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WHAT'S NEW?

From the Founding Dean...

Welcome back! Big changes are coming in Education in Pennsylvania!

All students who graduate after August 31, 2013 **must** be following new Pennsylvania Department of Education certification regulations. This will affect the entering undergraduate class this Fall 2009 and any graduate students who will finish after the August 31, 2013 date. There are three certifications which have been revised: Early Childhood (N-Grade 4), Middle Level (Grades 4-8), and Special Education which has been split into two new certificates: Special Education (N-Grade 8) and Special Education (Grades 7-12). There will be **no** more Elementary Education certification. Special Education certification must be combined with Early Childhood, Secondary Education or Reading Specialist and no longer is a stand alone certificate. Secondary Education remains as it was at this time. The Loeb School of Education is busy finalizing the programs for these new certificates and will have the final edition available in January, 2009 for anyone interested. All certification students are now required to have three special education courses and one ESL course, and this will be folded into the new certification requirements. Please pray for us as we move forward with the new programs.



Helen W. Loeb, Ph.D.
Founding Dean

ADVISEMENT

Advisement will be the week prior to the spring semester registration. (Registration for traditional undergraduate students will open at the end of October; registration for graduate students will open at the beginning of November.) UNDERGRADS: There will be advisor sign-up sheets listing times available with your advisor on the bookshelves in front of the circulation desk in the Curriculum Lab. Appointments may be made between October 17-24. If you are a secondary education major without an education advisor, feel free to sign up with Dr. Loeb or Rena Counsellor. If you don't remember who your advisor is, check E-Net services for this information.

PENN TESOL - EAST

PENN TESOL (PA Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) announces the FALL 2008 conference on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at Penn State Abington. "Accommodating the Diverse Need of All Learners of English." Visit www.penntesoleast.org for more information.

EASTERN UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH PaTTAN

Eastern is continuing with its third year of offering classes to teachers in central Pennsylvania who are seeking to attain their state certification. Specifically, the teachers work in the following districts: Harrisburg, York, Lancaster, and IU's 12 and 13. Each participant in the Eastern program has been hired by his/her respective district to fill a teaching vacancy, and the goal is to finalize the educational training for the participants and have them remain in the district as certified instructors. Seventy-two students are presently enrolled in one of the three cohorts taking courses necessary to complete the certification process.

Eastern offers these classes in cooperation with PaTTAN (Pennsylvania Training and Technical Assistance Network), who was given a grant to undertake this program. All the classes are held at the PaTTAN center located on Flank Drive in Harrisburg. The participants are recruited through the joint efforts of PaTTAN and the sending districts, and Eastern hires the professors, does all the scheduling and counseling, provides the courses of study, and is responsible to supervise the instructional process. Each course has been presented in an accelerated format and is offered on Wednesday nights from 5-9PM at PaTTAN or in an online format.

This fall, the following courses are being offered to students in the three cohorts:

EDU 500—Educational Philosophy

EDU505— Classroom Procedures and Teaching Techniques for Students with Multiple Disabilities

EDU 572— Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies

EDU 603—Reading Strategies

EDU 610— Student Teaching

Cohort I will finish their certification this fall, and the program is slated for completion in September, 2009. John Dellegrotto is the PaTTAN staff member who handles the day to day operation of the grant from Harrisburg, and Harry Gutelius and Tom Bonerbo have the primary responsibility for Eastern's role.

FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The U.S. Student Fulbright Scholar program operates in more than 140 countries worldwide. The grants for graduate study, research, or English teaching assistantships abroad awards are listed in 45 disciplines or fields for university faculty, administrators, professionals and independent scholars, and are designed to increase mutual understanding between people of the United States and people of other countries.

The program is designed to give recent graduates, graduate students (including doctoral candidates), professionals and artists opportunities for personal and career development in international experiences. Bachelor's degree earners, master's-level students, doctoral candidates, young professionals, and artists are encouraged to apply and have a fully developed program of study or research which they can complete during the grant period. At a minimum, Fulbright grants provide funds for international transportation, a living stipend, a small book/research allowance, and medical insurance.

The application deadline for 2009-2010 is October 20, 2008. Interested applicants are advised to apply online at <http://us.fulbrightonline.org>.

With any questions, please contact Dr. Josphat Yego, who will be coordinating the Fulbright program at Eastern University. Dr. Yego can be reached at jjyego@eastern.edu.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE LOOP!

Make sure you have your **login name** and **password** to access your Eastern e-mail and student records.

From your E-Net account, you will be able to find a listing of your courses, grades, and program of study that you need to complete for your certification or degree. Your Eastern e-mail account will be the one that we utilize for communication with you; **check it regularly**. If you do not plan on checking your Eastern e-mail regularly, be sure to activate the forward feature.

HOW TO ACCESS EASTERN EMAIL

1. Go to Eastern University's homepage: www.eastern.edu.
2. Click on "E-Net" in the left side navigation column.
3. Click on "Webmail" on the E-Net Services page.
4. Refer to your Eastern University login/password letter and type in your username and password (the same used to access BlackBoard).

HOW TO FORWARD EASTERN EMAIL TO YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT OF CHOICE

1. Access your Eastern email account using the directions listed above in steps 1-4.
2. Once you have entered your username and password, your inbox will appear.
3. Click on the "Vacation/Forwarding/Mail Filtering Rules" found in the top menu.
4. Click in the box labeled "Redirect All Mail To:" to check the box.
5. We recommend that you **not** click on the "Keep a Copy" option because your EU email inbox will get full and will not accept new emails at that time, preventing you from receiving important communication.

HAVE YOU LOST, FORGOTTEN, OR NEVER RECEIVED YOUR LOGIN NAME AND PASSWORD?

If you are a traditional undergraduate or graduate student, go to EU's homepage, go to Quick Links, click on Registrar, and about three-fourths of the way down, it will say **"Request for E-Net Name & Password."** Send this form electronically to get your information.

If you are an accelerated undergraduate student in the ACED program, please contact Student Services at 610-341-1397, 800-732-7669 ext. 1397, or gpsserve@eastern.edu, and this information will be sent to you.

TECHNICAL TIPS

Firewalls: Some email providers, particularly those of employers, have firewalls, which restrict forwarding capabilities. Please check with your provider to see if this is allowed. Most "personal" email providers (i.e. Gmail, Yahoo, Comcast, etc.) allow you to forward EU email to those accounts.

Deleting Messages: If you choose not to forward your EU email, be sure to **"Delete"** unnecessary emails and click **"Empty Trash"** to prevent your EU email account from getting full, which will block important emails from reaching you.

HOW TO USE E-NET SERVICES

1. Go to www.eastern.edu then click on “E-Net” in the left side navigation column and next click on “Faculty and Student Services” on the E-Net Services page. (The direct link to this page is: <https://genesis.eastern.edu/>)
2. Click on “Student Services.”
3. Enter your user name (login name) and password. You will then be taken to the Student Services menu.
4. At the bottom of the page you will find where you can change “Current Option Settings,” for the “Session,” “Year,” and “Program” so you can access current and past information by clicking on the “Set Options.”
5. When you click “Set Options,” you will need to select your Program (“Undergraduate” or “Graduate”). Session of interest (Semester-based programs: “Fall,” “Spring,” “Summer I,” or “Summer II.” Term-based programs: You will find your Term Code on your schedule, i.e. “September-January”) and year the session began.
6. To navigate through the Student Services menu, simply click on the button and the web page will open.

WHAT INFORMATION IS ON THE STUDENT SERVICES MENU?

Biographical – This provides you with the records that the school uses that contain your name, address, phone numbers, e-mail, academic advisor, major, anticipated date of graduation, test scores, housing information, along with a variety of other information about you.

Student Schedule – Use this tool to view your current schedule. Or you can also view your schedule from a previous semester/term or next semester/term, if already registered. To change semesters or terms, follow the instructions in 4 and 5 above.

Grades – This service allows you periods that are outlined in the Student Registration Material that is either campus mailed or sent to your home address. This option allows you to register in “real time.”

Academic Record – Use this tool to view all your grades and classes on one convenient screen.

Degree Audit – (Does not apply to FMBA, FHA, and FNP programs) This option is available to help students in the advising process by showing what courses are still needed for graduation. *Check this feature often!*

Course Catalog – Check here for the most updated course offerings and availability. You will need to set the “Current Option Settings” to the appropriate semester/term. Click on the department and course to see the current schedule and enrollment information.

Registration – (Semester-based programs only) This option is only available during registration periods that are outlined in the Student Registration Material that is either campus mailed or sent to your home address. This option allows you to register in “real time.”

GPA Projection – Use this tool to see how your grade point average would be affected by projecting grades for current courses. You will need to “Set Options” for your current semester or term.

Immunization Record – (Applies only to some students in full-time semester-based programs) View the immunization record that the health center has for you.

CLEP INFORMATION



CLEP (College Level Examination Program) examinations cover material taught in courses that most students take as requirements in the first two years of college. A college usually grants the same amount of credit to students earning satisfactory scores on the CLEP examination as it grants to students successfully completing that course. Education students may CLEP the two undergraduate math, English literature, and English composition courses required by the state for certification. EDU 507 may also be waived through the successful completion of the equivalent CLEP exams (**Development Psychology: Child and Adolescent or Lifespan** and **Educational Psychology**).

Eastern University offers CLEP exams at three of our EU sites. The Eastern testing registration fee is \$25 per test. Eastern University only accepts Master Card, Visa, check, money order or cash for payment. Please make the registration fee payable to Eastern University. The CLEP exam testing fee is \$70 per test. CLEP accepts credit cards as the preferred method of payment – American Express, Master Card, Visa, Discover, and JCB but also accepts checks and money orders. Please make the exam fee payable to CLEP.

The registration form is available online: www.collegeboard.com/clep. Students should complete the Registration Admission Form and submit the \$25 registration fee to the address above at least one week prior to the scheduled exam date. Please bring valid ID to register for the exam. Each exam takes 1-½ hours. Please plan to schedule a 2-hour time slot to account for registration and printing score results.

CLEP exams are given at our following EU sites:

Eastern University, Center City Campus:

1800 JFK Blvd, Suite 1102 – 11th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19103

Monday thru Thursday between 10AM – 2:30PM

Call Sheila Martinez at 215-557-0090 for an appt.

Eastern University, Central Pennsylvania:

750 E. Park Drive

Harrisburg, PA 17109

Monday thru Friday between 8:30AM -3PM

Call Emily Posatko at 717-565-1950 for an appt.

Eastern University, St. Davids, PA

(Main Campus):

The Eagle Learning Center - 2nd Floor

1300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087

Monday thru Thursday between 9AM - 1PM

Call Grace Velez at 610-225-5730 for an appt.

STUDENT TEACHING

If you want to student teach in Spring 2009, contact Sue Shaw (sshaw@eastern.edu) or Melanie Tabakin (mtabakin@eastern.edu) immediately !

Student teaching is required for Pennsylvania teaching (Instructional I) certification. Students may fulfill this requirement either at the undergraduate or the graduate level by concurrently enrolling and successfully completing course requirements in Student Teaching (EDU610 for graduates and EDU410 for undergraduates) and Practicum (EDU620 for graduates and EDU420 for undergraduates). Student Teaching and Practicum, combined, make up a full-semester load (15 credits for undergraduates & 9 credits for graduates) and are expected to devote a full-length semester (14 weeks) to this professional hands-on experience.

Before being allowed to do student teaching, students should fulfill the following requirements:

1. Be accepted into the Certification Track (undergraduate) and the Certification Program (graduate).
2. Complete all certification course requirements.
3. Maintain the GPA of 3.0.
4. Successfully complete PRAXIS I and II tests.
5. Make a formal application for student teaching **at least one semester prior to the professional semester** of student teaching. The application should include the following:
 - A completed application form for student teaching (download the form for undergraduates or for graduates)
 - Listing three faculty members whom we will contact for recommendations. **For Special Education:** documentation of classroom observation and interaction with exceptionalities they will be certified to teach.
 - Approval of the Dean of Students (undergraduates)
 - Evidence of a satisfactory health record, including TB clearance
 - Evaluation form and written summary of the Field Experience (undergraduates)
 - Student's university transcript with the cumulative GPA of 3.0
 - Copies of the F. B. I., State Police and Child Abuse clearances (the forms available in the Curriculum Lab)
 - Evidence of passing PRAXIS I and II in the student's certification area(s)
 - Autobiography and Philosophy of Education (instructions are available in the Curriculum Lab)

**Interested in fulfilling a portion of student teaching overseas?
Contact Dr. David Greenhalgh at dgreenha@eastern.edu.**

FINISHING UP YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND INTERESTED IN STUDENT TEACHING AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL?

Check out the BA-M. Ed. combined Five-Year program!

This 30-credit program is designed for Eastern undergraduate students

- who are enrolled in a teaching certification BA/BS program and wish to complete student teaching as graduate students while completing the M. Ed. in Multicultural Education program in their fifth year; or
- who are enrolled in a non-certification BA/BS program and wish to complete the M. Ed. in Multicultural Education program with ESL concentration in their fifth year.

You **MUST** submit a graduate application (go to www.eastern.edu) and complete the application process for admission to the graduate program. To be admitted into the program, you must pass PPST I tests in reading, writing, and mathematics and PPST II test(s) in your certification area, **and** complete undergraduate coursework in your major. EDU417 and Statistics are prerequisites to the program. If you have not completed EDU417 as undergraduates, you must complete EDU517 at the graduate level.

If you want more info about the Five-Year Program or other graduate programs at Eastern University, stop by the Eagle Learning Center (main campus) to talk with someone in Enrollment Management or email gpsadm@eastern.edu, or call 610-341-5862.

PRAXIS PPST UPDATE

PPST MATH AND WRITING REVIEWS 2008 / 2009 SCHEDULE

REVIEW DATES

Math - Saturday, October 25, 2008 - 9 AM to 3 PM
Writing - Saturday, November 1, 2008 - 10 AM to 2 PM

Math - Saturday, February 21, 2009 - 9 AM to 3 PM
Writing - Saturday, February 28, 2009 - 10 AM to 2 PM

Math - Saturday, April 4, 2009 - 9 AM to 3 PM
Writing - Saturday, April 18, 2009 - 10 AM to 2 PM

All reviews are held in the Curriculum Lab.
 Contact Jim Osborne at x5941 or josborne@eastern.edu
 if you are interested in attending a review or if you need more information.

CURRICULUM LAB

Plato software is available to practice and review for Praxis I Reading, Writing and Math. The Curriculum Lab has many resources available for study and review for Praxis I, and some materials available for study and review for Praxis II. There are also many resources (children's books, lesson plan materials, etc.) to check out. Inquire in the Curriculum Lab with any questions!

CURRICULUM LAB HOURS

**Monday through Thursday
9AM to 9PM
(closed 10-11AM on Wednesday)
Friday 9AM to 2PM
Saturday 10AM to 2PM**

NEW FACULTY

Dr. Catherine Neimetz joins Eastern from the University of Pittsburgh where she served as an adjunct faculty member, a teaching fellow, and research assistant. She earned her bachelor's degree in special and elementary education from Clarion University, her master's degree in education, and her Ph.D. in applied developmental psychology from the University of Pittsburgh. She is an assistant professor in the School of Education for Early Childhood and Elementary Education.

Dr. Monir Atta-Alla earned his B.A. and M.A. from the College of Education at Assiut University in Egypt, and his Ph.D. from Assiut University and from Glasgow University of Scotland. He joins the School of Education as an associate professor and Director of ESL programs.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Neimetz and Dr. Atta-Alla!

WHO'S WHO?

We welcome back Dr. Kathy-Ann Hernandez and Dr. Dorothy Hurley!

Dr. Helen Loeb: Founding Dean, Loeb School of Education

Harry Gutelius: Associate Dean; Director of Modular Programs

Dr. Monir Atta-Alla: Program Director of ESL

Tom Bonerbo: Program Director of Health/PE Certification

Dr. Heewon Chang: Chair, Graduate Education Programs (Visit her on the third floor of ELC!)

Dr. Jim Goodhart: Program Director of Educational Leadership

Dr. David Greenhalgh: Director of the Ph. D. in Organizational Leadership Program
(Visit him on the third floor of ELC!)

Dr. Kathy-Ann Hernandez: Director of Research

Dr. Dorothy Hurley: Program Director of Multicultural Education

Dr. Jean Landis: Program Director of Reading

Dr. Catherine Neimetz: Program Director of Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education

Karen Piscopo: Program Director of Special Education

Sue Seltzer: Program Director of School Health Programs

Dr. Doug Mountz: Program Director of Secondary Education

Dr. Josphat Yego: Program Director of Organizational Leadership: Education Concentration
(Visit him on the third floor of ELC!)

Dr. Bill Yerger: Director of Student Teaching and Field Experience

Sharon McGee: Director, Distance Learning

Jim Osborne: Director of the Helen Cramer Curriculum Lab

Adele Ressler: Director of Graduate Education Advising. Contact Adele with questions about your graduate program of study

Rena Counsellor: Undergraduate Student Advisor

Sue Shaw: Assistant to the Founding Dean of The School of Education. Contact Sue with questions about student teaching or certification procedures

Melanie Tabakin: Coordinator of Education Services. Contact Melanie with questions about student teaching or the online Master of Education: ELL/ESL program



Pictured L-R: Melanie Tabakin, Tom Bonerbo, Dr. Josphat Yego, Karen Piscopo, Rena Counsellor, Sharon McGee, Dr. Jim Goodhart, Dr. Helen Loeb, Dr. Kathy-Ann Hernandez, Dr. Heewon Chang, Adele Ressler, Sue Seltzer, Dr. Dorothy Hurley, Dr. Monir Atta-Alla, Dr. Bill Yerger, Harry Gutelius

**Stop by the Curriculum Lab (or ELC) to visit
with faculty and staff or if you have any questions. We're here to help!**

IMPORTANT DATES to REMEMBER...

2008

NOW: DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR STUDENT TEACHING IN SPRING 2009

Friday-Sunday October 10-12: Homecoming/Family Weekend

Late October/Early November: Registration for Spring 2009 Classes begins online

(Seek advisement from your advisor the week prior to open registration)

October 28: Mid-semester warnings issued to undergraduates

November 1: Penn TESOL Conference

November 5: Last day to withdraw from class with no academic penalty

November 15: Deadline to apply for Student Teaching for FALL 2009

November 26-20: Thanksgiving Vacation

December 5: Classes end

December 8-12: Final examinations

December 13: Commencement ceremonies

2009

January 12: Classes begin/last day to register

January 19: Martin Luther King Holiday observed—no classes

January 20: Last day to make schedule changes (Drop/Add)

February 9-13: Spiritual Emphasis week

February 28-March 8: Mid-semester vacation

March 18: Mid-semester warnings issued to undergraduates

Late March: Registration for Summer and Fall 2009 begins online

(Seek advisement from your advisor the week prior to open registration)

April 10-13: Easter Break

April 15: Deadline to apply for Student Teaching for SPRING 2010

April 27: Classes end

April 28: Study Day

April 29-May 5: Final examinations

May 8: Baccalaureate

May 9: Commencement ceremonies

NOTE: Accelerated programs offered in the Campolo College of Graduate and Professional Studies follow rolling calendars individualized for each cohort of students.



Teachers open the door. You enter by yourself.

~Chinese Proverb

Would you like to contribute news for the spring newsletter?
Please send your information to mtabakin@eastern.edu
by January 12, 2009. Thank you!