

# Office Of Educator Preparation, Southeast Missouri State University

## Teacher Preparation News March 18, 2025



*If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto: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\*\*\**

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## 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.

## **Praxis Vouchers**

We are currently out of Praxis Vouchers. Should more become available this semester, we will post the information in this newsletter.

## **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](mailto: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!

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# **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>

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## **Field Experiences Office**

### **Student Teaching Placements**

Student teaching placement assignments for Fall 2025 will be released on **April 25, 2025**. All information regarding assignments, mentor teachers, start dates and other pertinent information will be in the email included with your assignment.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> floor student lounge and on the TV.

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## Events/Student Meetings & Information

## **SSEA Backpack Drive, March 17-April 1**

The Social Studies Educators Association will collect school supplies to help students in need. Items such as backpacks, spiral notebooks, sharpies highlighters, dry erase markers, ink pens, colored pencils, and other school supplies can be brought to the Educator Preparation office (Scully 3rd floor), the Dept. of History & Anthropology (Carnahan Hall, 3rd floor) or contact SSEA James Trentman for a pick up at [jltrentman1s@semo.edu](mailto:jltrentman1s@semo.edu). Items will be delivered to a school in need.

## **Oak Grove R-VI School District Job Fair**

March 26, 2025, 3:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Oak Grove High School (Commons)

605 SE 12<sup>th</sup> St Oak Grove MO 64075

Open Positions: Teacher Positions, Middle School Guidance Counselor, etc... For more information visit [here](#).

## **Elementary Ed. B.S. Degree 90% Online Option**

Southeast Missouri State University introduced in the fall of 2024 a 90% online blended and 10% Zoom option for earning a B.S. degree in Elementary Education. Students currently have online options for their freshman/sophomore classes; however, this option for Elementary Education will allow students to complete junior/senior level classes in the Literacy, Content, and Advanced Blocks through 90% online and 10% Zoom. Students will meet through Zoom three (3) times per semester during the 1st, 8th, and 15th weeks in afternoon/evening so that working and non-traditional students will have the option to obtain their Elementary Education degree. Students will still be required to earn their field hours (TBA) and student teaching in person. For the degree map, visit [here](#). For more information contact the Elementary, Early & Special Education Department via email or phone: [eease@semo.edu](mailto:eease@semo.edu) or 573-651-2122.

## **Upcoming SSEA Meeting**

The next meeting will be held in Scully 406 at 4pm on 4/2.

## Ed Prep Spotlight Winners!

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR THE OFFICE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

#### GRANT BREECE

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANT, OUR STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

GRANT'S DEDICATION AND INVOLVEMENT ON CAMPUS SET HIM APART. AS A JUNIOR MAJORING IN EXCEPTIONAL CHILD EDUCATION, HE SHOWS A TRUE PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS. ON TOP OF HIS STUDIES, HE LEADS AS PRESIDENT OF SIGMA NU AND SERVES AS VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT, ALWAYS STRIVING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. HIS HARD WORK, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMITMENT TO HIS COMMUNITY MAKE HIM A ROLE MODEL FOR HIS PEERS.



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### FACULTY OF THE MONTH FOR THE OFFICE OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION

#### JESSICA SIMMONS

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. SIMMONS, OUR FACULTY OF THE MONTH!

MS. SIMMONS' POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND SUPPORT MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON HER STUDENTS. SHE GREETES EACH CLASS WITH A SMILE, CREATING A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT. ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP, SHE OFFERS GUIDANCE THROUGH CHALLENGES, BIG OR SMALL. HER DEDICATION, UNDERSTANDING, AND WILLINGNESS TO LEND A HAND SHOW HER GENUINE CARE. MS. SIMMONS' PRESENCE BRIGHTENS THE CLASSROOM AND INSPIRES CONFIDENCE IN EVERY STUDENT SHE SUPPORTS.



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## Vote for March Faculty/Staff Spotlight Winner Now

Students, please vote for the February Ed Prep Faculty/Staff Spotlight winner by using this [form](#) by March 24.

## Vote for March Student Spotlight Winner Now

Faculty/Staff, please vote for the February Ed Prep Student Spotlight winner by using this [form](#) by March 24.

## Scholarships

### JCREA and MRTA Scholarship

Jefferson County Retired Educational Association (JCREA)/Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) are awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to applicants meeting the following requirements: 1. A graduate of a Jefferson County Missouri high school. 2. A 3rd or 4th year student (in the fall of 2025) majoring in education. 3. A student who presents a Letter of Recommendation from at least one of his/her college professors. 4. A student having earned a GPA of 3.0 or better. **DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION: APRIL 15, 2025.** Come by the ED Prep Office, SC301, for an application! Email completed application to: [v.chris@charter.net](mailto:v.chris@charter.net)

### Jack J. Isgar Foundation Scholarship

The Jack J. Isgur Foundation rural education scholarship is currently accepting applications from students enrolled in the field of education in the humanities, such as literature, fine arts, music, art, poetry and dance. Students must be at least a junior at a four-year college to apply. Graduate students may also apply. For more information and an application, contact Charles Jensen at 816-691-2760 or [Charles.jensen@stinson.com](mailto:Charles.jensen@stinson.com) or website: [www.isgur.org](http://www.isgur.org). Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2025.

### 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](#).

## **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!

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## **EDvolution Center**

### **Newsletter**

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

### **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.

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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](mailto:edprep@semo.edu) by the Friday before the next weekly Tuesday issue. We would like to hear from you!

## Student Teaching Placement Information

Watch this [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](mailto:edprep@semo.edu)!

## Employment 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](#)

