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Greetings RSCC Education Major:

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful summer 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 for their appropriate program of study. It is required that all EDU majors meet with their advisors, or our EDU faculty, on a regular basis. To help with this, and to help answer any and all of your questions, I have set up group advising sessions that may be attended. These are designed to go over all the program requirements, answer any questions you may have about the education program and/or courses, and you will also have the opportunity to speak with our TTU 2+2 advisor as well. These can be attended in addition to one on one advising sessions with your success coach, academic advisor, or EDU faculty.

These are scheduled for the following campuses:

- Roane County, O-224
 - February 20th @ 4pm EST
- Oak Ridge Branch Campus, Goff 336

- February 6th @ 12pm EST
- Cumberland County Campus, Room 116
 - February 14th at 9am CST
- Virtual:
 - March 11th @ 5pm EST <https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
 - April 3rd @ 11am EST <https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>

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 semester's courses. As this time approaches, you should receive an email reminder from your success coach/academic advisor asking that you schedule a time with them for advising. Please note, emails about advising are sent through your Raidernet email. Make sure that you are checking this email daily for important reminders. Your summer and fall PIN numbers will be different from your spring PIN number.

Graduation

Our graduation ceremony is not far off. If you are planning to graduate, then you will need to complete the exit exam in the semester you plan on graduating through the RSCC Testing Center prior to graduation. This can only be completed in the semester you plan to graduate and you can refer to the [testing center webpage](#) for instructions on how to sign-up and complete the exam.

Students will also need to apply to graduate. This can be done through your Raidernet account, and you can find detailed instructions on the [graduation webpage](#). Graduation application deadlines are as follows:

- Spring 2024: January 26, 2024
- Summer 2024: March 29, 2024

Tennessee Tech's 2+2 Program for Elementary Education

For those looking to start the 2+2 program with Tennessee Tech University (TTU) for the Fall 2024 semester, please keep in mind that there are deadlines that students must meet. Students will need to apply to the college this semester, as there is a priority scholarship deadline of December 15, 2024. Students will also need to apply to Tennessee Tech's College of Education (CoE) and complete an Intent to Participate form online no later than March 1, 2024. The following website will supply various links and information regarding the application process ([TTU 2+2 Webpage](#)).

We also have a Tennessee Tech 2+2 advisor, Matt Richards, who is available to meet with you on a one on one basis throughout the semester via virtual appointments. He will also be available during all of our EDU Group Advising sessions. You can email him at mrichards@tntech.edu with any questions or to schedule an appointment.

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.

The exam may be taken via computer at several testing centers, the closest being in Knoxville. RSCC EDU Department recommends that students take the exam no later than mid-October/early November for those who plan to graduate in Spring or Summer 2024.

By doing this, it allows students to retake the exam, if needed, as you must wait 30 days to retest.

The PRAXIS Core must be passed and the scores received by RSCC prior to your degree being posted. Students will also need to have a copy of their scores sent to the university in which they plan to transfer. The required passing scores are:

- Math: 150
- Teaching: 156
- Writing: 162

To register for the exam, students will need to go to www.ets.org. The following are the required test codes:

- 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

Note: *Students can take the Combined Test initially, and are encouraged to. Taking this exam does tend to alleviate test anxiety and is also cheaper than taking the test individually.

Disposition Forms

Disposition forms (also known as index of suitability forms) are required for all AST degrees. To complete these forms, students will need to follow the link below, students will use their Raidernet login to sign-in. Students will then complete the required fields making sure that they have a valid email address for those they wish to rate them. These forms must be completed prior to graduation, or RSCC cannot post the degree. It is recommended

that students have these completed by March 15th of the spring semester prior to graduation. Students will need to have a completed form for each of the three people:

- A RSCC EDU Professor
- A K-12 Teacher/Principal/Guidance Counselor
- A RSCC General Education Professor (outside of education courses)

Disposition form link: [RSCC EDU Disposition Form](#)

STEA Chapter

RSCC has a Student Tennessee Education Association (STEA) Chapter here on campus. We are looking to grow this chapter here on campus and strongly encourage all of our education majors to join. It is currently being led by education professor Stacie Bradshaw. The goal of this chapter is to get students involved in the field of education by having them complete a service project every semester, and involve them in current events related to education. And I am already working to schedule events for the spring!

All meetings will take place at 5pm EST on the Roane County campus*, O-224, on the following dates:

- **January 30th**
- **February 20th**
- **March 26th**
- **April 16th**

*Note: Students who cannot make it to the Roane County campus can find the zoom link to join on our EDU webpage: www.roanestate.edu/education

Additional dates may be added at the discretion of the STEA Chapter and approval from the chapter sponsor. Those dates would be announced at that time. You can also follow the STEA Twitter page for the latest information.



@RoaneState_STEA

****Don't forget: This is a great way to earn those PD points for EDU 101, EDU 111, and EDU 211!****

Updates Are Happening!

Our Education Department is always looking to improve the experience of our students to help make them better students and future teachers! Listed below are some of those updates and important events coming up:

[EDU Orientation](#)

This orientation will be for all students enrolled in one of the following courses:

- EDU 101 H01, H25, X01
- EDU 111 H01/S60, X01
- EDU 211 H01, H25
- Dual Enrollment

This orientation will be held on both the Roane County and Oak Ridge campuses at various times. During this time, we will go over all the required paperwork for your observation and/or service learning hours, policies, and have the opportunity to get your questions answered. You can RSVP to this event by clicking here: [EDU Orientation RSVP Form](#)

[Professional Development Opportunities](#)

For students enrolled in EDU 101, EDU 111, or EDU 211, one of your course assignments is known as Professional Development. To help you reach your required number of PD points,

the Education Department is hosting several events in addition to the ones listed on the assignment sheet. These are:

Social Media & Teaching

- This workshop will look at the impact that social media has had on the field of education and also on teachers. We will look at ways you can utilize social media both in and out of the classroom to enhance your teaching and lessons, but also ways that you can protect yourself and the do's and don'ts of your personal social media account.
 - Oak Ridge Branch Campus, Goff 336, March 19th @ 11-12:30pm EST
 - Roane County Campus, O-224, March 20th @ 11-12:30pm EST

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

- *“Mental Health First Aid is an early intervention public education program. It teaches adults how to recognize the signs and symptoms that suggest a potential mental health challenge, how to listen non-judgmentally and give reassurance to a person who may be experiencing a mental health challenge, and how to refer a person to appropriate professional support and services.”*
 - Roane County Campus, O-224, April 12th @ 8:30am - 4:30pm EST
 - Students will have a one-hour lunch break on their own.
 - Please register by March 22, 2024 by using this link as there are limited spots available for this workshop: [Register Here](#)
 - There is about 20-30 minutes of pre-work to complete prior to this workshop.

STEA Movie Night

- The STEA Chapter will host another movie night this semester on April 23rd at 6pm EST on the Roane County campus in O-224. The movie is TBD, but please bring popcorn, your own drinks, dinner, or other snacks you may want. This is a time to relax before finals with your peers. This is also a good time to get together with your group.

Detailed information about these events can be found on the flyer posted in your Momentum course and also on our Education Department website. All education majors are welcome to attend, not just those enrolled in EDU 101, EDU 111, or EDU 211.

[Update to the Education Department Webpage](#)

Our education department webpage has been updated to include all group advising dates for the current semester, new contact information, current and past education letters, as well as information on the STEA Chapter including meeting dates for the current semester. Please take a moment to check it out and use it as another resource! You can locate it using this web address: www.roanestate.edu/education.

Contact Information

I would like to remind all students that they are welcome to contact me at any time with any questions about our programs. Please see the contact information listed below (and we have new QR codes you can use to easily access these sites too that you may have noticed throughout the letter and below!). Please feel free to utilize any of these sites/options to contact me.

Remind App:

EDU 101: Intro to the Teaching Profession <https://www.remind.com/join/rsccedu101>

EDU 111: Exceptional Children <https://www.remind.com/join/rsccedu111>

EDU 211: Educational Psychology <https://www.remind.com/join/rsccedu211>
RSCC Education Program <https://www.remind.com/join/rsccedu>
RSCC STEA Chapter: <https://www.remind.com/join/rscctestea>

X(Formally Twitter):

Professor Stacie: @ProfessorStacie
RSCC Education Department: @RoaneState_EDU
RSCC STEA Chapter: @RoaneState_STEA

I hope that the information in this letter will answer a lot of your questions about our programs and help you prepare for the upcoming semester. Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at bradshawsn@roanestate.edu.

Have a wonderful semester!



Sincerely,

Roane State Education Department

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

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