SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Parent/Dean’s Meeting

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SRU’ S COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

• SRU originated as a Teacher’s College in 1889
• SRU is part of the PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE)
• SRU is nationally accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)
• Of the 93 teacher preparation institutions in PA only 18 are accredited (about 20%).
• SRU is the 4th largest producer of teachers in PA (behind West Chester, Penn State and Millersville)
WHY WE EXIST

• We believe education is the difference-maker
• We strive to positively impact education, in all of its aspects, from Pre-Kindergarten through Higher Education.
• We strive to provide access to a world class education for a diverse population of students within and outside of the Commonwealth.
MAJOR OPTIONS

• Areas for Teacher Certification:
  • Early Childhood (pre K – grade 4)
  • Middle Level (grade 4 – grade 8)
  • Special Education (pre K – grade 8) with Early Childhood
  • Secondary Education (7-12)
    • Social Studies/History
    • English
    • Science and Math (Only at the GRAD level)
  • Health and Physical Education (K-12)
  • Music Education (K-12) – not in College of Education
  • Foreign Language Education: French and Spanish (K – 12)

• Non-Certification Degrees:
  • Transition Programming
  • Physical Activity and Fitness Management
NON-CERT DEGREES

• Transition Programming
  • Leads to a career providing services for individuals with disabilities across the lifespan

• Physical Activity and Fitness Management (PAFM)
  • Leads to many careers such as adventure travel and tourism, fitness director and personal trainer, to name a few.
TIPS FOR PARENTS/FAMILIES

• Allow for mistakes, they are opportunities to learn

• Encourage independence

• Resist the urge to intervene
  • On the small to medium issues

• Ask questions

• Provide support
CONCERNED

• Submit a Care Report
FIRST TWO YEARS AT THE ROCK

• Declare Education as a Major
• Must work towards and apply for Teacher Candidacy between 48 & 60 Credits
  • Common requirements for all education majors seeking teacher certification:
    • 2.8 QPA
    • 6 credits in each Math and Literature/Writing
    • Demonstrate competency in “basic skills”
    • Must have “clear” background checks
    • Must have negative TB test
    • Act 126 training (Mandated Reporter)
    • Other requirements differ by department (certain courses)

• Once admitted, considered a “Teacher Candidate”
WAYS TO DEMONSTRATE BASIC SKILLS COMPETENCY

• Qualifying SAT Scores
• Qualifying ACT scores
• Qualifying PAPA scores
• Qualifying ETS Core assessment scores

• Can mix and match reading, writing and math from the various options.
DEMONSTRATE “BASIC SKILLS” BEFORE COMING TO SRU

• SAT Scores
  • Prior to March 2016: Score of 500 in reading, writing & mathematics
  • After March 2016: 27 in reading, 26 in mathematics & 28 in writing and language

• ACT scores:
  • Between Sept. 2015 & Sept. 2016 22 in reading, 21 in writing & 21 in math
  • After September 2016: 22 in reading, 21 in mathematics & 8 in writing
DEMONSTRATING “BASIC SKILLS” AT SRU

• Pre-service Academic Performance Assessment (PAPA exams)
  • This is the Commonwealth’s test
  • Covers Reading, Writing and Mathematics
• ETS Core Academic Skills for Educators (ETS Core exams)
  • Test is given in many other states
  • Reading, Writing and Mathematics
ETS CORE VS. PAPA

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[https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/](https://www.ets.org/praxis/about/core/)  [https://www.pa.nesinc.com/](https://www.pa.nesinc.com/)
PREPARATION MATERIALS

• Free and priced materials can be found on the testing websites

• Students can e-mail Dr. Preston (james.preston@sru.edu) for username and password to free online prep course. Please use SRU e-mail account.
AFTER “TEACHER CANDIDACY”

• Field experiences embedded in the courses, “practice teaching”

• Courses in the major area (pedagogy and additional content)

• Student Teaching – a capstone experience
  • 16 weeks- usually divided into two 8 week segments
  • Held in various locations
    • Western PA Schools
    • Dublin, Ireland & Mexico City; (application required)

• Disposition and Ethical Behavior are important and assessed
CERTIFICATION AND GRADUATION

• Requirements
  • Complete all coursework & student teaching
  • QPA
    • A 2.8 to enter teacher preparation program
    • 3.0 to be recommended for certification with appropriate Praxis II/PECT Score
  • Pass Praxis II/PECT (content)
    • Test(s) can be taken on-line at SRU
• PA teacher certification transfers well to other states.
OPPORTUNITY EXCLUSIVE TO FRESHMEN

Deadline to apply: June 30, 2019

Benefits:
- Stipend
- iPad
- Mentor

Contact Dr. Monique Alexander with questions: monique.alexander@sru.edu
All freshmen will be asked to purchase a subscription to TaskStream.

- TaskStream is an online tool that will allow students to **create e-portfolios, store important artifacts of success and create lesson plans**.
- Subscriptions can be purchased per semester or for several years.
- A six year subscription is less than a single textbook ($139 for 7 years or $50 per year).
RECENT GRADS IN EDUCATION

• 62% are working full-time in their field*
• 14% are working part-time in their field*
• 14% have chosen to continue their education*

• Of those with full-time employment in their field, 46% are working in PA

• More information found in 2017 Annual Report by Career Education and Development

* Of those who responded to the survey
THE JOB MARKET LOOKS BRIGHT

• Openings in PA are increasing.
• A teacher shortage is being predicted for the future in PA and is currently happening in many states.
• In the past 15 year there has been a 33% decline is graduates from teacher prep programs in PA.
• Opportunities in other states are abundant; VA, NC, SC, FL, NV, MS, AK, AZ, GA, UT.
• International & online teaching opportunities are increasing.
• Teachers with PA certifications are highly sought after.
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