

# Teacher Preparation News

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*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\*\*\* Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

**Saturday, August 21 - Freshman Welcome Picnic – Free Food!**

The College of Education, Health, and Human Studies will host a Freshman Welcome Picnic on Saturday, August 21 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](mailto:ehhs@semo.edu).

### **Friday, August 27 – Face-to-Face Jackson District Substitute Teacher Training**

The Jackson School District will be hosting a Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 27, 2021, in Scully Room 312. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel to get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach in the Jackson District. In addition, the district will pay \$45 after you have substituted in a district school for one day. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Charity Wills at [cwills@jr2mail.org](mailto:cwills@jr2mail.org) or 573-243.9501.

### **Friday, September 10 – Face-to-Face Sikeston District Substitute Teacher Training**

Sikeston R-6 Schools will be hosting a face-to-face Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 10 in Scully room 312. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel to get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach at Sikeston R-6 Schools. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Danyell Pride at [dpride@spsr6.org](mailto:dpride@spsr6.org) or (573) 472-2581.

### **Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2022 Semester?**

For instructions on how to apply, email the Candidate Status & Certification Officer, Alicia Lincoln, at [aelincoln@semo.edu](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu). The deadline to apply for student teaching is **September 3, 2021**. Instructions for the application process can be found here: <https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/studentteach/apply.html> (PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON THIS PAGE).

Also, know that you will be required to pass all sections of the Missouri Content Assessment (MoCA) 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. Start taking the MoCA now so you meet the **December 1, 2021** deadline!!! Follow this link to register for the MoCA exams: [http://www.mo.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML\\_FRAG/GENRB\\_TestDatesAndSites.html](http://www.mo.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html).

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](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu) or 573-651-5932.

## **New July/August EDvolution Newsletter**

You can find the new July/August EDvolution Newsletter [here](#).

## **Background Checks**

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the fall 2021 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 after September 2018, it has not expired.) If you are unsure if you have a background check on file with Teacher Preparation Program, you can email the Candidate Status and Certification Officer at [cscs@semo.edu](mailto:cscs@semo.edu) to check on your background check status. To obtain a new background check, you must go to the following website: <https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/backgroundcheck.html> and follow the directions provided.

## **Office of Field Experiences Important Information**

### **Triad Seminar to Be Held Online**

The remaining Triad Seminars for Fall 2021 student teachers will be held online during the week of August 17. Attendance at the Triad is mandatory. You will be assigned to a three-hour online session with your mentor teacher and your university supervisor. Specific dates, times and links will be sent to you via email. If you have already attended, you do not need to attend another session.

### **Fall 2021 Student Teaching Lesson Plans**

During student teaching you will be required to write lesson plans using this format [Student Teaching Lesson Plan Format.doc](#). Please familiarize yourself with this format prior to your Triad seminar. Be aware that this format is not exactly the same as those you may have been required to use in the past, but will be mandatory during student teaching until your university supervisor and mentor teacher agree that you are ready to use a more abbreviated format.

## Gain Experience, Grow a Portfolio, Get Paid – and Do it all on Social Media

University Marketing is looking for a group of 10 students from across campus to represent the University on social media as influencers. They'll be dubbed the SEMO Social Ambassadors and be expected to work about 5 hours per week. They will be paid like any other student worker on campus. They will run their own SEMO branded Instagram accounts and post from time to time on the University accounts. Ideally this group will be a representative cross section of Southeast that includes several majors, departments, and organizations. If you are interested, apply [here](#).

## Faculty Consulting Editors Needed for The Clearing House

*The Clearing House Journal* is recruiting faculty interested in reviewing manuscripts for publication. Becoming a consulting editor is a rewarding professional growth opportunity that allows you a unique perspective on teaching strategies and emerging school policies around the country. The journal's audience is primarily middle school, high school teachers, and administrators. The journal also includes articles useful to higher education faculty. If you are currently writing for a publication, *The Clearing House* is an excellent destination for your manuscript. If you are interested in serving as a consulting editor, please contact me directly, Paul Watkins at [pwatkins@semo.edu](mailto:pwatkins@semo.edu). If you wish for further information about *The Clearing House* here is our website for you to browse, <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/vtch20/current>.

## Important MoCA Test Information

**August 23, 2021** is the official launch date for the six updated MoCA exams to be introduced in Fall 2021. On that date the new versions of these six tests will replace the current versions. The current versions will continue to be administered through **August 22**.

For any of these tests, in the case that a candidate already holds a passing score for the current version, the candidate *will not* be required to take the replacement test to apply for certification. In the case of the multi-content exam for elementary education, candidates will need to pass all sections of the same version (current or new) of the test. Note that the 4 subtests for the current version of Elementary Education Multi-Content will be replaced with 2.

Dates can be verified at [Tests \(nesinc.com\)](https://www.nesinc.com) and preparation materials are available at [Prepare \(nesinc.com\)](https://www.nesinc.com). See the table below for updated test codes.

Current Test Code, through 8/22/21	Test Name	New Test Code, Introduced 8/23/21
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007-010	Elementary Education Multi-Content	073 & 074
016	Biology	075
018	Chemistry	076
019	Earth Science	077
024	Physics	078
072	Building-Level Administrator	080

## Cumulative GPA Requirement Change Effective May 15, 2021

Effective May 15, 2021 candidates are no longer required to meet the 2.75 cumulative GPA requirement in order to be certified. Instead, candidates who are recommended after May 15, 2021 will be expected to have earned a 3.00 GPA in their professional education and content area coursework. For those areas for which a disciplinary content area does not apply, candidates will need to have earned a 3.00 GPA in their professional education and overall program coursework. For any category of required GPA, calculations will be made using courses listed on an EPP's approved program matrix.

## MoCA/MoGEA Study Guides Available on Canvas

MoCA/MoGEA Study guides are available on Canvas. At this point, you should have received 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 didn't receive an invitation and would like one, please email [edprep@semo.edu](mailto:edprep@semo.edu).

## Visit the Ed Prep Facebook Page!

There is lots of good 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 Openings

When the Office of Educator Preparation receives notice of employment openings, those are listed here: <http://semo.edu/education-health/jobs/index.html>. New full-time positions are now posted at [REDHAWKjobs.com](http://REDHAWKjobs.com).