



University of South Carolina Upstate School of Education

**Welcome to the
SoE!**

USC Upstate Fast Facts...



- Founded in 1967 as a nursing program
- Offers 40 bachelor's programs in nursing, liberal arts, sciences, business, informatics, and education
- Offers 3 M.Ed. programs in education
- Over 5,300 students from 38 states and 71 nations

SO YOU
WANT TO...

TEACH?



SoE Facts...

- NCATE Accredited
- Offers 12 certification degree areas and a degree in fitness/recreation (exercise/sports science)
- Offers 3 M.Ed. degrees & an ESOL Certificate
- Offers programs at the University Center of Greenville and USC Sumter
- Over 1,000 candidates have declared education as their major as of 1/2010



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- Key Personnel:

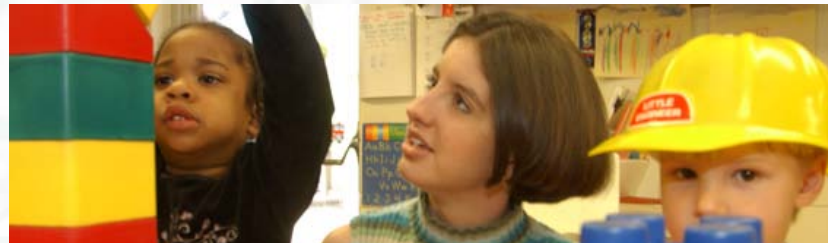
- Dr. Charles Love, Dean
- Dr. Jim Charles, Associate Dean
- Dr. Rebecca Stevens, Graduate Programs Director
- Dr. Judy Beck, Director, Greenville Campus
- Dr. Marilyn Izzard, Director, USC Sumter
- Ms. Hall, Mrs. Nicholls, & Mrs. Culbertson –
SoE Administrative Assistants



Conceptual Framework...



- The faculty and candidates of the School of Education:
 - Demonstrate **reflective teaching** practice.
 - Demonstrate **learner centered** instruction.
 - Demonstrate **performance based assessment**.
 - Demonstrate a commitment **diversity**.
 - Demonstrate a commitment to **professional responsibility**.



Take a Tour of Our Programs..

- Art Education
- Early Childhood
- Elementary
- Middle Level
- PE/Exercise-Sports Science
- Secondary Education:
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - English Language Arts
 - Mathematics
 - Social Studies
 - Spanish
- Special Education (LD)
- M.Ed.:
 - Early Childhood
 - Elementary
 - Visual Impairment
 - ESOL (certificate program only)



Art Education...

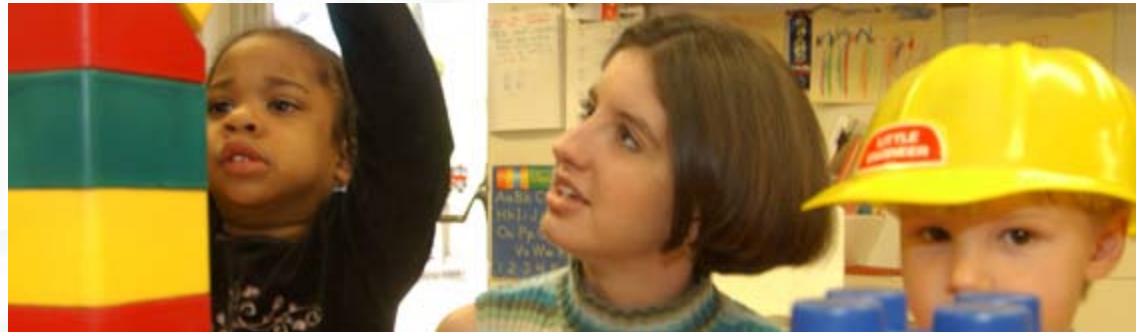
- Program Chair – Dr. Mary Lou Hightower
- Added in Spring 2009
- K-12 Certification



Early Childhood Education..



- Program Chair – Dr. Laura Hooks
- Offered on Spartanburg, Greenville, Sumter campuses
- K-3 Certification



Elementary Education...



- Program Chair – Dr. Greta Freeman
- Offered on Spartanburg, Greenville, Sumter campuses
- Can add on Special Education - LD
- Grades 2-6 Certification



Middle Level Education...



- Program Chair – Dr. Cece Toole
- Must major in two concentration areas (ELA, Math, Science, or Social Studies)
- Offered on Spartanburg & Greenville campuses
- Grades 5-8 Certification



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Physical Education & Exercise/Sport Science...



- Program Chair – Dr. Ben Snyder
- PE leads to certification; Exercise and Sport Science does not
- K-12 Certification



Secondary Education...



- Program Chair – Dr. Cece Toole
- Biology, Chemistry, English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Spanish
- Grades 9-12 Certification



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Special Education (LD)...



- Program Chair – Dr. Holly Pae
- Can also add-on Elementary Certification
- K-12 Certification



Graduate Programs...

- Director – Dr. Rebecca Stevens
- Early Childhood, Elementary, Visual Impairment, ESOL Certificate
- M.Ed.



Our Partner Schools...

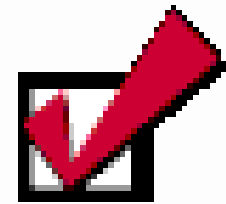
- Spartanburg Districts 1 through 7
- Internship Opportunities with District 6
- Greenville County Schools



Admission to the Professional Program...



- English 101 & 102, Speech 201 with a 'C' or better
- Successful completion of the prerequisites for Mathematics 121: College Algebra
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5
- Successful completion of SEDF 200
- Minimum 60 credit hours earned
- Passing scores on the Praxis I or ACT/SAT exemption
- Two satisfactory recommendations (one from general faculty, one from School of Education faculty)
- Personal affirmation of non-criminal background & SLED Check
- Teacher Education Standards of Professional Conduct agreement
- And more... see "Student Resources" on SoE page



Praxis I: PPST...



- Take this test soon!
- SC State requirement for all Teacher Education students.
- Exempt if ACT = 24+ or SAT = 1100+ (**new SAT = 1650+**)
- Praxis I information is on our SoE website.
- Tests on reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Fees vary by format.
- It takes approximately 3-4 weeks for official scores to reach our office.
- Computer Based Testing is available.
- Resources: Test at a Glance on ETS website; books for checkout from SoE, 1hr. Online course at SCC.

Student Organizations...



- **TEACh** –
 - **T**eachers **E**ducating **A**ll **C**hildren
 - Sponsors: Dr. Cece Toole, Greenville Campus;
Dr. Tina Herzberg, Spartanburg Campus
- **ASCD** –
 - **A**ssociation for **S**upervision and **C**urriculum **D**evelopment
 - Sponsor: Dr. Tina Herzberg, Spartanburg Campus
- **Kappa Delta Pi** –
 - Education Honors Fraternity
 - Sponsor: Dr. Rick Hartsell, Spartanburg Campus
- **Alpha Upsilon Alpha** -
 - International Reading Association Honor Society
 - Sponsor: Dr. Rebecca Faulkner, Greenville Campus

Successful Student Strategies...



- Make academics your priority.
- Develop study skills and time management skills.
- Get to know and work with your professors.
- When in trouble...talk with your advisor.
- Know the resources on campus.



Communication...

- Be sure to check your university email account. All email from the university will be sent to this account.
- You can access your account via any internet connection through the USC Upstate website.
- If you have trouble with your account, contact ITS Help Desk.



Course Selection...

- FOLLOW YOUR **Program of Study (POS)**!
- Balance your schedule!!
- Fulfill requirements for applying to the Teacher Education program.
- Complete General Education requirements.
- Complete courses required for content area major or minor.



To Do List...



- Take and pass Praxis I.
- Solid academic performance in every class.
- Sign up for Advisement each semester!
- Get involved!!!
- Seek assistance when needed.



So Let's Get Started...



- In your folder, there is a copy of your Program of Study (PoS) – this is your copy!
- **Use that information to then select specific courses using the Freshman Advisement Form you were provided.**
- Be sure to select at least 2 alternate courses.
- **Have a faculty member sign it and you are on your way! You will register tomorrow during orientation.**

SoE Contact Info...



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