

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>.*

Tuesday, December 4: Kappa Delta Pi Reception Tonight

There will be a Kappa Delta Pi Reception at El Sol tonight, Tuesday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person and this event is **required** to level up! **Check the Moodle page for more information.**

Thursday, December 6: ELA MoCA Review

SMSTA will hold an English Language Arts MoCA Review on Thursday, December 6 in Scully 316 at 6:00 p.m. **Zoom Web Conferencing will be available for this session.** To attend via Zoom, students must register using this [link](#). Once registered via the link, an automated email will be sent with instructions and a link to join. Registration is open until 5:30 p.m. the day of the scheduled Zoom review session.

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

If so, applications will open **December 6, 2018**. The deadline to apply is **January 28, 2019**. Complete the online application by logging into the Redhawk system here http://cstl-coe.semo.edu/fieldexperiences/new_redhawk/. 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 21, 2018**. 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 1st, 2019** 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.

Last Fall Semester Newsletter Next Week

The last edition of the Teacher Preparation News for the fall semester will be published on Tuesday, December 11. The next issue will be released on Tuesday, January 8, the week

before the spring 2019 semester begins. Please submit any items for the January 8 newsletter by Monday, January 7 at 12 noon.

Chalk & Wire Information

Starting in spring 2019, all teacher candidates will be required to purchase a license to use the Chalk & Wire assessment system. Please read the memo here to learn more:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ffBaJk1yPgsoxQYIK8OkHsCaFSHWU-6s6WdH73EQcz4/edit?usp=sharing>

Certification Application Instructions for Graduating Fall 2018 Student Teachers

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.

Tutoring Opportunity

There is a tutoring opportunity available with a 4th grade student who needs extra help with 2 digit x 2 digit multiplication, as well as basic division and long division. If you are interested and available on Wednesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays at 4:00 p.m. or after, please contact Loree Akers at South Elementary for more information at lakers@jr2mail.org.

Volunteer Opportunity

Prodigy Leadership Academy is looking for volunteers for their Good Samaritan Friday Program. As a volunteer you would act as a teacher assistant gaining hands-on classroom experience, service hours, and a potential resume reference. The curriculum is taught through project-based learning and the theme for this semester is community service. Therefore, field trips will be a common part of the day. The G.S. Friday Program occurs every Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. As a volunteer you can choose the days and how many hours you wish to volunteer. If you are interested, please contact Courtney McVeigh via email at c.mcveigh@goprodigy.org.

Identigo Fingerprinting and Background Checks Available On-Campus

Fingerprinting and criminal background checks are now available at Testing Services. Hours for services are 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To preregister and schedule

appointments, visit <https://www.machs.mshp.dps.mo.gov>. Walk-ins are also accepted. For more information, call Testing Services at (573) 651-2836. **There will be no fingerprinting or background checks processed during finals week.**

Substitute Teaching Opportunity

The Jackson R-2 School District is looking for substitute teachers. This is a great opportunity to gain valuable in-class experiences. Follow this link to learn more:

<https://jacksonr2.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

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.