

The Administrator Communicator

Dates for Programs and Opportunities in Degree and Certification Processes

- Masters degree comprehensive exams will be held on October 9, 2006, both in the morning and afternoon on the Commerce campus. Call Martha or email her to sign up for the exam and request either the morning or afternoon session (Martha_Moore@tamu-commerce.edu or 903-886-5520).
- Fall semester written doctoral comprehensive exams will be held November 14-15, 2006.
- In order to take the TExES certification exam for the Standard Principal Certificate, the following courses must be completed: EDAD 615, 626, 574, 554, 607, 656, and 508. For the Standard Superintendent Certificate, the following courses must be completed: EDAD 620, 627, 628, 611, 641 and 651. See <http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/standtest/testdates0607.pdf> for upcoming TExES exam dates and registration deadlines. The new website for test registration is <http://www.texas.ets.org/>.
- A review session for the TExES principal exam will be held on Tuesday, October 10, at 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Call Martha Moore at 903-886-5520 to sign-up. Print out and bring a copy of the study guide to the review session.

Who to Contact with Program Questions

If you have questions about your program, please email the following coordinators.

Doctoral Program, Timothy_Jones@tamu-commerce.edu

Superintendent Certification Program, Rex_Carr@tamu-commerce.edu

Master's/Standard Principal Certification Program, Casey_Brown@tamu-commerce.edu

Doctoral Admissions

The doctoral admissions process will be completed in early November. Applicants for this program should access the department web page for more details and have their applications completed and submitted to the graduate school by October 15, 2006.

Winter Mini and Spring Registration

Students may enroll for the winter mini and spring sessions beginning October 16. Winter mini courses include Quality Schools (EDAD 597, taught by Dr. Copeland), School Crisis Leadership (EDAD 597, taught by Dr. Brown), and Facilitating Learning for Diverse Students (EDAD 508, taught by Dr. Murphy). Classes will not be overfilled so register early!

Completing Enrollments and Degree Plans

If you are entering the educational administration program for the first time this semester, you need to complete the admissions process if you have not already done so. This includes taking and submitting the Graduate Record Exam scores to the graduate school, providing transcripts, and sending in two recommendation letters. This must be complete in order to continue taking courses in the program. Please do not delay in completing the process. The GRE is administered by Prometric on computer (appointments are done on-line for the test). **STUDENTS NOT ADMITTED TO THE PRINCIPALSHIP PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENROLL BEYOND THE FIRST SIX HOURS. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Students who have not been admitted to the Principalship program WILL NOT have a degree plan completed.

Masters Degree Orientation Seminar Date

The master's degree orientation seminar is required of all newly enrolled educational administration masters students. This seminar requires attending a one-time, three-hour orientation residency seminar on the Commerce campus. After formal acceptance into the graduate school, the seminar must be completed within the first 12 hours of coursework in educational administration. Students will be delayed in completing their degree and comprehensive exam if this requirement is not fulfilled. The next seminar date for the fall 2006 semester is Saturday, November 11, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The session will be held in the Library of the Commerce Campus. If you have not already signed up for the seminar in one of your classes, email Dr. Gaines at maryann_gaines@tamuc.edu to register. More information about the seminar will be emailed to each student registered.

Program Notes

- Graduate students in EDAD programs may not enroll in more than 12 semester credit hours without approval from the department head and graduate dean.
- Doctoral students may not sit for comprehensive examinations until the end of their second year and within six hours of completing all doctorate coursework. Cohort students beginning in June of each year will not be able to sit for the comprehensive examination until the fourth long semester following the June their cohort began providing they are in their last six hours of coursework. There are no waivers from this policy. Doctoral students must have also successfully completed all research tools courses prior to sitting for the comprehensive examination.
- Doctoral cohort members interested in the Superintendent Certification Program must apply for admission. Contact Dr. Rex Carr at Rex_Carr@tamuc.edu for information.
- In order to ensure continuity and program quality, doctoral students will no longer be allowed to take courses toward the doctoral degree under independent study.

An Important Reminder for Doctoral Students from the Graduate School

When preparing your dissertation proposal as well as the dissertation itself, you MUST adhere to the guidelines provided on the Graduate School web site (Submission & Preparation of the Dissertation Guidelines on the Forms page). Furthermore, all submissions to the Graduate School MUST adhere to the requirements in the APA Style Manual (5th ed.) Failure to comply with any of these requirements will delay the approval of your proposal and/or dissertation and may even delay your graduation.

New Name for an Exciting Future

By Dr. Madeline Justice, Interim Department Head

Welcome to the fall semester!! The departments of Secondary & Higher Education and Educational Administration have merged. The department has now taken on a new name—Educational Leadership. Educational Administration, Higher Education, Educational Technology, and Training and Development programs make up the new department. The new web site (<http://www.tamu-commerce.edu/edl>), which is under construction, has basic information for all of the programs. Even though we have changed the name, all programs and certification requirements will stay the same. Certification programs now include: Business Education, Health Science Technology, Marketing Education, Principalship, School Librarian, Superintendentcy, Technology Applications, and Trades & Industry. New faculty faces this fall are: Drs. Ernest Horany-Educational Administration, Mike Moses-Distinguished Meadows Professor, Joe Neely-Educational Administration, Carole Murphy-Educational Administration, Roger Pool-Higher Education, Sam Roberson-Educational Administration, and Joyce Scott-Higher Education. The interim department head is Madeline Justice-Higher Education. Timothy Jones-Educational Administration serves as assistant department head. Jane Clark from SHED joins Martha Moore and Joyce Harper from EdAd on the Educational Leadership office staff. You may call continue to call the office at 903-886-5520 or fax to 903-886-5507. The department excitedly looks forward to the new fall and spring semesters, and hopes that when you come to Commerce, you have the opportunity to come by the office and visit with us.

Meadows Program

The Meadows Principal Improvement Program has scheduled four seminar presenters for the 2006-2007 academic year. If you are interested in attending the sessions and/or receiving academic credit for this program, contact Dr. Casey Brown at Casey_Brown@tamu-commerce.edu for details on how to register. Credit requires that academic work be completed in addition to program attendance. This is an excellent way to fill one of the elective credit requirements. All sessions will be held from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) in the Leadership Room of the Mesquite Metroplex Center. Please email soon if you are interested as sessions fill up quickly. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

September 27, 2006

Phillip Schlechty

From Bureaucracies to Learning Organizations: Transforming Schools

Phil Schlechty is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Schlechty Center for Leadership in School Reform, a non-profit corporation with headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Under his guidance, the staff of the Schlechty Center conducts seminars and provides training programs and workshops for superintendents, principals, teachers, school board members, and parent groups. In addition, staff members at the center provide support to networks of superintendents and principals who are committed to the notion that the core business of schooling is to create engaging school work for students; work that results in the students developing a profound grasp of rich and important academic content. Dr. Schlechty has written numerous books and articles, the most recent of which are *Inventing Better Schools*, *Shaking up the School House*, *Working on the Work*, and *Creating Great Schools: Six Critical Systems at the Heart of Educational Innovation*.

October 24, 2006

Alan November

Leadership: Managing the Transition

Alan November is an international leader in education technology who has helped schools, governments, and industry leaders improve the quality of education through technology. Dr. November was named one of the nation's fifteen most influential thinkers of the decade by *Classroom Computer Learning Magazine*. His writing includes numerous articles and bestselling book, *Empowering Students with Technology*. Dr. November will outline essential skills for leadership and offer practical guidelines and creative solutions for building accountability into the planning process. Articulating vision and mission, managing change, and aligning technology to primary goals will be emphasized.

February 12, 2007

Timothy Jones & Sherion Jackson

Reinventing the Classroom: Applying Brain-Based Learning

Dr. Timothy Jones serves as an Associate Professor of Educational Leadership at Texas A&M University-Commerce. In his more than twenty years in education, he has worked as a teacher, building, and central office level administrator as well as in the professoriate. Dr. Sherion Jackson is currently an Associate Professor in the College of Technology and Computer Science at East Carolina University, where she mentors faculty in online courses according to best practices for online teaching. Brain-based learning is the method best suited to improvement in learning capacity and is the subject of this seminar. Facilitators will help participants expand knowledge in this area and provide opportunities for applying this new knowledge in the K-12 classroom and on the campuses in order to provide students the best opportunities and environments for learning growth.

March 30, 2007

Gregg Garn & Kathy Dodd

Full-Service Community Schools

Dr. Gregg Garn is an associate professor of educational leadership and policy studies and the coordinator for the Educational Administration, Curriculum, and Supervision program at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Kathy Dodd serves as the Executive Director for Elementary Education for Union Public Schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her responsibilities include the supervision of the district's twelve elementary schools as well as directing the PreK-12 community schools initiative. Dr. Garn and Dr. Dodd will focus on the topic of full service community schools. Research and practical knowledge will be shared on how a school district joined with community services to offer school-based medical, dental, prescription drug, behavioral health, and weekend family meal services.

Come Join PDK

Phi Delta Kappa is an international association of classroom teachers, educational specialists, school administrators, college and university professors, and education professionals who find fellowship in their efforts to promote and improve education. If you are interested in helping to change the future of education through leadership, service, and research, while meeting others with this common focus then you are invited to apply for membership. If you have questions or need additional information, please email Dr. Caroline Vornberg at c_vornberg@yahoo.com or Casey Brown at Casey_Brown@tamU-commerce.edu or view PDK's webpage at orgs.tamU-commerce.edu/pdk.

Searching for a Job?

Students and graduates seeking administrative positions can check for nation-wide openings on www.Teachers-Teachers.com. For openings in Texas see www.tasanet.org.

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