

Teacher Preparation News

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*If you have news that would be useful to teacher candidates, contact Ms. Sherry Holder (sholder@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 iPads*** Follow this link for past newsletters <http://semo.edu/education-health/edu-prep/news.html>.*

Welcome Back!

This is the first issue of the weekly *Teacher Education News*. If you're new to the College of Education, Health, and Human Studies, "Welcome!" If you are returning, "Welcome back!" This newsletter is published every week during the semester, so look for it to keep up with what is going on in teacher preparation.

Saturday, August 18 – Ice Cream Social & Kickball Game

Calling all Freshmen Education majors! The annual faculty/freshmen student kickball game will be on Saturday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m., on the Scully Building veranda and Parker Field. Door prizes will be given, and ice cream will be served. You'll also have a chance to meet education faculty members and learn about some of the education student organizations on campus. Come join us for a rousing game of kickball and ice cream!

iPad Requirements

Whether you are a new student, transfer student, or current education major you will be required to have an iPad Air or newer, (the iPad Air has been discontinued and is no longer available for sale, but we still allow this device for those who may already own one) with 32GB or more, the **first day of class**. You may purchase an iPad directly from Apple or any store of your choice, from the Southeast Missouri State University bookstore, or bring one you may already own as long as it meets the minimum requirements (**iPad Air or newer, 32GB**). Purchasing from the University Bookstore will provide you the opportunity to use financial aid towards your purchase as well as arrange a payment plan if you wish. If you do decide to purchase from the bookstore, please allow 2-3 business days for shipping. Please contact the University Bookstore at 573-651-2220 or southeast@bkstr.com for any questions. We recommend checking out Apple's website for back-to-school deals. If you have questions, please contact The EDvolution Team at edvolution@semo.edu.

Background Checks

If you are planning to do field work in PreK-12 school buildings during the fall 2018 semester, you are required to obtain an up-to-date fingerprint background check. Field work courses include CE364, CE480, ED280, EL314, EL350, EL430, EL480, EX309, EX480, ME222, ME270, SE355, SE380, SE465, and any other course that require field work in a school. Background checks obtained for Southeast Missouri State University are valid for up to one year. For the fall 2018 semester your background check must be valid until the end of the semester (December 14, 2018).

- To see if your background check is up-to-date you can go to the following website: <http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/index.php>.
- To update your background check, you must go to the following website: <http://www.semo.edu/studentteach/background-check.html> and follow the directions provided.

***If you have any issues with finding a fingerprint location, please contact Alicia Lincoln at aelincoln@semo.edu.**

Registration is Now Open for the AAEE Conference & Job Fair

The American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE) is hosting a Conference and Job Fair in St. Louis, MO, on November 7-9. AAEE is a national organization. You can now apply to be a conference presenter (if you're presenting at the MOASPA conference this could be another forum to share great content).

AAEE Conference <https://aaee.org/aaee2018/>

Wednesday, November 7 - Friday, November 9

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

Professional development and networking opportunities connecting:

- Education & Career Service Professionals
- K-12 Recruiters & School District Administrators
- Non-Profit and For-Profit Education Organization Colleagues

Education Career Fair

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 1 -4pm

Hyatt Regency St. Louis at The Arch, 315 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102

- Candidates connect with employers for networking and employment opportunities.

Are you Eligible to Student Teach During the Spring 2019 Semester?

The deadline to apply is **August 27th, 2018**. To apply go to:

<http://www.semo.edu/studentteach/apply.html>.

If you have not already applied for your substitute teaching certificate, you should do so immediately. It takes time for the state to process these, and no placement request will be made on your behalf if you do not have a valid substitute teaching certificate. 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 3rd, 2018** 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.

Do you have an EDvolution T-shirt?

EDvolution T-shirts are available in all sizes for only \$10! Stop by the Office of Educator Preparation (Scully 301) to purchase yours today! Cash only.

Looking for a Job? Check Here for 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>.

Materials Available for MoGEA and MoCA Preparation

The EDvolution Center has flash cards available to assist with preparing for the MoGEA and MoCA exams. These materials may be checked out. Student groups are welcome to check out a set for group study sessions. A set of materials for programs offered at the regional campuses are also available.

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 Ms. Sherry Holder at sholder@semo.edu. We'd like to publicize these events so that members of the educator preparation program community can attend.