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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.

Tuesday, September 10: SMSTA Meeting Tonight

There is a Student Missouri State Teachers Association (SMSTA) Meeting tonight, Tuesday, September 10th, at 7:00 p.m.! Krista Meyr, MSTTA's Coordinator of SMSTA, FTA, and New Professionals, will join us to discuss the benefits of SMSTA! The meeting will take place in person at the EDvolution Center and also via Zoom. Zoom links will be sent out via email closer to the meeting date. We hope to see you there!

Friday, September 20: Free Cape Girardeau District Substitute Teacher Training

The Cape Girardeau School District will be hosting a **FREE** Substitute Teacher Training session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 20, 2024, in Scully 316. Substitute teaching is a great opportunity to gain experience and to have school personnel get to know you. It will increase your teaching skills and improve your resume. This training will enable participants to substitute teach in the Cape Girardeau Public School District. The daily sub rate for Cape Schools is \$110 for a full day or \$55 for half day. In addition, the district will pay \$75 for attending this training after you have substituted in a district school for one day. A valid substitute certificate is needed in order to sub. Anyone with a high school diploma who takes a 20-hour on-line class with DESE may apply or anyone who already has 36+ credit hrs. If you do not have a sub certificate, please contact Deb

Tracy at subcaller@capetigers.com or 573-335-1867. **To register for the training, please [complete this form](#) by Thursday, September 19 at 12 noon.**

Student Teaching Spring 2024 Placements

Once all Student Teaching Applications are completed the Field Experience Office will begin to seek placement opportunities for students. Currently over 70 individuals have requested the Cape Zone for student teaching. Due to the teacher shortages school districts may be limited on the placements that can be provided for such a large number.

Important Field Transportation Information

Students enrolled in field coursework are responsible for their own transportation. Questions concerning transportation may be referred to the instructors or the Office of Field Experiences.

September Student Spotlight of the Month – Vote Now!

Faculty and staff, please take a moment to [vote](#) for the student you believe deserves to be recognized as the Student of the Month for the Office of Educator Preparation by **09/23/2024**. Consider factors such as academic achievement, leadership, character, and contribution to the school community. Your vote will remain confidential. You may nominate more than one student, but we ask you do this on separate forms, thank you! If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email edprep@semo.edu.

September Faculty or Staff Spotlight of the Month – Vote Now!

Students, please take a moment to [vote](#) for the staff or faculty member you believe deserves to be recognized as the Staff/Faculty of the Month by **09/23/2024**. Consider factors such as dedication, teaching excellence, support, and contribution to the school community. Your vote will remain confidential. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please email edprep@semo.edu.

EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

240 Tutoring Praxis Exam Credits Available

If you would like a 240 Tutoring credit to use to study for your Praxis exam, please go to the [Pre-Service Teacher Resources Canvas page](#) for instructions on how to obtain this credit. If

you don't have access to this page and would like access, send an email to edprep@semo.edu.

240 Tutoring Praxis Exam Prep Discount Code

There is a discount code on the Pre-Service Teacher Resources Canvas page for student use. If you have any questions, email edprep@semo.edu.

Study Abroad 101 Sessions and Upcoming Events

- **Study Abroad 101 Sessions:** Sessions available throughout fall semester. Details available [here](#).
- **Full List of Upcoming Events:** [Click here](#).

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 rsmith@semo.edu.

SSEA Upcoming Events

SSEA Upcoming Events:

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 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.

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](#).

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.

Scholarships

MSTA Scholarship

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

SEMO Scholarships

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](#).