Office of Educator Preparation, Southeast Missouri State University

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If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, email <a href="mailto:edprep@semo.edu">edprep@semo.edu</a>
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 <a href="mailto:link">link</a>
for recent past newsletters.

#### **Upcoming Newsletters**

The next edition of the Teacher Preparation Newsletter will be published the week before fall classes begin on Tuesday, August 13. The fall semester newsletters will be sent out weekly after this date throughout the semester.

#### Saturday, August 17 - Freshman Welcome Picnic – Free Food!

The College of Education, Health, and Human Studies will host a Freshman Welcome Picnic on Saturday, August 17 at 12 p.m. on the Scully Portico (back porch). All freshman in programs housed in the college are invited to attend the picnic. Students will be able to get information about student organizations and meet faculty and staff! To reserve a student organization table, please contact ehhs@semo.edu.

#### **New Field Experiences Technical Assistant**

Please welcome our new Field Experiences Technical Assistant, Melinda Heisserer! Melinda's career in education and administration began as a teacher at both Sikeston and Scott City Public Schools, where she cultivated a passion for fostering student growth and academic achievement. She then transitioned into a role at Donald Bond Construction as an Office Manager, where her focus was business budgeting and finance. Her last K-12 position was as Principal of St. Denis School in Benton. She is thrilled to be back at her alma mater as our Field Experiences Technical Assistant.

Please come by Scully 304 and welcome Mrs. Heisserer!

## **New Ed Prep Instagram**

Check out our new Ed Prep Instagram at <u>#semoeducatorpreparation</u>. Job opportunities and useful information will be posted here. If you have anything you would like to share that is educator prep related, please email edprep@semo.edu.

## Revision to the Admission to the Teacher Ed Program

Due to changes in state regulations a basic skills test (ACT/SAT/MoGEA) is no longer required for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program. However, an overall 2.75 GPA is now required. If you have any questions, email <a href="mailto:edprep@semo.edu">edprep@semo.edu</a>. For additional information click here.

#### 240 Tutoring Praxis Exam Prep

There is a discount code on the Pre-Service Teacher Resources Canvas page for student use. More information about additional resources for 240 tutoring is coming out in August.

#### Praxis Study Guides Available/Updated Canvas Page

Praxis Study guides are available on <u>Canvas</u>. 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 2025 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 26, 2024**. Instructions on how to apply for your Sub Certificate can be found under "Sub Certificate" here.

The deadline to apply for student teaching is **September 6**, **2024**. Instructions for the application process can be found <u>here</u>. (**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON THIS PAGE**. **Important dates on this website will not be updated until after commencement**).

**Follow this** link to complete an 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 MoCA OR Praxis 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.

- You can take the MoCA exam until June 23, 2024. Follow this <u>link</u> to register for the MoCA exams.
- You can start taking the Praxis exam beginning July 1, 2024. Registration for Praxis exams is open <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions or concerns about the student teaching application process, please contact the Candidate Status & Certification Officer, Alicia Lincoln at <a href="mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu">aelincoln@semo.edu</a> or 573-651-5932.

#### **EDvolution Center Newsletter**

The latest edition of the EDvolution Ed Prep Newsletter can be found <u>here</u>.

#### Save the Date – SSEA History Education Conference

**SAVE THE DATE** – SSEA History Education Conference in St. Louis Missouri, October 8-9, 2024. The reservation and deposit are due by September 6. Contact Dr. Kisat for more information at <a href="mailto:ckisat@semo.edu">ckisat@semo.edu</a>.

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 eese@semo.edu or (573) 651-2122.

#### **MSTA Scholarships**

MSTA (Missouri State Teachers Association) offers several scholarships. See this <u>link</u> for more information.

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

# **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 <a href="mailto:edprep@semo.edu">edprep@semo.edu</a> by the Friday before the next weekly Tuesday issue. We would like to hear from you!

#### **Student Teaching Placement Information**

Watch the <u>attached video</u> 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 <u>Ed Prep Facebook page</u>. Please share and like this page! If you have any items to post, please submit them to <u>edprep@semo.edu</u>!

# **Employment Information –Southeast Handshake Employment Site**

New full and part-time positions are posted at <u>Handshake</u>. You can also check out <u>Missouri Teaching JOBS</u> or <u>MOREAP.net</u>.