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Greetings RSCC Education Major:

Welcome back! We hope that you had a wonderful break and are ready to start back this fall! This letter will review important information coming up within the education program. Please make sure you read this letter in its entirety and refer back 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**
 - October 19th @ 5pm EST*
 - November 10th @ 10:30am EST*
- **Cumberland County, room TBA**
 - October 18th @ 9:30am CST

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Roane ♦ Anderson ♦ Campbell ♦ Cumberland ♦ Fentress ♦ Loudon ♦ Morgan ♦ Scott
(Knox and Blount for Health Sciences)

- **Virtual:**

- September 14th @ 9am EST*
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
Hosted by: Stacie Bradshaw
- October 3rd @ 5pm EST*
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
Hosted by: Stacie Bradshaw
- November 22nd @ 10am EST*
<https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
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Note: The meetings with the asterisk () next to them will be joined by our TTU advisor.*

Please Note: Additional advising dates will be available on all campuses throughout the semester with an academic advisor. You will be able to find those dates in the Advising Newsletter that is sent out to your Raidernet email account.

Mandatory Advising

Please do not forget that it is required that all students undergo mandatory advising every semester in order 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. You need to make sure you are checking this on a daily basis for important reminders. Your spring and summer PINs will be different from your fall PIN.

Graduation

Spring and summer 2023 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 27, 2023, for the spring semester and March 31, 2023, 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 2023 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, 2023**. 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 with potential 2+2 students. Please email him at 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 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.

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, 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. 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."

Also note: RSCC will now accept a Superscore of 21 or higher on the ACT. This will not automatically show on their records and if a student feels that they have met the Superscore requirement, they will need to notify their advisor.

PRAXIS Core Study Materials

For those students who need to take the PRAXIS Core, you can now find study books in the libraries on the Roane and Oak Ridge Campuses. Books are also available in the EDU Workrooms on the Roane and Oak Ridge campuses for use in the classroom. Additional online resources are available through ETS and the Kahn

Academy, Tennessee Electronic Library, and TTU also offers online study materials. If you have questions, please speak to either Stacie Bradshaw or Dr. Cody Miller.

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 15th, 2023 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 also involve them in current events related to education. All meetings will take place at 4:00pm EST on the following dates and locations:

- August 22nd, Roane County (O-224) and Oak Ridge (Goff 336)
- September 19th, Campus TBA
- October 17th, Campus TBA
- November 14, Campus 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.

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
- 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, appearing to read "Stacie Bradshaw".

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