

Teacher Preparation News

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Congratulations to our spring graduates!!!

Have a good summer!

We look forward to seeing you back in the fall!

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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 **Wednesday** 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>.

Thursday, May 14: Last Teacher Preparation Newsletter for Spring Semester Runs Today

Today is the last newsletter publication for the spring semester. We will publish only one newsletter in each of the months of June and July. Submission requests for the summer issues are due by the Wednesday prior to the publication date. Look for those in the second week of each month. Should anything urgent come up during that period of time, special announcements will be made.

Change in Technology Requirement for Education Majors

Education majors must have a mobile device for their course work, but may now choose to use any device, such as a laptop, and not exclusively iPads. Education majors are required to have a device in class when they take their first pre-education course, such as ED 280 Introduction to Education as a Profession. Cell phones are not an acceptable device. The device must meet specifications needed for education courses, and the details of these specifications can be found on the EDvolution Center website at this [link](#).

EESE Department Member Gunn to Retire

Congratulations to Dr. Sharon Gunn on her retirement from Southeast MO State University. Dr. Gunn has 14 years of experience in the Exceptional Child Education program at Southeast and has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in the program. We will miss her!

Did you Receive an Email Regarding Grades?

Be sure to check your email for the Education Majors Guidelines for S/U and Incomplete grades in the Spring 2020 Semester that was sent on May 5th. If you did not receive it, contact Sherry Holder in the Educator Preparation Office, sholder@semo.edu.

Updated MoCA Testing Information

The Pearson testing company is working to open all testing centers as soon as possible, with social distancing and other safety measures. Pearson will first open their own testing centers and then work with partner sites, such as Southeast MO State, to open those testing centers. Watch the [MEGA test website](#) registration information for open testing dates and centers.

The following revised or new MoCA exams will be released on January 11, 2021:

- Elementary Education 1-6
- Biology 9-12
- Chemistry 9-12
- Physics 9-12
- Earth Science 9-12
- Reading Specialist K-12 (New Assessment)
- School Leaders (New Assessment)

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2021 Semester?

If so, applications will open **May 11, 2020**. The deadline to apply is **September 7, 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 to receive it in enough time to submit it with your application, is **July 27, 2020**. 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 **December 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.

LMS Department Faculty Member Cwick to Retire

Congratulations to Dr. Simin L. Cwick who will be retiring at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. Dr. Cwick served the Department of Leadership, Middle and Secondary Education at Southeast Missouri State University with distinction for 31 years. Dr. Simin Cwick has served as a professor of Middle and Secondary Education, as a member of the graduate faculty, and as an adjunct professor for the joint doctoral program with the University of Missouri. Dr. Cwick served as the chairperson of the Department of Middle and

Secondary Education for 12 years. Dr Cwick has been a mentor to countless students and faculty and a great friend and colleague. She will be missed.

EDvolution Center Newsletter

Click on this [link](#) for the EDvolution Center Newsletter.

EDvolution Center Tech Tips

Have you been looking for a way to easily create interactive videos for your students? If so, Edpuzzle is what you are looking for!

[Edpuzzle Tutorial Video](#)

Student Teaching Placements

Students who have been approved to student teach in the fall will be notified via email from Chalk and Wire regarding their placements. All placements made by May 1 were sent out that day. Another round of notifications will go out May 15. Hopefully, final notifications will be sent out by June 1, but that is dependent upon when the last placements are finalized. Students do not need to contact the placement office asking when their placement will be posted. We have no way of knowing when an individual placement will be made. That is dependent upon when the personnel at area schools are in contact with us.

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 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.