

The Education Student Bulletin

EMU Education Department's Student Newsletter

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Fabulous February

Whew! We made it through January already. This newsletter took a little break in January as the new semester got underway...hopefully you didn't miss it too much and were able to get all the information you needed in other formats. While the weather outside may be cold, there will be plenty of activity to keep you moving this month. Read on to find out more!

Practicum Reminders

Practicums are an important part of your education program here. They give you valuable in-school experiences! Ron Shultz (field placement coordinator) and Sara Halteman (administrative assistant) work hard with course instructors and area schools to arrange meaningful and varied practicums for you.

Please remember that you as a practicum student are responsible to arrange transportation to your practicum sites. We attempt to pair people together to help with transportation needs, but it doesn't always work out that way!

If you are in a practicum this semester and would like to see where your school is on the map, stop by the education department **today or tomorrow**. There is currently a map in the hallway of the department highlighting all area schools. But hurry! Curriculum Block students will soon be busy creating new bulletin board displays!

Calendar

Events happening in February:

February 1 - Taskstream portfolio due
(for those applying for admission to Teacher Education.)

February 2 - Lunch with SEA (South Dining Room)

February 16 - Teacher Education Interviews
(for those applying for admission to Teacher Education. Look for details to come soon in your **campus mailbox!**)

SEA - Student Education Association

The Student Education Association (SEA) leaders will be inviting education majors to eat together periodically throughout the semester to share ideas and to fellowship. Be on the lookout for emails from Emily Clatterback on behalf of the SEA leaders to let you know of upcoming lunches and other events! (Note that **tomorrow** is the first lunch date of the semester.)

Moving Through your Program

When do I apply? When do I take my tests? How much will this cost? When will I find out if I'm admitted?
There are lots of questions that arise as you think of moving through your education program. Here are some places to find the answers you need:

- Take a look at the bulletin board currently up in the CC 2nd floor hallway (near CC 203 and CC 234). This briefly outlines the steps you take from your freshmen year through graduation.
- **The teacher education handbook is one of the most valuable resources you can have** as you navigate through your education program. You can always find it online at <http://www.emu.edu/education/>. Go to "Program Procedures" on the left, and click on "Teacher Education Handbook." There you will find the list of requirements, testing information, checklists and more to keep you on track for each year you are here!
- For testing questions, check out our website at <http://www.emu.edu/education/>. Go to "Program Procedures" on the left, and click on "Virginia Test Score Requirements." There is also a brochure in the department to help answer questions about required tests and preparing for them.
- Talk with your advisor or Sara Halteman if you have further questions that aren't addressed in any of these places.



Opportunities to consider

Paid tutoring position for local 9th and 10th grader

Turner Ashby High School is seeking a tutor for two students, grade 9 and 10, who live beside EMU. The students are ELL students who speak English fairly well but would benefit from additional assistance. If you have interest in tutoring these students please contact Phil Judd at 540-828-2008.

Memphis Teacher Residency

Information on summer and year long opportunities available through the Memphis Teacher Residency can be found in the jobs binder in the education department. Check out the EMUnews link to hear about education student Quinn Kathrineberg's experience with this program, and feel free to talk to Quinn if you have interest in learning more about the MTR opportunities.

Echo Hill Outdoor School teaching and intern possibilities:

We have received information from Echo Hill Outdoor School, Worton, Maryland, regarding teaching and intern opportunities for recent graduates or current students. More information can be found in the jobs binder located in the education department.

Education internship at Lake Tahoe, California:

We have received information from First Baptist Church of Tahoe City regarding internships available in their children's programs. Information can be found in the jobs binder located in the education department, or at their website: <http://tahoeministries.com/join-our-team/>.

NGOabroad seeks education majors and teachers

We have received information from NGOabroad regarding volunteer opportunities to work with students in various countries around the world (Uganda, Tanzania, Nepal, Peru, and more). Information can be found at <http://www.ngoabroad.com/> and brief descriptions of the opportunities are found in the jobs binder in the education department.

Consider an endorsement in ESL, or a PreK-6 endorsement for Spanish speakers:

We have received information that Nashville, TN is greatly in need of ESL teachers. We also know that Harrisonburg City Schools is in need of Spanish speaking teachers to teach in their dual language programs (currently in elementary schools, with the hope of continuing in middle and high school at a later time). If you have interest in considering teaching ESL or teaching in Spanish please talk with your advisor about the possibilities.