



August 2023

Greetings RSCC Education Major:

Welcome back! I hope that you had a wonderful summer 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 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**
 - October 25th @ 10am EST
- **Oak Ridge Branch Campus, Goff 336**
 - September 12th @ 12pm EST

- **Virtual:**

- November 1st @ 1pm EST <https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
- November 1st @ 6pm EST <https://roanestate.zoom.us/j/88117429600>
- November 18th @ 10am 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 spring PIN will be different from your summer and fall PIN numbers.

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:

- Fall 2023: September 29, 2023
- 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, 2023. 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.



Tennessee Tech's 2+2 Webpage

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.

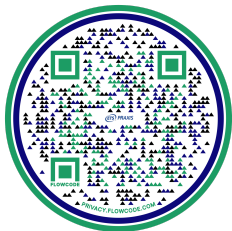
The PRAXIS Core must be passed and the scores received by RSCC prior to your degree being posted. Students will also need to have a copy of their scores sent to the university in which they plan to transfer. The required passing scores are:

- 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.



ETS Praxis Webpage

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 speakers for the Fall!

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

- **August 29th**
- **September 26th**

- **October 24th**
- **November 14th**

*Note: Students who cannot make it to the Roane County campus can email Stacie Bradshaw (bradshawsn@roanestate.edu) for a Zoom link to join.

Currently, I am working to get speakers signed up to come and speak to the STEA Chapter.

Below are the dates that these speakers have agreed to:

- **September 26th** (Tentative: TTU 2+2 panel)
- **October 24th** (Confirmed: Education Administration and K-12 Teacher Panel)

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 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, H02, H25, S60, W01
- EDU 111 W01
- 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 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:

- **Soft Skills & Planning Workshop** *Students will need to bring their own planner
 - September 14th @ 5pm EST, Roane County, O-224
 - September 19th @ 2pm EST, Oak Ridge, Goff 336
- **Praxis Palooza**
 - October 20th @ 12:30pm EST, Roane County, O-224
- **STEAM Movie Night** *movie is TBD
 - November 28th @ 6pm EST, Roane County, O-224

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 or EDU 211.

[Volunteer Opportunity](#)

Students will have the opportunity to volunteer for our Teacher's Supply Closet for Roane County teachers to come and "shop" for school supplies. Students who help will gain PD points and I will give extra credit for those enrolled in one of my EDU courses. The event

will take place on **Saturday, September 30th** in the O'Brien Theater on the Roane County campus. The event will start at 9am EST, and students will need to report to O-224 by 8:30am EST. The event should end around 12pm (noon) EST. We do ask that students wear jeans and either a RSCC shirt or a red shirt if they have one. Students interested can email me at bradshawsn@roanestate.edu to sign up.

[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!



RSCC Education Department Webpage
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>

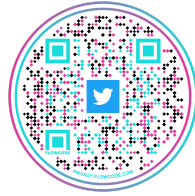
RSCC STEA Chapter: <https://www.remind.com/join/rscctestea>

X (Formally Twitter):

@RoaneState_EDU



@ProfessorStacie



@RoaneState_STEA



Instagram:

@educationrsc



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!



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

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