

Office Of Educator Preparation, Southeast Missouri State University

Teacher Preparation News January 21, 2025



*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.

Praxis

Test Registration Reminders

When registering for Praxis exams, please remember the following:

- When you register for your Praxis exam(s), be sure to select Southeast Missouri State University so that your scores will be sent to Ms. Lincoln in a timely manner.

- Include your Social Security Number when creating a profile. This is currently listed as optional on the site but in order for DESE's certification system to connect scores to an individual, they need an SSN tied to them. We are working with ETS to change the language on the site to reflect that this as a requirement for Missouri.
- Test takers receive a free Interactive Practice Test when they purchase their exam. This free practice test does not show in your cart until close to the end of the checkout process. There are pop-ups to add on extra practice tests or study material prior to the free test showing in your cart.
- When taking the test at home, Microsoft Edge is the preferred browser. Customer Service advised that using Microsoft Edge resolves some of the technical issues one may encounter when registering.

Vouchers Available

There are still a few praxis vouchers available. We currently have 3 elementary sub test vouchers and one foreign language voucher. If interested, please email edprep@semo.edu with your name, major and the exact test you wish to take. These vouchers are based upon financial need.

Study Guides Available/Updated Canvas Page

Praxis 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.

240 Tutoring Praxis Exam Credit

If you would like a 240 Tutoring credit to use to study for your Praxis Exam, go to the Pre-Service Teacher Resources [Canvas](#) page to apply and for more information!

Candidate Status & Certification

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the Spring 2025 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, SE651, 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: <https://semo.edu/field-experiences/undergrad-teacher/background-check.html>

Important - Fingerprint Portal Down

Due to a required FBI system update, applicants will be unable to register for the MACHS Fingerprint Portal from Jan. 20, 2025, to Jan. 24, 2025.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Fall 2025 Semester?

The deadline to apply for student teaching is **February 7, 2025**, and the deadline to upload required documents is **February 20, 2025**. Instructions for the application process can be found [here](#). **(PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON THIS PAGE.)**

The link to complete an application for student teaching can be found [here](#). Once you have completed the application, a link to upload your documents will be sent to within 5 business days.

!!!!Please be aware that if you do not already have a substitute certificate, we highly recommend that you apply for your substitute certificate by **December 23, 2024**. Instructions on how to apply for your Sub Certificate can be found under "Sub Certificate" [here](#)!!!!

Also, know that you will be required to pass all sections of the Praxis exam for your degree by June 1, 2025. Some students in the past were not able to student teach, because they waited too late to take the exam.

Registration for Praxis exams can be found [here](#).

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.

Field Experiences Office

Important Field Transportation Information

Students enrolled in field coursework are responsible for their own transportation. Questions concerning transportation may be referred to the instructors or the Office of Field Experiences.

Future Triad Dates for Student Teaching

Future Triad Training Dates for Student Teaching are as follows:

- Fall 2025 – August 13, 14, and 15
- Spring 2026 – January 5, 6, and 7
- Fall 2026 – August 12, 13, and 14

A flyer with more information has been posted in the Scully 3rd floor student lounge and on the TV.

Events/Student Meetings & Information

Independent Schools of St Louis Teacher Job Fair

Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025

10:00 AM –12:30 PM

Host: Central Christian School | 700 S. Hanley | St. Louis, MO

Free Registration: independentschools.org/jobfair

UPCOMING SPRING 2025 MEETINGS

FEB 5	SSEA MEETING Scully 406 at 4:00 PM
MARCH 5	SSEA MEETING Scully 406 at 4:00 PM
APRIL 2	SSEA MEETING Scully 406 at 4:00 PM
TBD	MORE EVENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

DIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE
Recruitment Event

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 25, 2025
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
7500 Lohmeyer Ave.
Maplewood, MO 63143**

Register Now!
Please register to confirm your attendance. Participation includes an opportunity to interview and network with current staff members at Kirkwood, Lindbergh, Maplewood-Richmond Heights and Webster Groves school districts.

tinyurl.com/diversitycollab2025

All are welcome. Advanced registration by January 18, 2025 encouraged. Same-day applicants will also be accommodated. For questions, contact kirkwoodlindberghmrhwebster@gmail.com

KIRKWOOD **Lindbergh Schools** **Maplewood-Richmond Heights School District** **Webster Groves School District**

Ed Prep Spotlight Winners

Vote for February Faculty/Staff Spotlight Winner Now

Students, please vote for the February Ed Prep Faculty/Staff Spotlight winner by using this [form](#) by February 17.

Vote for February Student Spotlight Winner Now

Faculty/Staff, please vote for the February Ed Prep Student Spotlight winner by using this [form](#) by February 17.

EDvolution Center

Free Google Vouchers

If you are enrolled in SE 360, SE 365, or EL 300 you are eligible to receive a FREE voucher to take the Google Level 1 Certified Educator Exam! For SE 360 and SE 365 students, ask your professor or see the EDvolution Center for more details. For EL 300 students, you will get more details from your professor in April. Talk to the friendly staff at the EDvolution Center if you have questions.

Newsletter

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

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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!

Scholarships

NEW - **Community Foundation of the Ozarks Scholarship**

Application Deadline: March 16, 2025. The Community Foundation of the Ozarks administers scholarships for high school seniors, undergraduates and postgraduates. Applications opened January 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year. There are almost 400 scholarships offered with various criteria. Questions: Beth Hersh, bhersh@cfozarks.org, 417-864-6199. Apply using this [link](#).

NEW - **Purdy Emerging Leaders Scholarship 2025-2026**

Eligibility: Missouri resident. Must be an undergraduate second, third-, or fourth-year student for the 2025-2026 academic year. Enrolled full-time and making satisfactory academic progress. A cumulative college GPA of 2.50 or higher is required. Student's SAI range as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will factor into decision. Unmet need will also be a factor. Recommendation from an instructor, counselor, advisor, current or recent supervisor, community leader, or other similarly qualified individual is required. Scholarship application open January 1-April 1, 2025, on My Scholarship Central. Apply using this [link](#).

SERTA Scholarship

The Southeast Region Teacher Association (SERTA) board is offering a scholarship for student teachers to help offset their bills as they work and learn. If you are interested in applying, please access this [link](#) and apply by March 15.

Missouri Association of Rural Education

MARE is now accepting applications. A minimum of (20) \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to college juniors or seniors majoring in education and who plan to teach in a rural school system. The application is available on the MARE [website](#) or in the Office of Field Experiences (Scully 304).

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 14, 2025. If you have any further questions, contact Mr. Kevin Sandlin, MARE Executive Director, at 660-747-8050.

MSTA Scholarship

MSTA (Missouri State Teachers Association) offers several scholarships. See this [link](#) for more information.

SEMO Scholarships

There are many [endowed scholarships](#) available to students each year. Check them out!

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 valuable 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 Information

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

