

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, August 30: Free Jackson District Substitute Teacher Training

The Jackson School District will be hosting a free Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 30, in Scully Room 316. 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 Kathy Childers at kchilders@jr2mail.org or 573-243.9501. **To register, complete this [form](#)** by 12 noon on Thursday, August 29.

Friday, September 6: Free 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 6 in Scully room 316. 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 or (573) 472-2581. **To register, complete this [form](#)** by 12 noon on Thursday, September 5.

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 [here](#). **(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 [link](#) to register for the MoCA exams.**
- **You can start taking the Praxis exam beginning July 1, 2024. Registration for Praxis exams is open [here](#).**

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 or 573-651-5932.

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.**

Edgy Educators Podcast Group

Are you looking for a fun group to join? Do you like planning, talking, and/or media production? Join the Edgy Educators podcast group. There is a role for everyone! If you have a student org that would like to make a commercial let us know. For more information email Dr. Robin L. Smith in the LMSE department rlsmith@semo.edu.

SSEA History Education Conference and Upcoming Events

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 ckisat@semo.edu.

SSEA Upcoming Events:

Tues. Sept. 3 – Simply Swirled fundraiser for trip, 5-8pm

Wed. Sept. 4 - SSEA monthly meeting, 12:30-1pm in CR112

Fri. Sept. 6 – MOCHE reservation + deposit due

Wed. Oct. 2 - SSEA monthly meeting + officer elections, 12:30-1pm in CR112

Tues. Oct. 8 - Wed., Oct. 9 MOCHE in STL Trip

Wed. Nov. 6 - SSEA monthly meeting, 12:30-1pm in CR112

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 [#semoeducatorpreparation](https://www.instagram.com/semoeducatorpreparation). 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.

EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

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 edprep@semo.edu. 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 will be coming out soon.

Praxis Test Registration Reminders

When registering for Praxis exams, please remember the following:

- **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 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.

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 November. Talk to the friendly staff at the EDvolution Center if you have questions.

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 eesse@semo.edu or (573) 651-2122.

Scholarships

MSTA (Missouri State Teachers Association) offers several scholarships. See this [link](#) for more information.

There are many [endowed scholarships](#) available to students each year. Check them out!

Future Triad Dates for Student Teaching

Future Triad Training Dates for Student Teaching are as follows:

- 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.

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](#).