



School of Education Graduate Newsletter

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Spotlight: Graduation Application

Attached to this newsletter you will find a Graduate Degree Application. If you are intending to graduate within the next two quarters, please fill out this form and return it to the Graduate Program Manager as soon as possible. If you are a doctoral candidate, please include the title of your dissertation on the form. Please contact Megan Hamshar at mego@spu.edu or (206)281-2378 with any questions.

Upcoming Comprehensive Exam Dates

Doctoral Comp Exams

April 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, August 14

Doctoral comp exams are held from 8:45am to 12:45pm in the Library Instructional Classroom on the first floor of the library. If you would like to take a comp exam on one of these scheduled dates, please contact Megan Hamshar at mego@spu.edu or (206)281-2378.

School Counseling Comp Exams

June 9, August 11

School Counseling comp exams are held from 2pm to 4pm in the Library Instructional Classroom on the first floor of the library. If you would like to take a comp exam on one of these scheduled dates, please contact Megan Hamshar at mego@spu.edu or (206)281-2378.

EDU 6508 Vocabulary Development

With Dr. Bill Nagy, offered this Summer quarter

The size of students' reading vocabulary has long been known to be the single strongest predictor of their ability to understand text, and the National Reading Panel report identified vocabulary as one of the 'five pillars of reading.' But in many classrooms, vocabulary either neglected, or taught using methods that have been shown to be ineffective.

This course will provide a research-based foundation for effective vocabulary instruction. We will explore the nature of the relationship between vocabulary knowledge and reading comprehension, the role of vocabulary in the academic language, the processes by which students learn words, principles of effective instructional practice, and ways to help students acquire the skills and dispositions necessary for independent word learning.

Curriculum and Instruction

Upcoming courses in the Curriculum and Instruction program.

Summer 2009

EDU 605 Moral Issues in Education

EDU 6524 Curriculum Design

EDU 6526 Survey of Instructional Strategies

EDU 6613 Standards-Based Assessment

EDU 6655 Human Development & Principles of Learning

EDU 6975 Interpreting & Applying Ed Research I

EDSP 6644 Educating Exceptional Students

EDTC 6536 Instructional Technology & Information Management

C&I Comprehensive Exam

The comprehensive exam, delivered via Blackboard can be taken any time after completing all coursework. Most students take the exam during the summer after completing the Capstone course which serves as an exam preparation.

Call for Counselor Educators

Do you know someone who would make a good counselor educator? Consider SPU's new PhD in Counselor Education! For more information about the program visit

<http://www.spu.edu/depts/soe/academics/doctorate/index.asp> or contact Dr. Christopher Sink at csink@spu.edu or (206)281-2453.

Administrator Professional Certification

Why the SPU Program is Right for You:

It is **Integrated and Job-embedded**: the self assessment, the growth plan, and the project are all based on your specific school context. It is **Personally Meaningful**: candidates create their plan and project based on personal & school growth needs. They are supported by on-going networking with their cohort and mentor (professional learning community format). It is **Manageable**: orientation and six seminar sessions may be completed in one year; additional quarters available as needed. It is **Accessible**: both SPU campus and regional district locations available. It is **Affordable**: tuition for the entire 12 credit program is \$2990 (up to 6 credits may apply toward SPU doctoral program at full graduate rate). **Eligibility**: 2 years administrative experience required. **Timeframe**: SPU's APC program is completed in one year.

For more information, contact the Center for Professional Education

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