

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.*

Tuesday, September 12 – SMSTA Meeting Tonight!

Interested in joining SMSTA (Student Missouri State Teachers Association)? The first meeting of the 2023-24 school year will take place today, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the EDvolution Center or via a Teams link. **Attendance is MANDATORY to become a member** for the 2023-24 school year. Not on the SMSTA email list? Please email Brady O'Neill at bmoneill1s@semo.edu to be put on the list and for any other questions.

Friday, September 15 – 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, September 15, in Scully Room 305. 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, email your name, student ID number, and major to edprep@semo.edu** by 12 noon on Thursday, September 14.

Wednesday, October 4: Fall Career Expo

Fall Career Expo

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Time: 10 am – 2 pm

Location: Show-Me Center (1333 N. Sprigg)

Please call Amy Aldridge at (573) 651-2190 or email aaldridge@semo.edu if you have any questions about the Fall Career Expo or recruiting at SEMO.

Friday, October 6 – SSEA Meeting

The Social Studies Educators Association (SSEA) engages in service, professional development, and social activities related to the social studies. For Fall '23 we will meet on first Fridays (Sept. 1, Oct. 6, and Nov. 3.) in Carnahan 112 from 12-1pm. Feel free to bring lunch and a drink. Contact SSEA advisor Dr. Kisat for info (ckisat@semo.edu)

Free MoCA/MoGEA Vouchers

We have a very limited amount of free MoCA/MoGEA vouchers available at this time. If you are interested in receiving a voucher, please send an email with your name, major and student ID number to edprep@semo.edu.

New EDvolution Center Newsletter

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

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.

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the Spring 2023 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.

Spring Semester Student Teaching Triad Training Dates

- January 3, 2024 – St. Louis
- January 4, 2024 – Cape Girardeau
- January 5, 2024 - Sikeston

MoCA/MoGEA Study Guides Available on Canvas

MoCA/MoGEA 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.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2024 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 17, 2023**. Instructions on how to apply for your Sub Certificate can be found under "Sub Certificate" [here](#).

The deadline to apply for student teaching is **August 28, 2023**. Instructions for the application process can be found [here](#). (**PLEASE READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON THIS PAGE**).

Click on the [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 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, 2023**, deadline!!! Follow this [link](#) to register for the MoCA exams.

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.

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 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!

Employment Information – New 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](#).