

# Teacher Preparation News

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## Have a Great Holiday Break!

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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. **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>.*

## Last Fall Semester Newsletter Runs Today

Today is the last edition of the Teacher Preparation News for the fall semester. The first edition for the spring semester will be released on Tuesday, January 14, a week before the semester begins. The deadline for this submission is by 12 noon on Monday, January 13.

## EDvolution Center Holiday Break Hours

The EDvolution Center will be closed December 16. December 17 through December 20 and January 2 through January 17 the EDvolution Center will be open by appointment only. To make an appointment, please contact Jana Gerard at [jgerard@semo.edu](mailto:jgerard@semo.edu) or call 573-651-2593. Thank you.

## 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](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](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu) or 573-651-5932.

## Certification Application Instructions for Candidates Graduating in December 2019

Click on the following link for instructions for completing your Initial Professional Application for educator (teacher, school counselor, school/district leadership) licensure:

<https://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/licensure.html>. Please submit your

application to the DESE website prior to the end of the fall semester. If you are completing a program, it is recommended that you apply for licensure, even if you don't plan to teach right away. This will enable you to avoid possible changes to DESE rules that may lead to additional requirements. If you have any questions, please email [aelincoln@semo.edu](mailto:aelincoln@semo.edu).

## **Kirkwood School District Needs Adventure Club Educators**

If you are interested in being an Adventure Club Educator for the Kirkwood School District, please apply online at [www.kirkwoodschoools.org](http://www.kirkwoodschoools.org). This position would pay between \$11.81-\$15.93 per hour. Benefits include flexible scheduling, experience in a school setting, and enrollment in the Public Education Employee Retirement System. For more information, contact Debbie Fechter at [debbie.fechter@kirkwoodschoools.org](mailto:debbie.fechter@kirkwoodschoools.org).

## **Spring 2020 Student Teaching**

If you have registered to student teach in the spring of 2020, your placement will be announced in Chalk & Wire on one of the three following days:

- Friday, November 8
- Tuesday, November 26
- Friday, December 13

Any student teaching placement that has been confirmed by each of those dates will be documented in Chalk & Wire. If you do not see your placement in Chalk & Wire, then the Office of Field Experiences does not have confirmation from a school district. All placements will be announced in this way, and NO placements will be announced, either verbally or in writing, by Field Office personnel. Do not contact the Office to ask about the status of your placement. ~Dr. Daryl Fridley, Associate Dean for Educator Preparation.

## **Chalk & Wire Records**

Candidates: Your major assessment results are documented in Chalk & Wire. This includes—among other items--disposition evaluations, some field evaluations, key program assessment, and MoCA scores. These results are used to evaluate your progress in your programs and, sometimes, to determine eligibility for a future stage—like student teaching. Be sure to check these records from time to time to track your progress and to ensure that they match with your personal records. In particular, please check your MoCA scores to ensure that they were uploaded to Chalk & Wire correctly.

## **Participate in a Research Study on the Role of Peers**

Would you be willing to share about the ways that peers influence your pre-service teaching experiences? Dr. Sarah Lillo, with the support of fellow student Kate McCracken, is conducting a related study and would love for you to participate! If you are in any of our

teacher preparation programs and are NOT student teaching this year, you qualify for participation! Participation will involve one short interview (30-45 min.) a quarter for the rest of the year and monthly 5-minute questionnaires. All participation is voluntary. If you are interested, please email [slillo@semo.edu](mailto:slillo@semo.edu).

## **Teach English in Vietnam!**

Aurora Group is seeking teachers to teach English in Ho Chi Minh City. The cost of living is low in Vietnam and Ho Chi Minh is a developing city with lots of social life opportunities. If interested, please contact Linh Tran at [auroragroup.hr@gmail.com](mailto:auroragroup.hr@gmail.com) or to Judith Crenshaw at [crenshawj@capetigers.com](mailto:crenshawj@capetigers.com).

## **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](http://REDHAWKjobs.com).

## **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](mailto:edprep@semo.edu). We'd like to publicize these events so that members of the educator preparation program community can attend.