

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 past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

Pearson Testing Suspended

Pearson has suspended all testing until at least April 16. Additionally, Southeast staff are off campus and will report back no earlier than April 20. Pearson testing at all Southeast campuses is suspended until at least April 23. Once we reopen, we will add as many dates as needed to get everyone tested as quickly as possible. Pearson testing includes all MEGA

testing (MoGEA, Paraprofessional, and Missouri Content Assessments), CPCE and NCE, Miller Analogies, Missouri Insurance licensure, and many others.

If you have registered to test before April 20, please go into your account and “withdraw” from your test. This will place your payment voucher back into schedule mode. All payment vouchers are good for up to one year from date of purchase, so we have plenty of time to get your tests rescheduled. If you have left the Cape Girardeau area, tests centers around the world will open as quickly as feasible. You will be able to schedule your tests near you.

Testing Services will continue to input score results for anyone who has recently tested as they are made available to them. These will be entered into your student record as quickly as possible.

Information Regarding Pre-Student Teaching Field Placements

Pre-Service Field Experience students in the following courses are exempt from attending their field placements for the remainder of the semester. The instructors of these field courses will be in contact to provide alternative assignments.

CE 368	Early Childhood Content Field Experience
ED 280	Introduction to Education as a Professional
EL 314	Literacy Field Experience
EL 350	Elementary Content Field Experience
EL 430	Advance Field Experience
EX 309	Exceptional Child Field Experience in Middle/Secondary
EX 409	Exceptional Child Field Experience in Elementary
SE 355	Field Experience II
SE 380	Advanced Field Experience

All these courses are providing alternative activities to replace the onsite field hours in the schools.

Faculty and Advisors Available Through Virtual Office Hours

With the closure of the campus this week, remember that you can still meet with your faculty or your advisor through their virtual office hours. All faculty and advisors are available to talk with you by phone or virtually (Skype, Zoom, etc.) during their weekly office hours.

DESE Suspends Some Requirements

Due to the restrictions and closures of Missouri PK-12 schools in response to COVID-19 and the challenges this has created, DESE is suspending the use of a passing score for the performance assessment for candidates participating in culminating clinical experiences in the current academic term. Education Preparation Programs (EPP) may submit a

candidate's formative scores and/or assess performance based on artifacts as an alternative. EPPs are asked to make use of alternative activities during the culminating clinical experience to continue to support candidates' growth and classroom readiness. Be assured that DESE will rely on an EPP's determination that the clinical experience has been satisfied. Based on an EPP's recommendation and the awarding of semester hours by the EPP's institution, appropriate certification will be issued, provided the remaining requirements, such as an appropriate GPA and a passing score on the exit assessment, have been met.

As a result, Southeast's Educator Preparation Program has devised alternative activities for teacher candidates to complete in order to be able to award semester hours and recommend our students for certification. These alternative activities along with the MEES evaluations that have been completed will determine Teacher Candidate grades as well as be the basis for recommending a student for certification.

The Office of Field Experience sent out communication to Mentor Teachers and Teacher Candidates on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 regarding alternative activities. Teacher Candidates will work with their University Supervisors and Mentor Teachers to complete all requirements for the student teaching experience.

Teacher Prep Student Org Meeting

If any Teacher Prep Student Organizations want to announce any upcoming zoom meetings in upcoming newsletters, please submit your meeting announcement to edprep@semo.edu by 12 noon on the Monday prior to the Tuesday Newsletter publication.

Do you Need Help with Educational Technology?

From the EDvolution Center:

Dean Pujol asks that if you need help with educational technology, you contact the EDvolution Center staff before contacting CSTL or IT to help with the overwhelming number of requests that CSTL and IT are receiving. Jana and Allan will do their best to help you! If they can't, they will help you determine who you need to contact for help. Both Jana and Allan can be reached by emailing jgerard@semo.edu. If you feel that you need "face-to-face" help, they can set up a Zoom meeting with you. Jana's hours are 8-5 (lunch from 12-1) and Allan's hours are 10-1, M-F. Below are some resources you may find useful:

[Remote Teaching Resources](#)

[Podcasting with GarageBand on an iPad](#)

[Screencasting with Screencast-o-matic](#)

[Using the free version of Zoom](#)

[Using the Pro version of Zoom \(for faculty\)](#)

[Apple Professional Coaching \(for faculty\)](#)

Tuesday, June 23: EDTech Academy Registration is Now Open – Only \$20 including Lunch!

The EDTech Academy Next Generation Teaching and Learning Conference will be held on June 23, 2020 on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University for pre-K, elementary, secondary, and postsecondary educators. Come experience transformational learning with innovative educational leaders and outstanding area educators! Learn how to create meaningful, relevant, student-centered learning experiences in 21st century schools/classrooms that provide opportunities for critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity! **Be a leader of change, and don't miss out on this unique professional learning opportunity right here in Southeast Missouri! College of Education, Health, and Human Studies faculty, staff and students can attend for only \$20 (which covers lunch)!** To register and for more information click on this [link](#).

Tuesday, August 4: Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference – Registration is Open!

The Southern Illinois Reading Council Annual Summer Mini-Conference will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale, Illinois. Come enjoy professional development featuring a keynote presentation and multiple breakout sessions options. Topics will include current and relevant topics in literacy and education. Register today at the following [link](#)! If you have questions or need more information, contact SIRC President Michelle Mohr at 618-521-0891 or mmohr@steeleville138.org.

Scholarship Opportunities

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

Employment and Summer Camp Opportunities

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