Advisement Survey Online - We Value Your Input!

Please remember to go online and complete the Advisement Survey - We value your input! Click here to provide your feedback!

New Required Course: SEDF200!

**SEDF200: Colloquium**

SEDF 200. Teacher Education Colloquium (0)

Introduction to the teacher education program policies, assessment system procedures, and professional dispositions. Required before admission to the Art, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle Level, Physical Education, Secondary Education, and Special Education: Learning Disabilities Programs

All students applying to the Professional Program after January 1, 2010 will be required to successfully complete SEDF200.

**Spartanburg – 2 sections:**

- Section 1 Jan 27 - March 3 (SEDF 200 sec. 200)
- Section 2 March 15 –April 19 (SEDF 200 sec. 201)

**4 on-line Modules:**

One - School of Education Student Handbook; Teacher Certification
Two - ADEPT; e-portfolio; Reflective Practice
Three - Progressivism
Four - EEDA; Safe School Act

Register on VIP

See your advisor if you have any questions
TEACH, Scholars Academy & Student Nursing Association
Sponsor Canned Food Drive...

These three student organizations are collaborating to collect canned food items through the end of November. Collections boxes can be found in the HEC and on the second floor of the library. All collected items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please give what you can to help those in need.

Santiago, Chilé - Make Plans to Go On This Once in a Lifetime Trip!...

For the second year, teacher candidates who have at least sophomore standing and a 2.75 GPA are eligible to study in Santiago, Chile, May 16-30, 2010. The cost of the trip, approximately $2850, includes airfare, lodging, tours and excursions and most meals. Teacher candidates are housed with local pre-approved families in the area. The cultural and educational experience is through Finis Terrae University, a private university in a fashionable residential area of Santiago. Course credit can be given. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Rebecca Faulkner at rfaulkner@uscupstate.edu. A $100 deposit is required by November 15, 2009. Limited scholarship money is available.

Gifu City, Japan - Calling All Early Childhood Majors for This Once in a Lifetime Trip!...

Early childhood majors have a wonderful opportunity to spend one month this summer in Gifu City, Japan. This experience is open to juniors and seniors in good academic standing who wish to experience another culture. Participants will live with host families with all of their meals provided. The experience will also include 3-4 excursions. Participants will teach in a K4-5 private school providing English language and culture instruction for the children. Each participant will receive a salary of $200. Airfare and program costs of USD $1380 are at the participants’ own expense. Long-term future employment in the school is a strong possibility. If interested, please contact either Dr. Laura Hooks, lhooks@uscupstate.edu or Dr. Rebecca Faulkner, rfaulkner@uscupstate.edu.
Fingerprinting Reminder Information...

Directed Teaching Candidates for Fall 2010 or those needing fingerprinting for Spring 2010 Directed Teaching are encouraged to contact L-1 Identity Solutions to register for process while on campus November 17, 18, and 19. You can register online at www.L1enrollment.com

Spring 2010 Student Teacher Meeting Reminders...

Teacher Candidates that are student teaching in Spring 2010 have a Directed Teaching Meeting being held for those teaching in Spartanburg, Union, or Cherokee counties on November 17th in the CLC at 4:30. Those teaching in Greenville, Laurens, Pickens, Anderson will meet on November 19th at 4:00 at UCG. Please see Spring 2010 Calendar at the end of the newsletter.

ATTENTION Fall 2010 Student Teachers!...

If you are planning to student teach Fall 2010, you MUST complete and submit all application components no later than January 18, 2010! Application instructions and forms are located on the SoE website. Click here to begin.
Congratulations to Deidre Blackwell, a Middle Level Math/Science education major, for completing her first 1/2 marathon race - yes, that is 13.1 miles! Saturday, October 31, she ran in the Spinx Run Fest-Half Marathon and finished in less than 3hrs.! Way to go Deidre!

Physical Education Conference Opportunity...

Southern District AAHPERD & South Carolina AAHPERD Convention

When: February 10-14, 2010
Where: Myrtle Beach, SC
Cost: $25 early bird registration (before 12/1)
       $30 pre-registration (12/2 – 1/20)
       $40 onsite

Click here to visit the conference website for more details.

Any interested PE majors, please contact Dr. Jim Kamla at 503-5851, jkamla@uscupstate.edu or drop by his office, HEC 3023.

Beta Xi Book Drive on Sumter Campus...

The Beta Xi Chapter on the Sumter campus is sponsoring a community book drive on campus from Nov 9-20, after which all donated books will be presented to the children's ward at the local hospital.
ATTENTION Secondary Education Majors!...

Did you know that if you take SEDS 441, complete and submit the change form to the SCDE after graduation, that you will then be certified in Middle Level (insert your content area here)? One additional course is all you need!

ADEPT Portfolio Reminder...

Each candidate creates and submits an ADEPT portfolio at three points in the Education program: Initial, Pre-Student Teaching, and the Exit points. Additionally, included with the portfolio are your philosophy of education, your previous portfolio feedback (if applicable) as well as a copy of your Standards of Professional Conduct self-assessment. Please click here to view all portfolio requirements, etc. so you are adequately prepared.

- **Initial** portfolios are assessed by a course instructor (varies by program);
- **Pre-Student Teaching** portfolios are assessed by your advisor at the end of the semester prior to student teaching; and
- **Exit** portfolios are assessed by your Directed Teaching pull-back course instructor.

See you advisor if you have additional questions.

Are You Interested in Being A Mentor? Would You Like to Be Paid?...

If you answered yes to either of the above questions, you should contact “Promised Land”. They are seeking persons interested in helping local elementary kids with their reading comprehension.

For more information regarding this program, please contact **Joshua Quick** at 864.909.2530 or jshquick@gmail.com.
The University of South Carolina Upstate’s Special Education–Visual Impairment Program in the School of Education, directed by Dr. Tina Herzberg, recently received a grant for $497,675 from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the United States Department of Education. This grant will enable USC Upstate's Visual Impairment Program, in collaboration with the South Carolina Vision Education Partnership, to significantly increase awareness of Braille and knowledge of how best to teach it. Read more...

Congratulations to Dr. Tina Herzberg...

The learning disability program at the University of South Carolina Upstate has received a five-year, nearly $500,000 Special Education Pre-Service Training Improvement Grant from the Office of Special Education Programs, which educators say will provide a boost in addressing a "critical need" for special education teachers.

"It's going to be a tremendous help to not only the University but to the people of this community," said Charles Love, dean of the School of Education at USC Upstate. "This is an area that is of critical need not only in Spartanburg but nationally, and hopefully (students) who participate will stay in Spartanburg and the Upstate." Read more...
Mrs. Beverley Cornell and her SEDL 450 students make and play various percussion instruments as a requirement in the Fine Arts in the Elementary Curriculum course. Great job!

Student Teacher, Amanda Griffin, Takes Her Class To Pumpkin Patch!

Students in Tracy Spigner's first-grade class at Kingsbury Elementary School began learning about the life cycle of pumpkins this week. Their student teacher, Amanda Griffin, was the one who planned and taught the lessons.

As a part of Griffin's University of South Carolina graduation requirements, she must teach in a class for a semester, including planning and implementing lessons of her own. Because the state's first-grade academic standards require that students learn the life cycle of plants, Griffin decided that talking about pumpkins would go hand in hand with Halloween and the fall season. Additionally, she said, you can do almost any math, science or reading lesson by using a pumpkin.

** To read the full article published in the Item.com, please click here.
By being a part of the TEACH program, we will be participating in many projects. The Salvation Army and the Harvest Hope Food Bank will be our main projects this Fall.

"You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." — Winston Churchill

Chick-Fil-A Calendars: Fundraiser for TEACH

Chick-fil-A makes fundraising fun and easy with the always exciting, always colorful and always humorous Cow Calendar. Thanks to everyone who participated in raising money for TEACH!

Harvest Hope Food Bank

TEACH will be having a bake sale with all the proceeds going to the Harvest Hope Food Bank. Harvest Hope Food Bank’s mission is to provide for the needs of hungry people by gathering and sharing quality food with dignity, compassion, and education. If you would like to participate, please see your TEACH representatives.

What is TEACH?

TEACH serves and acts on behalf of the needs, rights, and well-being of all children and youth in the USC Upstate community and their families, with special emphasis on developmental and educational services and resources. It fosters the growth and development of the membership in our work with and on behalf of children and youth.

Salvation Army Stockings

The Salvation Army provides any number of 24 inch mesh stockings to the TEACH organization. The stockings are stuffed with a variety of items including toiletries, books, toy cars, costume jewelry, crayons, and other age and gender appropriate gifts. The returned filled stockings are then distributed as part of the Christmas Assistance Program. Each year, we desire to see that each child receives a stocking suited for his or her age group.

Angel Tree

The Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program provides new clothing and/or toys for children. UCG will have Christmas tree in the lobby. The tree is decorated with numbered paper angel tags with the first name, age and gender of a child who will receive the gift. Contributors remove one or more tags from the tree and purchase appropriate gifts for the child or children described on the tags. The toys are then delivered to the unit and later picked up by the parent to distribute to the child/children on Christmas Day. Are goal is 100 Angel Tree recipients this year!
Regional Science Fair Update...

The Region III Science Fair is coming in February 2010. This is the first year that the School of Education will be involved in the Regional Science Fair. Please mark your calendars for the event and if you are interested in volunteering and assisting with the fair please contact Debbie Whittingham, HEC 3025. This event will take place February 23rd – February 27th at the URC.

PRAXIS I and II Information...

Praxis I Information:

In order to be eligible for admission into the School of Education Professional Program, all students are required to take and pass all three portions of Praxis I (reading, writing, and mathematics) as mandated by the state of South Carolina. If you scored an 1100 or greater on the old SAT, 1650 on the new SAT, or 24 on the ACT, you may exempt Praxis I - please submit a copy of your scores to your advisor. Click here for the official S.C. Praxis website.

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Required Examinations for Praxis I (paper-pencil version):

- Reading - Test No. 10710
- Writing - Test No. 20720
- Mathematics - Test No. 10730

Computer-Based Test Numbers:

- Reading - Test No. 5710
- Writing - Test No. 5720
- Mathematics - Test No. 5730

2009 - 2010 Test Dates

Praxis II Information:

For students needing to take the Praxis II series for certification, please click here to find registration information and click here to view all required test codes by major.
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