

Teacher Preparation News

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**Welcome Back!
Have a Great Spring Semester!**

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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. **All submissions should be 800 characters or less.** ***Some newsletter hyperlinks are not compatible with iPad*** Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

Teacher Preparation Newsletter Will Publish on Monday Next Week

The Teacher Preparation Newsletter will be published on Monday, January 27 next week, instead of the normal Tuesday morning rotation. If you have something to submit for this edition, please submit it by Friday, January 24 at noon to edprep@semo.edu.

Tuesday, January 28: First Spring Semester ASCD Meeting

ASCD: Teachers of Tomorrow will have their first meeting of the semester on Tues. Jan. 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Scully 316. Ms. Laura Bauman, a master's student from Counseling and Disability Services, will be speaking on self-care, and we will be making stress relief balls! For more information contact ASCD Publicity Chair, Sarah Dobson at sfdobson1s@semo.edu.

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the spring 2020 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. Background checks obtained for Southeast Missouri State University are valid for up to one year, if obtained prior to September 2018. If a background check was obtained for Southeast Missouri State University after September 2018, it will have no expiration. For the spring 2020 semester your background check must be valid until the end of the semester (May 16, 2020). To see if your background check is up-to-date you can go to the following website: http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/new_redhawk/index.php/Home . To update your background check, you must go to the following website: <https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/backgroundcheck.html> and follow the directions provided.

Chalk & Wire Information

Reminder: All teacher candidates are required to purchase a 2-year license for Chalk & Wire within the first month of their Literacy Block or SE350 semester. Licenses may be purchased from the University Bookstore. Instructions for how to use the program for submitting work will be provided by instructors, but additional information can be found in the online user guide: <http://userguide.chalkandwire.com/m/Student>.

Pearson Test Vouchers Available

There are Pearson test vouchers available to students in \$25 and \$50 increments that can be applied toward the cost of MoCA or MoGEA assessments. These vouchers are based upon financial need, are first-come-first serve, and must be used by 9/1/2020. If you would like a voucher, please contact your department chairperson or advisor.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Fall 2020 Semester?

If so, applications will open **December 6, 2019**. The deadline to apply is **January 28, 2020**.

Complete the online application by following the instructions found here:

<https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/studentteach/apply.html>. Every student eligible for student teaching should already be in the system. To log-in, you will need to click on "Forgot your Password?" to receive an email to reset your password. Once you reset your password and log back into the system, click on the "Student Teaching" drop down box on the left side of the screen. Then click on "Application" to apply.

Please be aware that the deadline to apply for your substitute certificate is **December 30, 2019**. Follow this link to apply for your substitute certificate: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/checklist-substitute-teachers> .

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 **July 1, 2020** deadline!!! Follow this link to register for the MoCA exams:

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 or 573-651-5932.

Scholarship Opportunities

Please view the following link <https://semo.edu/education-health/scholarships.html> for a list of scholarship opportunities.

Employment Opportunities

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

Summer Camp Counselors Needed

Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis is seeking counselors to work one-on-one with campers during our summer camp. A longtime contributor to the St. Louis Community (nearly 90 years) offering services and resources to children with a medically diagnosed disability, from birth to age 21. For more information, and to apply today, visit <https://varietystl.org/CampStaff2020>. Questions? Contact Robin@VarietySTL.org at 314-720-7717.

Long-Term Sub Needed

Jackson Junior High School needs to fill a long-term sub vacancy in their science department. Any potential candidates should contact Assistant Principal Bryan Austin at baustin@jackson.k12.mo.us.

Teacher's Assistant Opening

Craig Elementary in the Parkway School District currently has a Teacher's Assistant vacancy. If you are interested, click on this [link](#) for more information or view the school [website](#).

Teacher Candidate Presentations, Recitals, Exhibitions, etc.

If you know of an upcoming event involving one or more teacher candidates (e.g. academic presentation, recital, art exhibition, etc.), please send notice of the event to edprep@semo.edu. We'd like to publicize these events so that members of the educator preparation program community can attend.