

# School of Education

Today is August 29, 2014

## Dates

September 4 is the student teaching meeting for people signing up to teach in the spring. Reference requests and requests to review applications will be rolling in soon thereafter.

## Updates

DTS is working on extending evening and weekend support with an external vendor. Until this is in place DTS will be offering on-site classroom support during the following hours:  
Monday –  
Thursday: 7:50 am – 6:30 pm  
Friday: 7:50 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday: 7:50 am – 5:00 pm

## From the Dean's Desk:

Welcome to the NEXT semester of our year. The Super Summer Staff members are still at work preparing our students and part-time instructors for fall while we welcome 42 more full-time degree seekers. They join over 600 others working on advanced degrees and the thousands who continue to enroll in Extension Education courses and special events. Enjoy the extended weekend! Jan McMahon

## Reminders

1. From Aggie Jones: Please don't forget about Course Substitution Forms. When a student sends a transcript for a course that he or she has taken over the summer, it's really helpful to have that course substitution form to how to count the class.
2. T&L advisors: Praxis I is gone and has been replaced by Praxis Core by ETS (same content, new test). Drake is now using Praxis Core with new cutoff scores that students can access on zSOE200 under the sidebar "Praxis Core (Previously Praxis I)".

## Spotlight

1. In the name of service to our community, the staff in the Extension Education office in our garden level is taking advantage of Drake's community service leave program today and are volunteering to package food at Meals from the Heartland. The Extension Education office is closed from 11 am - 1 pm today to support this worthy effort. The Drake program allows full time employees to take up to 8 hours of paid leave per year for volunteer community service activities at schools or non-profit organizations. More information about Meals from the Heartland here: <http://mealsfromtheheartland.org/>
2. In the name of collaboration (among higher education and the Iowa Board of Educational Examiners), Michelle Krogulski is co-chairing an IACTE (Iowa Association of Colleges of Teacher Education) subcommittee to revise the point system that the BOEE uses for teacher licensure renewal. This will affect all Iowa teachers' licensure renewal process.

## Invitation

The Counseling Program and Powell CDC at Unity Point are holding their second annual community forum on recovery entitled:

**Young People, Substance Abuse and Mental Health: Recognizing the Effects of Marijuana and other Drugs on Tomorrow's Leaders**

Sunday: 11:00  
am – 7:00 pm

Please call  
x3001, option 1  
to connect with  
the individual on  
site. The  
individual will be  
able to offer  
basic assistance  
with the ability to  
contact  
additional DTS  
team members  
as needed.

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 7-8:30 p.m., Meredith 106

This is open to everyone. Please come and bring a friend.

## Media - 2

1. A Hechinger Report opinion piece co-authored by David Maxwell:

### Can higher education reinvent our 'paralyzed and dysfunctional' democratic process?

By David Maxwell and Kevin Kruger

Student participation in the political process is on the decline in the U.S. as skepticism for political candidates and processes rises.

In the 2012 U.S. presidential election, voter turnout among 18 to 24 year-olds fell to 41 percent, a six percentage-point drop from the 2008 election, The Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning and Engagement recently reported. (In comparison, participation among older adults was down one percentage point).

We met with fellow higher education leaders from Europe and North America this summer to discuss the role of the university in a civil society to reinvent, or at least reinvigorate, our respective democracies. More at: <http://hechingerreport.org/>

2. 17 minute video on the Toxic culture of education: Joshua Katz at

TEDxUniversityofAkron <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnC6IABXOI&sns=em>

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