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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.*

Fall 2024 Student Teaching Placements

Fall 2024 Student Teaching Placements will be released on April 19 or as completed after that date. Please do not contact the Office of Field Experiences regarding your placement. An email will be sent to you once your placement has been completed.

Student Teaching Placement Information

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

Friday, March 1: SSEA Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association will meet at noon in Carnahan 112 on March 1, April 5, and May 3. Contact SSEA president Frankie Kulavic fkulavic1s@semo.edu or advisor Dr. Kisat for information.

Friday/Saturday, March 1/March 2 Saint Louis Public Schools Career Fair

Saint Louis Public Schools will host a Career Fair on Friday March 1 for Non-Certificated Staff and Saturday March 2 for Certificated Staff and New Teachers from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or questions please contact Recruitment@SLPS.org or call 314-383-0836. You can register at SLPS.org/Teach. (A flyer has been posted in the 3rd floor Scully Student Lounge and on the TV).

Saturday, March 2: Diversity Teacher Job Fair – Free Registration

A Diversity Teacher Job Fair will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Central Christian School. This fair is designed to advance individuals of color within area independent schools. Meet and interview with 24 private independent schools. To register and to view the list of participating schools, go to www.independentschools.org/jobs. (A flyer has been posted in the 3rd floor Scully Student Lounge and on the TV).

Tuesday, March 5: SMSTA Meeting

There is an upcoming SMSTA (Student Missouri State Teachers Association) meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by Cape Public School Behavior Interventionist Heather Randel to discuss all sorts of behaviors! The meeting will take place in person in the EDvolution Center and also via Zoom. Zoom links will be sent out via email closer to the meeting date.

EDHawk Scholars Program – Apply by March 15!

The aim of the EDhawk Scholars program is the development of a beneficial partnership between Southeast Missouri State University Educator Preparation program, school districts, and teacher candidates starting during the Advanced Field Experience placement.

Student Benefits:

- Authentic teaching opportunities
- Pay for subbing
- Networking opportunities
- Participation in Interviews from District Leadership
- Guaranteed student teaching placement
- Guaranteed interview when applicable

Requirements:

1. Scholars must commit to completing student teaching in a participating district—**Sikeston R-6, Cape Girardeau Public Schools, Jackson R-2, New Madrid County Central, Poplar Bluff, Ste. Genevieve, and Kennett.**
2. Scholars must have at least a 3.0 GPA in education courses 5-9, 9-12, and K-12: 3.0 GPA in content coursework.
3. Scholars must submit a resume, letter of application, 1 letter of recommendation, and complete the application.
4. Scholars must have a valid Missouri substitute certificate

Candidates with the following will receive preferred consideration:

1. Educational technology badges to meet technology expectations
2. Evidence of previous substitute teaching

Expectations of the EdHawk Scholars:

1. Have a valid substitute certificate by the start of the first semester of the program (Fall 2024)
2. Be familiar with district processes for hiring substitute teachers.
3. Complete substitute teacher training with participating districts

4. Commit to substitute teaching in your assigned district at least once a week for 2 weeks during the fall semester. Subbing in the spring is not allowed as you will be student teaching.
5. Commit to completing student teaching in the assigned participating district.
6. Attend appropriate professional development activities in the district.
7. Meet all established requirements for student teaching and be enrolled in an Advance Field Experience course.
8. Attend meetings and communicate regularly with Scholars Sponsor.
9. Passing MOCA scores by deadline to student teach.

APPLICATION:

Use the link below to apply for the EdHawk Scholars Program. **Resume, application, letters, and sub certificate verification must be received by March 15, 2024.**

[Link to EDHawk Application](#)

Email documents to fieldexperiences@semo.edu

Friday, May 10: You're Invited to a KDP New Teacher Shower

KDP (Kappa Delta Pi) is sponsoring a New Teacher Shower on Friday May 10 in the Scully EDvolution Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come and learn everything you need to know about preparing your classroom to make it a welcoming learning environment for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Hepler at bhepler@semo.edu.

New EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

NafME-C's Spring Semester Meetings

The National Association for Music Education – Collegiate Chapter (NAfME-C's) meeting time for this semester will be the second Thursday of every month at 7PM in CAC155! We hope you can join us!

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the Spring 2024 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.

Join the Edgy Educators Podcast Team

If you are interested in joining the Edgy Educators podcast, please email Dr. Robin Smith at rsmith@semo.edu. You may choose to produce or host a podcast. Join the fun and build your resume! Note: I am looking for a group of two students to read the Ed Prep newsletter. Let me know if you are interested!

Join Best Buddies!

Best Buddies is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to creating friendships, promoting integrated employment, and fostering leadership development for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

What We DO:

We collaborate with the local Down Syndrome Association and Blue Sky to plan and organize events to create connections to those with disabilities.

We meet the first Monday of every month in Dempster Room 127 at 5:45 p.m.

For the QR codes to register, see the Scully 3rd floor TV or the flyer posted in the 3rd floor Scully student lounge. Contact Rachelle Cox at rcox1s@semo.edu for more information.

Scholarships Available

JCREA Scholarship – Due by April 15

Jefferson County Retired Educational Association (JCREA)/Missouri Retired Teachers Association (MRTA) are offering a **\$1,000 scholarship** to applicants meeting the following requirements:

A graduate of a Jefferson County Missouri high school.

A 3rd or 4th year student (in the fall of 2024) majoring in education.

A student who presents a Letter of Recommendation from at least one of his/her college professors.

A student having earned a GPA of 3.0 or better.

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETED APPLICATION: APRIL 15, 2024. Click the link below to access the application. Download and complete the application. Email completed application to: v.chris@charter.net

The recipient of this scholarship will be notified and invited to attend an association meeting to be recognized as JCREA's scholarship recipient.

Link to application: [Scholarship Application](#)

Jack J. Isgur Foundation Scholarship – Due by May 15

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 or website: www.isgur.org. Applications must be submitted by May 15, 2024.

MARE Scholarship – Due by March 29

The Missouri Association of Rural Education (MARE) is now accepting applications for the Rural Missouri Scholarship Fund. A minimum of twenty (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 can be found at www.moare.com or contact Dr. Pense, Director of Field Experiences in Scully 301. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, March 29, 2024.

Recognizing & Reporting Child Abuse Training

A Guide for Mandated Reporters: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse will hold the following Spring 2024 trainings in the EDvolution Center, Scully Building, Room 210 on the following dates: February 28, March 6, March 28, April 10, April 15 and April 24. For more information or questions email mponder@semoasv.org or go to www.greenbearmo.org/our-programs. (A flyer has been posted in the 3rd floor Scully Student Lounge and on the TV).

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.

Future Triad Dates for Student Teaching

Future Triad Training Dates for Student Teaching are as follows:

- Fall 2024 – August 14, 15, and 16
- Spring 2025 – January 6, 7, and 8

- 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.

Courtesy Placements

In general, all students will be expected to do student teaching in Southeast Missouri or in sites within reasonable driving distance for university supervisors. However, in hardship situations, candidates may be considered for an out-of-region placement. There is an additional cost of **\$1,800** to cover the cost of hiring additional supervisors, their travel expenses, and other administrative fees. (Field Committee Approval 10/1/21).

Students who wish to be considered for placement outside the area must fill out a request form provided by the Field Experiences Office in Scully 308 within two (2) weeks of the semester's start immediately before the student teaching semester.

Students will be considered for teaching outside the university service area if:

- a. The candidate is married before the student teaching semester begins and the spouse must live outside the area for employment or military commitment.
- b. A hardship exists due to a serious, long-term illness of a member of the immediate family which would require the candidate to relocate immediately.
- c. Another documented situation exists as determined by the Director of Field Experiences.

If a candidate is deemed to qualify under the above terms, the Field Experiences Office must have assurance that another university in the requested area will be willing to place and supervise the student in a manner which meets Southeast Missouri State University's requirements. If the university providing the supervision is not accredited, the placement may be denied.

The Director of Field Experiences will determine if a candidate meets the requirements for student teaching outside the region and may present the request to the Field Committee. Exceptions or appeals can be made to a committee made up of the Director of Field Experiences and the Chairs of the Department of Middle and Secondary Education and the Department of Elementary, Early, and Special Education. Students must be able to ensure that the need is valid and that all requirements are met. The committee will not rule on other issues of placement not covered under those regulations.

Approved students must pay a non-refundable fee of **\$1800.00** to the Office of Field Experiences to cover costs related to the additional time related to coordinating out-of-area placements. The Field and Clinical Experiences Office will begin the placement process on the candidate's behalf once this fee is received.

Additionally, any fees over and above the normal amounts that would be paid on the candidate's behalf for an in-area placement for MT stipends, field supervisor salaries, and

mileage reimbursement for these personnel will be the responsibility of the teacher candidate. Any additional fees related to the placement will follow the mentor district's refund policy if the placement is canceled.

All formative, summative and disposition MEES forms used by the College of Education must be used by the MT and courtesy supervisor. In addition, the same criteria to serve as MTs and supervisors that are required by Southeast Missouri State University will be met.

Volunteer Options for ED280 Students

Volunteer options for students in ED280 have been posted in the Scully 3rd floor student lounge and on the TV.

Revision to the Admission to the Teacher Ed Program

Students will no longer need to pass the science and social studies sections of the MoGEA. If you have any questions, email edprep@semo.edu.

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.

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!

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 –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](#).