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Greetings RSCC Education Major:

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday break and are ready to start back this spring! This letter will review important information coming up within the education program. Please make sure you read this letter in its entirety and refer to it often.

## **Advising**

It is up to the student to get advising. It is required that all EDU majors meet with their advisors, or one of our EDU faculty, on a regular basis. To help answer questions you may have about the different options that are available within our education program, we will also be hosting group advising sessions on various campuses. These are general advising sessions with the faculty. The dates for these sessions are listed below: *(please note that all times are local time)*

- **Roane County Campus, O-224**
  - February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am EST\*
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am EST\*
- **Oak Ridge Branch Campus, Goff 336**
  - February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am and 5:30pm

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- **Cumberland County, room 116**
  - February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am CST
- **Scott County Campus, Library**
  - February 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm EST (appointment or walk-ins)
- **Campbell County Campus, Second Floor Faculty Offices**
  - February 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 4pm EST (appointment or walk-ins)
- **Virtual:**
  - February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am EST\*  
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88545274692>  
 Hosted by: Stacie Bradshaw
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm EST\*  
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/86285143985>  
 Hosted by: Stacie Bradshaw
  - April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm EST\*  
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/82256961378>  
 Hosted by: Stacie Bradshaw

*Note: The meetings with the asterisk (\*) next to them will be joined by our TTU advisor.*

## **Mandatory Advising**

Please do not forget that it is required that all students undergo mandatory advising every semester to receive their PIN number to register for their next semesters courses. As this time approaches, you will receive email reminders from your advisors asking that you schedule a time with them for advising. Please note emails about advising are sent through your RaiderNet email. Make sure you are checking this daily for important reminders. Your spring and summer PINs will be different from your fall PIN.

## **Graduation**

Spring and summer 2022 graduations are right around the corner. If students are planning to graduate, then they will need to complete the exit exam through the RSCC Testing Center prior to graduation. This can only be completed the semester you are planning to graduate, and you can refer to the testing center webpage (<http://www.roanestate.edu/?5446-Testing-Centers>) for instructions on how to sign up and complete the exam online. Students will also need to apply for graduation on their RaiderNet account and reach out to their advisor to meet. If unable to complete the application in RaiderNet, then students will need to contact their advisor and complete the form in person. Graduation applications are due January 28, 2022, for the spring semester and March 25, 2022, for the summer. More information can be found on the following website:

<http://www.roanestate.edu/?5464-Graduation>

## **TTU's 2+2 Program for Elementary (K-5) Education**

For those looking to start the 2+2 program with Tennessee Tech University (TTU) for the Fall 2021 semester, please keep in mind that there are deadlines students need to meet. Students need to apply to TTU and the College of Education, as well as complete an Intent to Participate form online no later than **March 1, 2022**. The following website <https://www.tntech.edu/education/ci/2plus2.php> will supply various links and information regarding the application process. A booklet with the information can also be found by clicking this link.

RSCC will also have the 2+2 TTU advisor, Matthew Richards, available to meet with you one on one throughout the semester. He is available to schedule virtual

appointments. Please email him at [mrichards@tntech.edu](mailto:mrichards@tntech.edu) with any questions or to schedule your appointment.

### **TTU's 2+2 Program for Secondary (6-12) Education**

TTU is also looking to start a new 2+2 program for students who wish to major in secondary education in either Chemistry or Math. These cohorts would be based on our Oak Ridge Branch Campus. If you are interested you can contact the TTU Secondary Advisor Chuck Craig at [CCraig@tntech.edu](mailto:CCraig@tntech.edu) and you can also find more information on the 2+2 website

<https://www.tntech.edu/education/ci/2plus2.php>.

### **ETSU Early Childhood (PreK-3) Cohort**

RSCC is also hosting advising sessions for students interested in an early childhood program (PreK-3) with ETSU. Advising sessions with Kathy Greer from ETSU will be held either by phone or virtually this semester. Please reach out to Kathy Greer to schedule an appointment via email at [greerkd@etsu.edu](mailto:greerkd@etsu.edu).

### **Praxis CORE**

The Praxis: Common Academic Skills for Educators (CORE) exam is also an area in which many students have questions. If students do not earn a score of 21 or higher on the ACT or a 1020 or higher on the SAT, students must take and pass the Praxis Core in order to earn an AST degree from RSCC and gain acceptance to the education program at a four-year university. *(Please keep in mind, the score of 21 is for new majors (enrolled starting fall 2019 – present), if you are already enrolled in the program, you may be required to meet the score of 22 or higher.)* The exam may be taken via computer at several testing centers, the closest being in Knoxville.

*(Please note, Praxis testing is still ongoing and still required as part of your AST Degree, and admission to the university, during this time. You can check the ETS website, [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis), for updates related to testing during COVID.)*

RSCC recommends that students take the exam no later than the end of December in the sophomore year if students plan to graduate in the spring or summer. By doing this it allows time to retake the exam, if needed. The Praxis must be passed and the scores received at RSCC prior to graduation in the spring/summer. Students will need to also have a copy of their scores sent to the university in which they plan to transfer. The required passing scores are: 150 for Math, 156 for Reading, and 162 for Writing. To register for the exam students will need to go to [www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org). Test codes are as follows:

- Common Academic Skills for Educators: Math- 5733
- Common Academic Skills for Educators: Reading- 5713
- Common Academic Skills for Educators: Writing- 5723
- Common Academic Skills for Educators: Combined Test- 5752

*Please note: the ETS website states that "Tennessee will continue to accept passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators tests, Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732), for program admission through August 31, 2020."*

## **Disposition Forms**

Disposition forms are required for the AST degrees. To complete these forms students will need to follow the link provided on <http://www.roanestate.edu/?6702-Elementary-Education-K-5> and sign in using the RaiderNet login. Students will then complete the required fields making sure that

they have valid email addresses for those people to rate them. Students will need one of each from the following three people:

- A RSCC EDU faculty
- A RSCC General Education faculty (ex: HIST, ENGL, MATH, etc.)
- A K-12 Teacher/Principal/Guidance Counselor

These are a requirement for the AST degrees and if they are not completed by graduation, RSCC cannot post a degree. It is recommended that these are completed no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 for those graduating this spring or summer to allow time for them to be entered into the system.

## **Background Checks**

All education majors planning to transfer to a Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) school are required to have a criminal background check completed prior to admission. Students **MUST** have this completed before their acceptance to the College of Education at a TBR school. Therefore, students will want to complete this process as soon as possible because it will take several weeks for the results to be sent from the agency to the school and back to the student. Once again, students cannot be admitted to the education program until they have been cleared. Most TBR Universities use either of the following agencies: Tennessee Cogentid or L1Enrollment. Students will need to contact the school in which they plan to transfer to obtain which company they are currently using and receive the O.R.I number for that university. Please note that these background checks are **NOT** the same as the background checks that students have completed for the EDU courses at RSCC.

## **STEA Chapter/Education Club**

Join our chapter of the Student Tennessee Education Association! We are looking to grow our STEA chapter here on Roane State's campus that will also serve as an Education Club. It is co-sponsored by EDU faculty Stacie Bradshaw and Cody Miller.

The goal is to get students involved in the field of education by having them complete one or more service projects each year and involve them in current events related to education. All meetings will take place at 4:00pm EST on the following dates and locations:

- February 21<sup>st</sup>, Roane County Campus room O-224 and Oak Ridge Campus room Goff 336
- March 21<sup>st</sup>, location TBA
- April 18<sup>th</sup>, location TBA

Additional dates may be added at the discretion of the STEA chapter and approval from the advisors. Those dates would be announced at that time. You can also follow the STEA Twitter page (@RoaneState\_STEA) for the latest information.

## **Education Open House**

The RSCC Education Department will be hosting an Open House for current and prospective education majors. Students will be able to meet the faculty, see the education classroom, and get program information. University education program representatives will be in attendance to answer questions. Free food and drinks will be served! See below for campuses and information:

- Roane County Campus: Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 11am in O-224

- Oak Ridge Branch Campus: Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Goff 336

## Contact Information

We would like to remind all students that they are welcome to contact us with any questions. Please see our contact information listed below. We may also be reached via Facebook, Twitter, or you may find more information on our webpage.

- Facebook: Roane State Education Department
- Twitter: @EducationRSCC
- STEA Twitter: @RoaneState\_STEA
- Website: [www.roanestate.edu/education](http://www.roanestate.edu/education)
- Instagram: educationrsc

We hope that the information in this letter will answer some of your questions and help you prepare for the upcoming semesters. Have a wonderful semester.



Sincerely,

Roane State Education Department

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacie Bradshaw".

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