

Today is April 8, 2016

Cool Des Moines Data

Impress your out-of-state relatives. Who knew that Des Moines was #1 for: Best metro with the most community pride; The wealthiest city in America; Best City for Young Professionals, Best up-and-coming city for foodies, Best medium-sized metro-area for home ownership, and MORE...check out the 2016 accolades at...
<http://www.drake.edu/communications/resources/pridepoints/>

Updates

1. **Wed. April 20 from 9:30-10:45 am in B-13 - talk about service learning research at UKZN**
2. **Spring 2016 final grades are due by 10:00am on Wednesday, May 18.** Plan on getting them in early or letting catherine.gillespie@drake.edu know that you will be a late-grade-entry person so she doesn't have to harass you.
3. All Haven holds have been resolved and lifted. Woo hoo.

University Diversity statement

Dear colleagues,
I am writing to follow up on last

Reminders

It's Sexual Assault Awareness Month. There are posters all over campus advertising special events. More details here: <https://www.facebook.com/drakeassaultresponse?ref=hl>

Chris Emdin Interview

http://www.pbs.org/newshour/updates/what-white-folks-who-teach-in-the-hood-get-wrong-about-education/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=pbs_official&utm_campaign=newshour

Iowa BoEE/DE updates

Iowa BoEE/DE Updates from the Iowa Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Conference – April 1, 2016

- Program completion exams: ETS Praxis II (pedagogy and content) or edTPA. ETS PPAT is not yet approved. May be approved if a content element is added. Right now it would only assess pedagogy and the content Praxis II test would also be needed.
- Endorsements currently being revised: Reading, Early Childhood
- Licensure recommendation process – plans are in the works to update the system to an all online process, no specific date has been set, students will start license application process with the BoEE; May grads will continue under current process.
- Remote fingerprint scanning will no longer be offered by the BoEE for our candidates. Programs will each do ink fingerprinting cards for own students. Complete this early in the semester. (FBI can take 4-6 weeks to process the background check).
- Pre-service License discussion is tabled with

week's invitation from President Martin to participate in a community discussion on developing a statement of diversity and inclusion to be adopted by the University in May. The meeting day and time is **Wednesday, April 13 from 3-4:30 pm.**

Thank you,
Melissa Sturm-Smith, PhD
Associate Provost for Academic Excellence and Student Success

DT Magee leaving the BoEE. There is not a current plan to continue discussion of this.

- Literacy legislation – “reading recovery” will come out of the legislation and Ch. 79; broader “best practice” language and service to students will be updated.
- Added endorsements for already licensed teachers must be approved by the State Board/meet requirements.
- Passing scores for a program completion assessment will be “grandfathered in” for the calendar year if the passing score requirement changes due to recalibration of the 25th percentile.
- Ch. 77 standard updates were approved by the State Board on 3/31/16.

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