

Guidance and Placement Services DIGEST

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Please forward this Digest to your colleagues.

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The Guidance and Placement Services Digest is used to transmit information pertaining to the four program components of the Missouri Comprehensive Guidance Program: Curriculum; Individual Planning; Responsive Services; and System Support to professional school counselors, placement personnel, career and technical school counselors and administrators at all levels throughout the state.

Announcements

Program being revived

The Department of Education at Truman State University will begin the re-structured Master of Arts in School Counseling program in January of 2010. The program is a part-time 42-hour cohort program in which students take classes as a group throughout the program. Two classes will be offered during each of the Spring and Fall terms and will be taught in the evening. Four courses, two each session, will be taught during the summer. Students will complete the program the second Fall term. The program will prepare students to be certified at both the K-8 and the 9-12 levels. For individuals coming in without prior teaching experience or a valid teaching certificate completion of an additional 3 education courses (9 hours) will be needed to pursue counselor certification. The first cohort class begins January 2010. Qualified applicants are accepted on a first come, first served basis through a monthly review of applicants. Application information can be found on Truman's Department of Education website, <http://education.truman.edu/>, under "School Counseling." Application materials include: completed application for graduate study at Truman; recent competitive GRE scores, three letters of recommendation, and a personal statement. A minimum GPA of 2.75 is required. Interested students should contact Dr. Christopher Maglio at 660-785-4403 or cjmaglio@truman.edu for further information.

Program Components

From time to time, resources that are brought to our attention through ASCA list-serves or other means that could be used as part of a guidance program will be listed here. The readers are encouraged to investigate the resources and decide whether or not they are appropriate for their programs. Listing of these resources does not constitute endorsement by either our section or DESE.

CURRICULUM

Free-Loan Library For Career Education

Resources@MCCE is the largest library of its kind in Missouri, designed to supplement and enhance your career education curriculum. To borrow materials, you must [join the library](#). There is no cost for membership in the library, but you must provide your mailing and email information and create a userID and password for your account.

[Catalogs in PDF format](#) are also available for printing, and you may contact library staff by phone at (800)392-7217 or (660)543-8759 to borrow materials.

You may search the catalog by [content area](#) or [Career Cluster](#). To see catalog offerings, go to <http://resources.mcce.org/index.php?subj=Guidance+%26+Placement>

INDIVIDUAL PLANNING

Missouri Connections: Did You Know?

From: Renee Bales, Missouri Field Trainer, Kuder, Inc.

"September was a very busy training month. Many schools attended trainings to learn how to build Personal Plans of Study's on *Missouri Connections, powered by Kuder*[®]. I was also invited to do trainings at professional development programs and more training at

individual schools. **An idea for schools:** Two professional development training opportunities in which I participated were for school districts that brought several districts together for a joint professional development program." You can contact Renee about training at balesr@kuder.com or 515-326-1725.

Scholarship Opportunity available to graduating seniors (male or female)

The Delta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon social fraternity at Northwest Missouri State University has established an alumni scholarship. Information about the scholarship, along with a link to the application form, may be found at www.nwtke.com/content/scholarship.

Free Newsletter available

Mapping Your Future is a national collaborative, public-service organization of the financial aid industry - bringing together the expertise of the industry to provide free career, college, financial aid, and financial literacy information and services for students, families, and schools via the web.

The purpose of their newsletter is to provide you with free college, career, financial aid, and financial literacy information, tips, and ideas for your work with middle and high school students and families. You are welcome to share articles with your students, families, and colleagues. Encourage them to get more information by visiting Mapping Your Future at MappingYourFuture.org.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES

Operation: Military Kids continues to support children of Military Families with Hero Packs, Youth Activities at Your Events, Camps, and Resources for Parents and Schools. They will have a session at the Missouri School Counselors Association Conference in November. You can look at www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org for more resources. Operation: Military Kids is a partnership of Army Child, Youth and School Services, National 4-H Headquarters/USDA, and University of Missouri Extension.

Missouri Operation: Military Kids is supported by the 4-H/Army Youth Development Project under Kansas State University special project number 2007-48661-03868.

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SYSTEM SUPPORT

College Board is hosting 2009 Fall Counselor Workshops. This is an opportunity to connect with colleagues and receive the latest updates on College Board products, programs and services.

You can still register to join a live Web presentation:

Thursday, October 15, 2009

[Register](#)

Friday, October 23, 2009

[Register](#)

Upcoming Conferences

3rd Annual St. Louis ACAM/Missouri Baptist University Counseling

Conference will be held on October 31, 2009 At Missouri Baptist University

As in the past, this year's conference offers outstanding author/presenters with national reputations addressing timely subjects of current issues to professional counselors. Scheduled Sessions:

"Educating the Autistic Client" from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (3 LPC CEU's)

"Starting, Maintaining, and Expanding a Private Practice: Surviving or Thriving?" from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (3 LPC CEU's) To register go to:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=634256d9-445f-4b89-ab64-d35d3122756d>

or <http://www.counselingmissouri.org/counselingmissouri/>

Counselors Invited To Gifted Conference In St. Louis

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) will hold its' conference in St. Louis, November 5-8, To see more information and or register for it, go to <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=2692>

The Annual Missouri School Counselor Association (MSCA) Fall

Conference will be held on November 8-10, 2009 – at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. Information about the conference and a preview brochure are posted at <http://schoolweb.missouri.edu/msca/Conferences.htm>

The Annual Building Bridges Conference For 2009 will be held on November 15-17, 2009 at Tan Tar A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri. To see more information about it, go to <http://www.missouricareereducation.org/pd/conference09.html>

Workshops of Note

The Following 3 Workshops Are Being Offered At Several RPDC Centers:

There is still room for you to attend! Please go to your RPDC website and register.

Clusters, Personal Plans, Resources:

October 20 SE (Cape Girardeau) RPDC; October 21 St. Louis RPDC; October 29 South Central (Rolla) RPDC

***Join Tanya DeGonia and Camille MacDonald** (Career Education Coordinators for MCCE)

Target Audience: 5th grade through 12th grade teachers, administrators, advisory teams, curriculum directors and counselors.

This “hands on” 2 and ½ hour workshop provides an overview of the Career Clusters framework and how it can be used to link what students learn in school with the knowledge and skills they will need for college, career development and work, along with how the clusters bring relevance into the classroom. The numerous resources/activities along with career gender resources/activities will be given at no cost to you.

Curriculum Manager Training (This workshop takes place on the afternoons of the above mentioned cluster workshops) You will need to bring a list of your school course offerings for the afternoon workshop.

Join Renee Bales (Field Trainer for Missouri Connections)-This 2 hour workshop is a follow-up of the Clusters Workshop. Learn how to build a master database of your district courses and align them with clusters. Create a custom curriculum template where students can develop their Personal Plans of Study.

METS and Non-Bias in the Classroom:

October 15 St. Louis RPDC; October 28 S. Central (Rolla) RPDC; November 3 SE (Cape) RPDC

***Join Tanya DeGonia and Camille MacDonald** (Career Education Coordinators for MCCE)

Target Audience: 4th grade through 12th grade teachers, administrators, curriculum directors, and counselors

This 2 and ½ hour presentation explains what the METS initiative consists of (Math, Engineering, Technology and Science), where it came from, why we have this initiative and how to benefit our students. Learn how to increase the quality of interactions with students, become aware of unknown differences in treatment of individuals in the classroom and how to provide a more positive learning environment. Also provided are numerous METS resources to use for presentations. There is no cost.

***Presenters for Region 6 South Central RPDC in Rolla will be Tanya DeGonia and Larry Nash (MCCE Career Education Coordinators)**

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