

## *TeachSWLA June Newsletter*

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 6/7 Fee deadline for 1<sup>st</sup> Mini Session
- 6/8 Drop for Nonpayment 1<sup>st</sup> Mini & Full Session
- 6/9 Praxis @ McNeese State University
- 6/18 Last day to drop for 1<sup>st</sup> Mini
- 6/26 First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini Session
- 6/27 Last day to register for 2<sup>nd</sup> Mini

### **LESSON PLAN WORKSHOP**

July 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2, we will be holding a lesson plan and Comprehensive Curriculum workshop. Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education will be separated to give specific guidance to the different concentrations.

To register, you must email Brandy Fisher @ [bfisher@mcneese.edu](mailto:bfisher@mcneese.edu) and note your area of concentration.

### **LITERACY CONFERENCE**

On July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, McNeese will be holding its first annual Literacy Conference on campus. If you have been, are, or will be a student for the 2007 school year, you can register for \$25. See <http://literacy.mcneese.edu> for details and registration information.

\*Dr. Gerald Calais has approved the use of conference hours for field hours in EDUC 624 & 642. You must have instructor's approval for the use of the hours. However, the conference will be extremely beneficial to any and all attendees.

### **PRESCRIPTION PLANS**

Prescription plans are not available until your 599 packet is completed. This is NEED TO KNOW information since parishes are now requesting them for the next school year. See attached document "*Admission to Teacher Ed*" for your own 599 coversheet.

### **IMPORTANCE OF GRE (MAT ONLY)**

Many of you have encountered "HOLDS" on your student account this semester. I cannot stress the importance of the GRE enough. It must be taken before, or by the middle of your first semester of graduate school. Otherwise, you will be unable to register for courses for the next semester!

### **PRAXIS NEWSLETTER**

It has recently been brought to our attention that there is a monthly Praxis Newsletter sent electronically to your email account.

Log on to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org), select Praxis. Then, select "Newsletter" in the Institutions box in the center of the page. You can find out all of the latest information regarding refunds, ebooks, test dates, etc.

### **SCHEDULING OF COURSES**

Scheduling of courses is the responsibility of the student. If you encounter a problem with registration or need advisement on which courses to schedule within each portal, you should contact your advisor. The new system for registration is through the "Web for Students" link on the McNeese website ([www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu)). It is called "Banner Self-Service". You will need a student ID and PIN. Your ID is your SS# and your PIN is set up initially as your date of birth (mm/dd/yy). If you have difficulty with your PIN, you should print the "request form" on the "Web for Students" link and send it to the Registrar's office.

**ELECTRONIC PRAXIS I & GRE  
SITES**

1. Thomson Prometrics on Lamar  
Campus in Beaumont 800-967-1100
2. Alexandria 318-427-7540
3. Baton Rouge 225-578-9484 or 225-  
293-8489

**PRAXIS SCORE REPORTS**

You must submit copies of your Praxis score report(s) to our office. When you request scores be sent to McNeese, they are not sent directly to our office. It is best if you submit scores on your own to our office via fax 562-4157 or mail P.O. Box 90820, 70609. Ultimately, it is your responsibility.

**WAIVER OF PRAXIS I**

Effective September 1, 2006, McNeese State University along with BESE has allowed for minimum composite scores on the ACT or SAT to be accepted in lieu of the Praxis I. The minimum for ACT is: **22**. The minimum for SAT is: **1030**. The university must have official score reports.

The only other way to be exempt from the GRE and/or Praxis I is by having a Master's degree or Doctorate from an accredited university.

**LaT2T Scholarship Eligibility**

You must have completed the 599/499 packet and be teaching in a designated area of high needs for Allen, Beauregard, or Calcasieu! Submit all 3 forms for the scholarship to room 200 of Farrar Hall. Fax- 337.562.4157 or mail to: P.O. Box 90820, Lake Charles, LA 70609.

*Necessary Forms are attached.*

**TAKING ON TEACHING  
POSITIONS**

Teaching while in the program is an option made available to you. If you feel you are not ready, DO NOT take on the responsibility.

If you decide to take on a position, you are then the responsibility of the hiring parish. Any issues presented to you outside of coursework or program requirements should be taken care of through your employment supervisor.

**TeachSWLA Office Hours for  
Summer**

Monday- Thursday 9-4:30  
Friday 9-12

\*Appointments are preferred. Email to schedule at least one day in advance.

**ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION  
ORIENTATION**

If you are new to an alternate program, and have not attended orientation, the next is scheduled for August. The exact date will be posted on the July newsletter. Registration is not necessary. Due to the content of the Child Abuse Awareness Seminar, you should make arrangements for placement of your children. Stay tuned!

**NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS**

Currently, 399 individuals are receiving the monthly newsletters, as well as email alerts and updates throughout the month.

This amount is more than double the original number of recipients! With this in mind, if your email address changes, we will not be contacting you. It would be too time consuming to do so. Please notify us ahead of time or shortly thereafter with a new email address so you can stay up to date on all program issues!

