

The Education Student Bulletin

EMU Education Department's Student Newsletter

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Welcome to The Education Student Bulletin!

Welcome to the brand new newsletter designed just for **YOU**—an EMU education student! We know you get lots of info from many sources, and there's a lot to remember! Our hope is that this monthly newsletter will help keep you informed and up-to-date on departmental happenings, application process information, opportunities in the community and much more. So take a few minutes to check it out!

SEA - Student Education Association

The Student Education Association (SEA) is a club designed to help students learn about what it means to be an educator. SEA provides opportunities for members to get involved in the community, whether it is a club project or childcare, and creates events that strive to give members the perspective of what it is like to be a teacher. Another aspect of SEA is its efforts to help education students with the Education Program's procedure and various milestones within the program, such as Teacher Education Admission and Student Teaching.

All education majors are welcome to join SEA!

SEA Leaders for 2015-16 are Robert Cook, Andrea McWhorter, Bryan Chicas, Miranda Lyle, Emily Clatterbuck, and Kate Weaver. Contact them with questions or ideas!

The Calendar

Events happening in October:

October 5 - Educational Improv night, 8 pm (in the Studio Theater)

SEA and the Theater department collaborate to show possible classroom situations and how to react.

October 10 - Homecoming Childcare, 10:30-1:30

SEA members will assist with homecoming events by providing childcare for those who need it.

October 20 - 1st Year Teacher Panel

Recent EMU grads will take part in a Q&A panel about what the first year of teaching is like.

Something new!

Stop by the education department and check out the **new maps** on the bulletin board near faculty offices! **All the area schools are indicated** for you to see where in the world you will be for your placements!



Testing

All students must pass basic skills assessments to be admitted to the teacher education program. Admission happens in your sophomore year. **So what are these required tests, and when should they be taken?**

ALL students must take the **VCLA** (VA Communication and Literacy Assessment). There are no exceptions. This is a test required to eventually get your teaching license.

The **Praxis Core Math** test is required for all students *unless* you have qualifying SAT/ACT scores. Check our website or see Sara Halteman to find out what SAT/ACT scores qualify you to be exempt from taking the Praxis Core Math test.

Both tests should be taken by Dec. 31 of your sophomore year. Check out the website <http://www.emu.edu/education/test-scores/> for all test info, and stop by the office if you have any questions. **A brochure is available to help you navigate these test codes, costs, and study resources.**

Opportunities (paid and volunteer)

Volunteer Opportunity with Harrisonburg City Schools

Harrisonburg City Public Schools Welcome Center is in need of volunteers to work with kindergarten through 5th grade age children in the Child Enrichment portion of the English classes that MTC & HCPS are offering to HCPS parents. Classes meet at Smithland Elementary School, September 14, 2015 thru May 5, 2016 on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15-8:10 pm. Volunteers can help one evening a week or all three evenings, for one week, one month, or the entire year. You are welcome to come for one evening to see if this is a good fit for you.

Contact: RaMona Stahl, at the HCPS Welcome Center, 540-433-3644 or rrstahl@harrisonburg.k12.va.us

Spring semester childcare wanted:

We are looking for 1-2 caring, responsible people to provide semi-regular childcare (up to 25-30 hrs/wk) in our home in the spring semester for our (to be) 5-month old girl. Our 2-year old boy may also be home intermittently, depending on daycare. Days and times will vary depending on parent work and class schedules. Care is needed for the spring 2016 semester; however, opportunities for extended care are possible. We live within a convenient walking (or biking) distance to EMU.

Experience caring for young children, particularly those less than 1 year of age, is required. Experience providing childcare for multiple children simultaneously is preferred. Preference will also be given to those CPR and first aid certified.

References required.

Contact: Mikaela Schmitt-Harsh; 507-382-1438; mschmitttharsh@gmail.com.



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