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TODAY'S ARTICLES	**TAKE NOTE...**
Fall OEP Open Forums OEP Welcomes Josh Maher Mentor/Cooperating Teacher Survey FAQs re. Voucher Program TEACH Grants available Advising Connection edTPA Update	Need to know more about the voucher program? See the FAQs below.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Office of Educator Preparation Fall Open Forums

This is a reminder that the Office of Educator Preparation will conduct two Open Forums for fall semester. This is an informational update pertaining to educator preparation. Proposed agenda: new federal (Title II) requirements, data, unit assessments, placements, Module I update, questions, and topics from attendees. Please send one representative from each program.

Fall Forums:
Thursday, Nov. 10, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Ramseyer 136
Friday, Nov. 18, 10 - 11 a.m. via link to Carmen Connect.
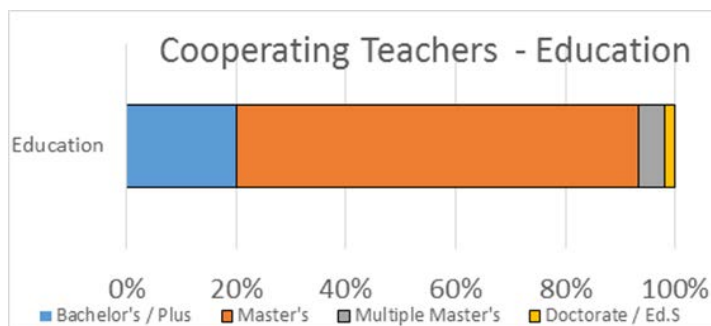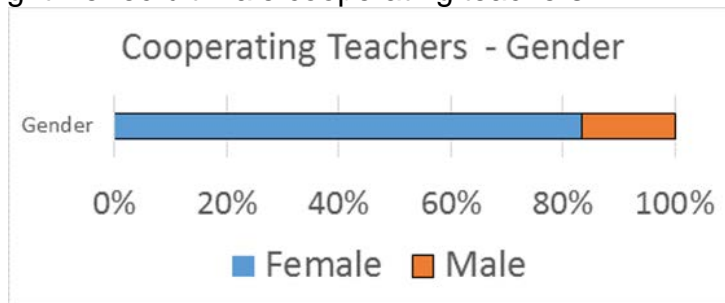
OEP WELCOMES JOSH MAHER

The Office of Educator Preparation would like to introduce Josh Maher, Education Assessment Data Coordinator. Josh uploads rubrics and assessments into Tk20, handles enrollment of students in Professional Development Courses, and is the background check contact in OEP. Required documents for field placements go to him, as well. Questions pertaining to background checks should go to Josh at maher.93@osu.edu, or call him at (614) 292-2581. His office is in 185 Arps Hall.
Welcome Josh!

MENTOR/COOPERATING TEACHER SURVEY

The Fall 2016 Cooperating Teacher (CT) Survey was distributed on Wednesday, October 19 with a completion deadline of Friday, November 4. Currently, 44.8 percent of people have responded. More information about how you can help us meet our goal (80%) will arrive in your inbox soon.

The Spring 2016 CT Survey yielded 336 responses. Who supports our student teachers? The graphs below give a quick glimpse of the gender and education breakdown of the group. We look forward to sharing more detailed results with you from the Spring and Fall 2016 CT Surveys soon.

As you look at this data, consider asking yourself, what does this idea tell us about our own cooperating teachers? How might we recruit male cooperating teachers?

Cooperating Teachers - Gender

Cooperating Teachers - Education

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE VOUCHER PROGRAM

How will students receive their OAE and edTPA voucher codes?

By the third week of the semester, students will receive an email from OEP with their OAE and edTPA voucher code that includes directions to redeem it and the expiration date. Each student's OAE/edTPA voucher codes may also be found at the bottom of their Basics tab in Tk20.

Faculty and staff questions should be directed to [Kathleen Lynch](). Students should check their Bursar bill first. If they do have an Ed Prep Voucher fee listed, they should email [edprep@osu.edu]().

ARE YOUR STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR TEACH GRANTS?

The Federal Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) grant is awarded to students that earn licenses in high need fields and will teach in low income schools. For Ohio, high need fields are: Arts; English/Language Arts; Foreign Languages; AYA Mathematics' AYA Science; AYA Social Studies; Special Education – all fields; Speech/Language Pathology; and TESOL.

For more information, go to [https://studentaid.ed.gov/home]().

ADVISING CONNECTION, by Heather Long, Academic Advisor in EHE

Do You Have a Student Facing Difficult Circumstances?

If you believe a student may be dealing with difficult circumstances (i.e. a death in the family, accident, illness, etc.), encourage them to discuss this with an academic advisor. Advisors may refer students to appropriate resources for additional support (i.e., Counseling & Consultation Services, Dennis Learning Center, Wellness Center, etc.).

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edTPA UPDATES

"Helping Candidates Help Themselves"

How might you support your candidates? Send them messages! Below is a tip for candidates (thank you to Nancy Cunniff Casey from St. Bonaventure University):

Another Proofreading Tool:

It is hard to proofread your own work. We often just don't see the errors! One effective method is to have your work read out loud. An online tool to help is: [http://imtranslator.net/translate-and-speak/default.asp.]() You can even slow down the speech, read along on your hard copy, and mark up your work.

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