

Teacher Preparation News

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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.

Friday, May 3: SSEA Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association will meet on May 3 at 12:00 p.m. in Carnahan 112. Contact SSEA advisor Dr. Kisat (ckisat@semo.edu) or president Frankie Kulavic fkulavic1s@semo.edu for more information.

SAVE THE DATE – SSEA History Education Conference in St. Louis Missouri, October 8-9, 2024. For more information, see the 3rd floor Scully lounge TV. The reservation and deposit are due by September 6.

Friday, May 10: You're Invited to the 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. **Recent graduates can come get supplies FREE OF CHARGE to help jump-start their classrooms** and have an opportunity to learn everything you need to know about preparing your classroom to make a welcoming learning environment for your students. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Hepler at bhepler@semo.edu.

Tuesday, June 18: EdTech Academy – Register Now!

The cost for faculty/staff/students is just \$20 to cover lunch

EdTech Academy @ Southeast Missouri State University

June 18, 2024

Registration is Open!

We are SO excited to announce EdTech Academy 2024 with Keynote Speaker... **WESTON KIESCHNICK!**

[Learn more about Mr. Weston Kieschnick!](#)

EdTech Academy @ Southeast:

A Next Generation Teaching & Learning Conference

Creating Meaningful Learning Experiences in our Schools and Classrooms!

- National Keynote Speaker
- Engaging and Relevant Breakout Sessions
- Personalized Learning for ALL
- Connect with Educators
- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes!

More details to come. Follow @SoutheastRPDC on socials for updates.

REGISTER NOW

New EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

Important Information for Fall and Spring 2024 Student Teachers

DO NOT sign a contract with a school district until you have communicated with the Field Office in regard to your student teaching placement. There are many factors that must be considered, and assurance needs to be in place that certification will not be affected.

New 90% Online Blended Option Elementary Education B.S. Degree Program – Pass the Word!

Southeast Missouri State University is introducing in the fall of 2024 the new 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, the new 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 more information, contact the Elementary, Early & Special Education Department via email or phone at ees@semo.edu or (573) 651-2122.

2024 Brain Injury Association of Missouri Presentations Available

The 2024 Brain Injury Association of Missouri presentations on Sports Concussions are available until May 31, 2024, archived & on-demand.

These presentations are geared toward those in K-12 education (teachers, school nurses, coaches, athletic administrators, etc.) to update them about concussions in youth and adolescents.

Coaches (paid or volunteer), Athletic Program Administrators, Licensed Athletic Trainers, School Nurses, and others instrumental in concussion care for youth are encouraged to participate. If you are involved with the implementation of school, community, recreational or club sports for youth, register today for the Archives On-Demand educational program.

Education content includes:

- Concussion Signs and Symptoms
- Myth Busters
- Research Update
- Awareness for All: Teaching Others About Concussions
- Concussion Care Continuum: Know the Roles
- Know When to Advocate for Concussed Youth

Here is the [registration link](#) to access the presentation archives.

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

240 Tutoring Gives Back Scholarship - Due by May 20

Scholarship Details:

- **Award:** \$1,000 for one teacher candidate.
- **Application Period:** Open now through May 20, 2024.
- **Apply Now:** [Scholarship Application](#).

Who Should Apply?

Candidates will need to provide insights into their journey towards becoming a teacher:

1. **For Those Who Have Taken Their Certification Exams:** How did you prepare? Your experiences are valuable to future candidates.
2. **For Those Preparing for Exams:** What are your strategies? Share your approach with the community.
3. **Teaching Aspirations:** Which grade level and subject area are you passionate about? Help us understand your educational goals.

We would appreciate it if you could spread the word about this opportunity. Feel free to forward this email to your students, [download the PDF here](#), or share the application link directly.

For any inquiries, please get in touch with us at helpdesk@240tutoring.com.

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.

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: 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.

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!

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 –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](#).