WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY

SPRING ONE 2014

MSE PROGRAM UPDATES FOR ALL MSE CANDIDATES

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 ADVISOR:

Candidates in the MSE program who started taking MSE classes in Fall 2011 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 advisor. **This zero credit course is MSE 5001.**
- During this conference, subjects to be discussed include;
    - A current copy of your resume (bring a copy to meeting)
    - Interview questions (in written form)
    - Candidate's experiences from practicum.
    - Elements as indicated on the rubric found on TaskStream under MSE 7401/7990.
- Candidates taking courses in New Castle need to contact Dr. Jeff Roth @ 302.295.1138.
- Candidates taking courses in Dover or Georgetown need to contact Dr. VanGelder @ 302.856.5780.

This meeting is now a degree completion requirement for MSE candidates 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:

- 5031, Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects, 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 any additional test(s) for that state.

E-FOLIO (TaskStream) – MED 6102:

Candidates entering the MSE program in Fall 2009 or later are required to register for E-Folio MED 6102. 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. **Candidates 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 within the MSE program, you would NOT upload your MED assignments to TaskStream. *** It is the candidate's responsibility for ensuring that SEA's are completed for each class.**

CHANGES TO THE MSE PROGRAM:

Effective Fall Block One 2012, candidates 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. **Candidates taking an MSE course prior to Fall Block One 2012, will adhere to the requirements set forth upon their entry into the MSE Program.**

Candidates who entered the MSE Program prior to Fall Block One 2013, must have the following completed PRIOR to Practicum placement:

1. **Criminal Background Check (CBC)**
2. **Child Protective Registry (CPR)**
3. **PPD/TB Test**

Candidates entering the MSE Program starting in Fall Block One 2013 or later must have the following completed PRIOR to Practicum placement:

1. **Criminal Background Check (CBC)**
2. **Child Protective Registry (CPR)**
3. **PPD/TB Test**
4. **Passing scores on ALL sections of Praxis One**
    a. **Math 174**
    b. **Reading 175**
    c. **Writing 173**

Option "C" Candidates will soon be required to complete two hundred forty (240) hours of observation to complete their administrative certificate in addition to the six courses required.

Practicum Placements:

Practicums are semester long courses, except in New Jersey where Practicums may be offered in block format. Candidates 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, Worcester County Public Schools, and Dorchester Public Schools.

In New Jersey – PennsGrove, Swedesboro-Woolwich, Woodstown, Millville, Glouster County Special School District, and Vineland.

Please plan your enrollment in Practicum accordingly.

Candidates 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 candidates can be placed. **Deadline for Summer Practicum applications is April Thirtieth (30th), 2014.**

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

WRITING ASSESSMENT:

In order to best position our students for academic success, candidates are required to complete an assessment of their writing skills prior to registering for their fourth course in their intended degree program. Wilmington University uses the ACCUPLACER® computer-based placement testing system. For more information on this process, http://www.wilmu.edu/testing/writing.aspx

STATE CERTIFICATION:

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

AUTISM CERTIFICATION COURSES:

Wilmington University offers ALL five (05) graduate-level courses designed to satisfy academic requirements for a state of Delaware Teacher of Students with Autism or Students with Severe Intellectual Disabilities certificate. The TWO "NEW" courses, MSE 7409 Methods of Instruction in Academic Standards & Functional Skills, and MSE 7507 Competency-based Practicum in Behaviorally Based Teaching Techniques are available.

- Candidates 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 course work is applicable and acceptable.

Candidates 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 Certification Office.**
Wilmington University courses approved for state of Delaware certification in Autism and Severe Intellectual Disabilities:

MSE 7402	Applied Behavior Analysis
MSE 7501	Introduction to Autism and Severe Disabilities
MSE 7506	Functional Communication
MSE 7507	Competency-based Practicum
MSE 7409	Methods of Instruction in Academic Standards and Functional Skills

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FROM D.O.E.:

"If an educator in your District/Charter School has received an evaluation letter from us stating the courses that are required under the old regulation, and are in the process to complete those requirements, they will be accepted. If an educator had previously applied for the certificate and was working on the requirements, we will accept courses under the old regulation. Those educators who have not yet applied, but are working towards the requirement, will need to complete the current requirement."

PLEASE CHECK YOUR WILMINGTON UNIVERSTIY E-MAIL ACCOUNT

Candidates 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.

ADDITIONAL VALUABLE INFORMATION

At the time of application (and submitted before the deadline expiration): candidates must have passed Praxis I and II, obtained a NEW DE CBC (criminal background check) and delivered to the Program Chair (Office of Clinical Studies), renewed and uploaded into Taskstream the TB/PPD document, renewed and uploaded into Taskstream the CPR (child protection registry) and completed and uploaded into Taskstream the signed Health Form. Teacher candidates will be able to access the application, directions, and required documents for download in Taskstream. If the candidate is experiencing difficulties with Taskstream, please direct all inquiries to Taskstream Mentoring Services at 800.311.5656. Please contact Mr. Wells (tyler.a.wells@wilmu.edu) for any questions regarding deadline and required documentation.

Deadline for Teacher Internship (MSE 8802) registration:

FALL teacher internship February First (01st).

SPRING teacher internship August First (01st).

For any additional information on the MSE program contact:

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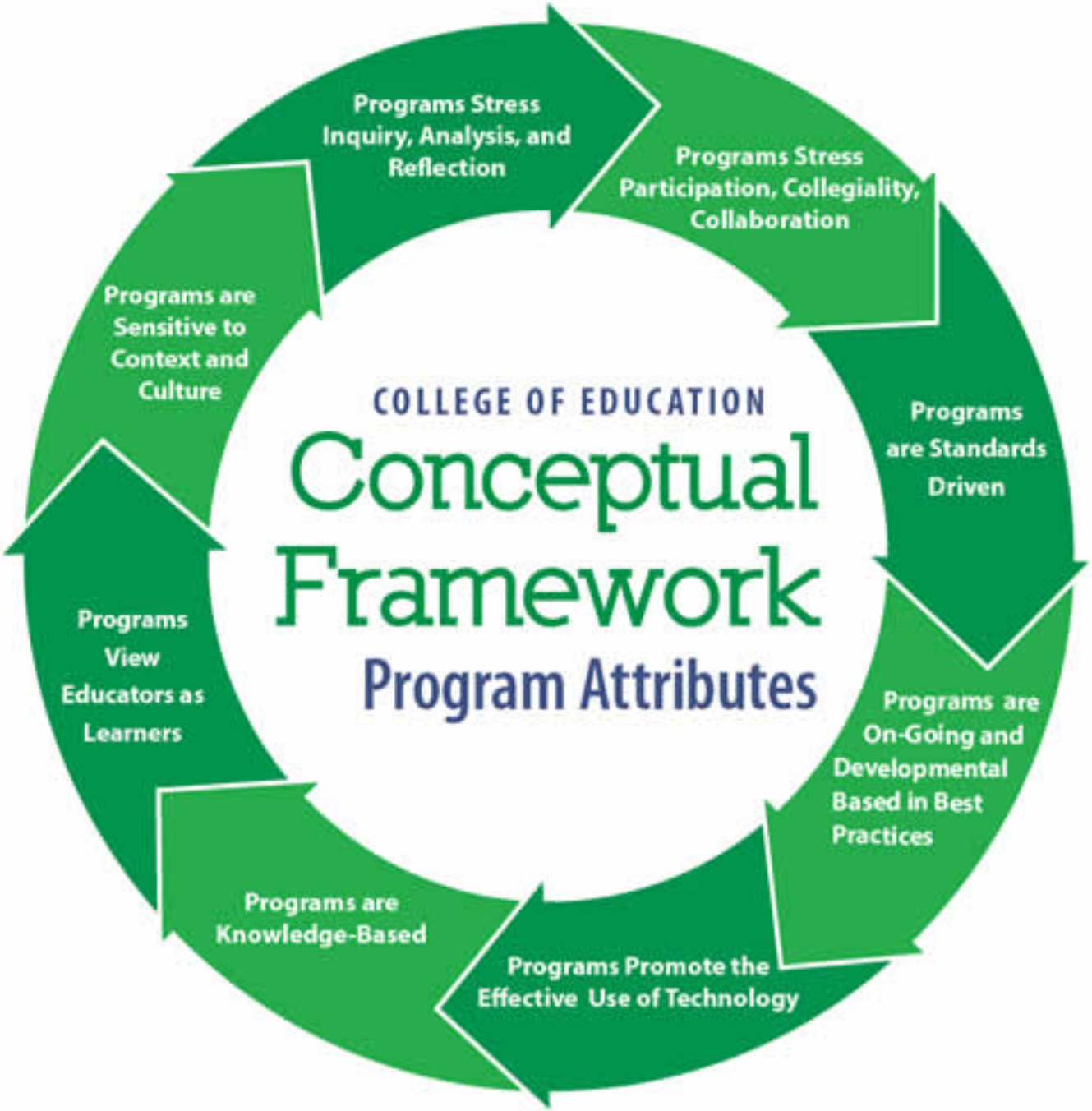
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Conceptual Framework
Program Attributes
Programs Stress Inquiry, Analysis, and Reflection
Programs Stress Participation, Collegiality, Collaboration
Programs are Standards Driven
Programs are On-Going and Developmental Based in Best Practices
Programs Promote the Effective Use of Technology
Programs are Knowledge-Based
Programs View Educators as Learners
Programs are Sensitive to Context and Culture