass all sections of the Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA) exam prior to student teaching. Some students in the past were not able to student teach, because they waited too late to take the exam. Start taking the MoCA now so you meet the **December 1, 2023**, deadline!!! Follow this [link](#) to register for the MoCA exams.

If you have any questions or concerns about the student teaching application process, please contact the Candidate Status & Certification Officer, Alicia Lincoln at aelincoln@semo.edu or 573-651-5932.

EDvolution Center Newsletter

The latest edition of the EDvolution Ed Prep Newsletter can be found [here](#).

240 Tutoring Gives Back Scholarship – Apply by September 6!

The 240 Tutoring Gives Back scholarship will award **\$1,000 to one teacher candidate**. The scholarship runs through September 6th, 2023. Candidates can apply at <https://mbhd.scholarship.app/>

To apply, you will need to provide:

- If they have taken their certification exams, we want to know how they prepared for the exams.
- If they have not taken the exams, we want to know how they intend to prepare.
- Grade level and subject area they intend to teach.

If you have any questions, please email helpdesk@240tutoring.com. To learn more about 240 Tutoring, please visit <https://www.240tutoring.com/about/>. Free student resources can be found at <https://www.240tutoring.com/resources/>.

Ed Prep Student Orgs

If you have any news or meeting announcements that you would like to share and publish in this newsletter, please email the information to edprep@semo.edu by the Friday before the next weekly Tuesday issue. We would like to hear from you!

Mark your Calendars Now for the Fall Career Expo

Fall Career Expo

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Show-Me Center (1333 N. Sprigg)

Please call Amy Aldridge at (573) 651-2190 or email aaldridge@semo.edu if you have any questions about the Fall Career Expo or recruiting at SEMO.

Student Teaching Placement Information

Watch the [attached video](#) for information on the how this process works.

Do you have Items to Share on Facebook Related to Educator Prep?

There is lots of good information on our [Ed Prep Facebook page](#). Please share and like this page! If you have any items to post, please submit them to edprep@semo.edu!

Employment Information – New Southeast Handshake Employment Site

New full and part-time positions are posted at [Handshake](#). You can also check out [Missouri Teaching JOBS](#) or [MOREAP.net](#).