MSE PROGRAM UPDATES FOR ALL MSE STUDENTS

What you will learn or have learned within the Wilmington University MSE Program is UNIQUE !!! This will be or is value added to you as an educator!!

CONFERENCE WITH PROGRAM CHAIR/ADVISOR:

Students in the MSE program who started taking MSE classes in Fall 2010 or later:

• A reminder that after the completion of BOTH MSE 7401 (Curriculum in Special Education) and MSE 7990 (Practicum) or MSE 7991 (Practicum One), you are required to schedule a conference with your program chair/advisor. Please enroll in MSE 5001 so you can complete this graduation requirement. **This course title is MSE 5001.**
• During this conference, subjects to be discussed include;
  o Discussion of the student’s autobiography (bring a written copy to meeting)
  o A current copy of your resume (bring a copy to meeting)
  o Interview questions (in written form)
  o A written copy of the student’s philosophy of education (bring to meeting to be discussed)
  o Student’s experiences from practicum, the various workplace options in the field of education along with the challenges of these various options
  o Your tentative schedule of courses prepared during your initial planning conference.
  o Elements as indicated on the rubric found on TaskStream.

• Students taking courses in New Castle need to contact Dr. Jeff Roth @ 302.295.1138.
• Students taking courses in Dover need to contact Dr. William H. Lane @ 302.734.2594.
• Students taking courses in Georgetown need to contact Dr. Shirley Butler @ 302.856.5780.

This meeting is now a degree completion requirement for MSE students entering the MSE program in Fall 2011 or later.

PRAXIS II TEST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION:

Reminder that you are to have your PRAXIS II scores sent to Wilmington University. Retain a copy of **ALL** pages for your files along with providing a copy to your advisor.

Additionally, we informed you that taking and passing the required PRAXIS II test in Special Education (10354), whereas it made you eligible for a certificate from the state of Delaware, and satisfied our program requirements, it does NOT make you Highly Qualified (HQ) to teach a specific content.
Therefore, we **strongly recommend** that you consider taking an additional state required PRAXIS II test such as:

- 10014, Elementary Education: Content Knowledge, Delaware’s required Elementary Education K-6 test, in order for you to be special education certified and Highly Qualified (HQ) to teach K-6 students.
- If you are from another state, you are encouraged to take the additional test for that state.

**E-FOLIO (TaskStream) – MED 6102:**

Students entering the MSE program in Fall 2009 or later are required to register for E-Folio MED 6102. Registration fee is $125.00 which covers a six year period. All course SEA’s will be electronically loaded into MED 6102. Course grades are not complete until SEA’s have been entered into E-Folio. **Students are reminded that you are only required to upload items to TaskStream that are within your major.** Example: If you are taking MED (School Leadership) classes, you would **NOT** upload your MED assignments to TaskStream. ***It is the student’s responsibility for ensuring that SEA’s are completed for each class.***

**Changes to the MSE Program:**

Effective Fall Block One 2012, students entering the MSE Program are now required to complete **three (03) Practicums;** MSE 7991, MSE 7992, and MSE 7993. Additionally, Teacher Internship will be eighty (80) days in length. **Students taking an MSE course prior to Fall Block One 2012, will adhere to the requirements set forth upon their entry into the MSE Program.**

**Practicum Placements:**

Practicums are semester long courses. Students will complete their classroom observation clock hours at one of our Professional Collaboration Partnership Schools. Your Practicum placement will be in a setting where you will be successful and make an impact on student learning. These Professional Collaboration Partnership Schools include:

- **In New Castle County,** The Brennen School in Newark/Appoquinimink School District
- **In Kent County,** Kent County Community School, Charlton School, Positive Outcomes, or Academy of Dover
- **In Sussex County,** Sussex Consortium, Howard T. Ennis, Seaford School District
- **In Maryland,** Radcliffe School in Chestertown, and Dorchester School District

Please plan your enrollment in Practicums accordingly. Dr. William Lane will be the practicum placement supervisor with Dr. Jeff Roth – New Castle and Dr. Shirley Butler – Kent and Sussex County, New Jersey and Maryland providing placement locations for students.

Students are reminded to be sure to complete the Practicum Fieldwork Application Form (My Placement – found on TaskStream) at the time of registration. Registration for Practicum and the Practicum Fieldwork Application Form must be completed before students can be placed. **Deadline for Summer Practicum applications is April Thirtieth (30th) 2013.**

Remember to **apply early** for your Practicum, as Wilmington University is not the only university seeking placements within the school districts.

Send Practicum information to: Dr. Shirley Butler, Dr. Jeff Roth.

Students will receive their Practicum placements at the first class meeting.
WRITING ASSESSMENT:

All students in the MSE program are required to take the on-line writing assessment by the end of their fourth (04th) course. Requirements are made through the graduate admissions office or may be obtained from your MSE program advisor.

STATE CERTIFICATION:

Compliance with state certification requirements is the responsibility of the student. Be aware that certification requirements vary from state to state.

AUTISM CERTIFICATION COURSES:

Wilmington University offers graduate-level courses designed to satisfy academic requirements for a state of Delaware Autism certificate.

- Students taking courses to satisfy certification requirements are personally responsible for verifying with the DE DOE (or appropriate licensure/certification authority in another state) that such work course is applicable and acceptable.

Students are also responsible for meeting all state-mandated testing requirements (PRAXIS I, PRAXIS II, etc.) for fulfilling state-mandated degree and/or teaching experience requirements, and for applying for credentials. Please remember that Wilmington University grants degrees and that in order to obtain certification, you must apply to the state of Delaware.

Wilmington University offers the five (5) courses approved for state of Delaware certification in Autism:

- MSE 7402 Applied Behavior Analysis
- MSE 7404 Assistive Technology
- MSE 7501 Introduction to Autism and Severe Disabilities
- MSE 7506 Functional Communication
- MSE 8101 Severe Disabilities

CHECK YOUR WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY E-MAIL ACCOUNT

Students are reminded to be sure to check your Wilmington University e-mail account frequently. Important messages/information is sent via the Wilmington University e-mail. Sometimes e-mails from Wilmington University are blocked by personal or schools’ e-mail accounts.

FIVE (05) ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS FOR MSE COURSES:

The following locations throughout Delaware are now offering MSE courses:

- In NEW CASTLE - The Brennen School – in Newark. Courses at The Brennen School can be found under the Wilson Graduate Center listings. Appoquinimink School District can be found under the Wilson Graduate Center listing
- In KENT COUNTY – Kent County Community School (KCCS) – in Dover. Courses at KCCS can be found under the Dover listings.
- In SUSSEX COUNTY – Cape Henlopen High School (CHS) – in Lewes. Courses at CHS can be found under the Georgetown listings. Seaford High School – in Seaford. Courses at SHS can be found under the Georgetown listings.

MSE course(s) will be offered at each of these off-campus sites per block. The course start time at each of these locations is FOUR (4:00pm). Registration is open to all MSE students. Students will receive a ten (10) percent reduction in their tuition cost for taking a course at any of these off-site locations.
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## Additional valuable information:

Deadline for Teacher Internship (MSE 8802) registration:

**FALL** teacher internship March First (01st).

**SPRING** teacher internship October First (01st).

For any additional information on the MSE program contact:

**Dr. William H. Lane**  
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