

# 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 recent past newsletters.

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

**Also, if you just have questions about this training, a representative is available in the UC, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lobby on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. during the fall semester.**

## Thursday, September 29: Memphis Teacher Residency Information Session

Be sure to stop by the UC Lobby on Thursday, September 19 from 10 am - 2 pm and chat with SEMO alumni and representatives from Memphis Teacher Residency. Also, sign up for their presentation in the UC Indian Room at noon - lunch will be provided! (See below).

MTR considers the injustices surrounding educational inequality to be one of the leading civil rights and social justice issues of our time. MTR is addressing this massive social justice issue by recruiting, training, and supporting effective teachers in order to give students growing up in Memphis neighborhoods access to the high quality of education they deserve. **Join SEMO Alumni & MTR residents for a Lunch and Learn on Thursday, September 19 at 12 pm in the Indian Room (4th floor of UC) to learn about our paid opportunities below. Lunch will be provided.**

### Seniors & College Graduates (any major):

MTR trains prospective teachers in a year-long residency model through graduate courses, a classroom internship, and personalized coaching. Master's tuition, housing, and living stipend fully provided.

### Sophomores & Juniors

MTR offers two paid month-long summer fellowships for college sophomores and juniors from across the country who want to invest in the lives of students while gaining hands-on experience in education at our summer camps.

**Click here to register:** [Memphis Teacher Residency Information Session](#)

## Tuesday, October 8: SMSTA Meeting

SMSTA has an upcoming meeting on October 8th! Kate Palisch from Jackson Schools will join us to discuss what reading specialists do for students and school districts. The meeting will take place in person at the EDvolution Center and via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. Zoom links will be sent out via email closer to the meeting date. We hope to see you there!

## Student Teaching in Chile – Deadline is Oct 30

Student Teaching in Chile is being planned for the Spring Semester of 2024. There have been a number of changes in the program due to the circumstances of the last few years.

- Dates for the experience are set for 4/2/24 - 5/10/24.
- Students must complete the required 60 days of student teaching in Missouri (or a reciprocal state) in order to meet certification requirements.

- Only four (4) elementary positions will be available. There is no longer an option for secondary or exceptional child majors to participate.
- Students will be housed with host families as Eagles' College no longer owns an apartment building.
- Students must be able to provide proof of health insurance and that the insurance will cover out of country treatment.

Please complete this [Chile Student Teaching Application](#) to apply.

## 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.

## New EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

## Upcoming Career Services Events

**JCPenney Suit-Up Event** | Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> | 4 pm – 6 pm | JCPenney – West Park Mall

- Coupons will be available at the event for up to 45% off select career wear.

**Fall Career Expo** | Wednesday, October 2 | 10 am - 2 pm | Show Me Center |

*Student link:*

[https://semo.joinhandshake.com/career\\_fairs/48090/student\\_preview?token=SdBfrOv4fTU X4ydoDFEFea81gmPexlwcV\\_kjepUxMzd1oaeZvPzfEQ](https://semo.joinhandshake.com/career_fairs/48090/student_preview?token=SdBfrOv4fTU X4ydoDFEFea81gmPexlwcV_kjepUxMzd1oaeZvPzfEQ)

**FREE Professional Headshots at the Fall Career Expo!** | Wednesday, October 2 | 10 am - 2 pm | Show Me Center

<https://signup.com/go/pjaKekL>

**Fall Etiquette Dinner** | Wednesday, November 6 | 6 pm - 8 pm | Wehking Alumni Center

[https://semo.joinhandshake.com/events/1485458/share\\_preview](https://semo.joinhandshake.com/events/1485458/share_preview)

**John Gerard Photography Headshot Event** | Tuesday, November 12 | 11 am - 2 pm | UC Heritage Room

<https://signup.com/go/zBBbqSw>

**John Gerard Photography Headshot Event** | Wednesday, November 13 | 4 pm - 7 pm | Dempster 102

<https://signup.com/go/zBBbqSw>

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:edprep@semo.edu).

## 240 Tutoring Praxis Exam Credits and Discount Code Available

If you would like a 240 Tutoring credit or discount code to use to study for your Praxis exam, please go to the [Pre-Service Teacher Resources Canvas page](#) for more information. If you don't have access to this page and would like access, send an email to [edprep@semo.edu](mailto: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](#).

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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 [edprep@semo.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).