

January 2014 eNewsblast

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ePortfolio Registration.doc; Important Dates 2013-2014.pdf; Comp Application 2012.docx; Workshop Catalog Sixth Edition.pdf; MA Comp App 2012.docx; Spring '14 Module Schedule.pdf; Dissertation Prep courses_summary.docx; 2014 Summer Institute Brochure.pdf; Spring 2014 On-Line.docx;

Greetings and Blessings from ORU

Happy New Year! The first Mod of spring 2014 is behind us and we're looking forward to upcoming Comprehensive exams later this month. There's still time to register for the remaining two spring 2014 mods, and Summer Institute courses are available for enrollment in VISION. A list of on-line courses available this semester is attached.

Save The Date, February 7, 2014 for a free College of Education Homecoming Professional Development Conference.

Again this year as part of the Homecoming activities, the College of Education is hosting a Professional Development Conference. Our Keynote presenter is Dr. Johnna Burns. Dr. Burns was the 2013 ORU, College of Education Outstanding Ed.D. graduate. She will discuss the topic of serving K-12 students dealing with long term medical challenges. Along with Dr. Burns, representatives from Professional Oklahoma Educators and the ORU Graduate School of Education will conduct professional development workshops.

This is a free event. A continental breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Date: February 7, 2014

Location: CityPlex Ground Floor Auditorium

Time: Registration begins at 7:30am

The program begins at 8:00am and ends at 10:40am

We hope to see you there!

MA & Ed.D. Orientation Seminar will be held Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 6:00pm-9:30pm, on the 22nd floor of CityPlex Tower. There is no cost to attend, you only need to contact Denise Hopper at dhopper@oru.edu to sign-up.

Dissertation Prep I will be offered Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 8:30am-4:30am. Please contact Denise Hopper at dhopper@oru.edu to register.

ePortfolio training is now offered the Thursday of each Mod at 5:15pm in the CityPlex 22nd floor Ed. Tech Lab. The registration form is attached and must be returned to gradedu@oru.edu or dhopper@oru.edu no later than Friday, February 7, 2014 if you'd like to be in the training session for February Mods. You may also fax the registration form to 918-495-6959.

Attached to this eNewsblast is useful information from the library regarding hours (to access while you're here attending Mods) and answers to questions you may have regarding access once you return home.

Several calls have come into the office inquiring of the new design of dissertation prospectus. Information provided below should answer the questions:

DISSERTATION PREPARATION COURSES

Dissertation preparation has been expanded to include four short courses leading up to and including the writing of chapter one. Each course is .5 credit hours, and the total of 2.0 dissertation hours will be taken from the dissertation block so the total number of hours for the degree is unchanged. The courses are to be taken in order, but the timing is a matter of advisement and will vary with the individual degree plan. All courses are pass/fail and each course must be passed before continuing to the next.

See attachment for in-depth description of each course

The Summer/Fall 2013 Newsletter is here!!! It's packed full of useful information so please take a few moments to open it up and look through it. Most of the answers to questions you may have can be found here. **All handbooks are in the Resources section of the newsletter.**

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Once again the College of Education has dedicated an hour of prayer each Wednesday morning from 9:50-10:50am. We welcome your prayer requests and consider it an honor to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Denise Hopper at dhopper@oru.edu

A new policy regarding plagiarism has been adopted and is included in the handbooks:

Cheating in any form, including plagiarism, is a serious academic offense and will not be tolerated. Consequences include a zero on the assignment and may include an F for the course, academic probation, suspension, or expulsion from the program. Plagiarism is defined in each course syllabus.

Doctoral and Masters Handbooks are included in the Summer/Fall 2013 Newsletter link.

ORU and the College of Education has clarified the policy regarding Incomplete grades which reads as follows:

In accordance with the ORU and College of Education policy:

Incomplete "I" grades will be granted only to those candidates who have experienced a catastrophic event. The issuance of an "I" grade should be considered a very rare occurrence. Those candidates who have experienced a catastrophic event and require additional time to complete the course assignments must request an "I" prior to the final course post assignment, exam or capstone activity deadlines

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS: If you have received any awards, been published, or promoted at work, we would like to acknowledge your accomplishments to other Graduate School of Education students. Please email Dr. Patrick Otto, jotto@oru.edu, detailing what you have done and he will include your achievements in the next eNewsletter. We look forward to hearing how you are using your God-given talents

An updated edition of our Professional Development Workshop and Seminar Catalog is attached. Please let us know if you or your school are interested.

The ORU library now has access to the full text catalog of ProQuest's dissertations and theses. As many of you know, in the past we had to make an appointment with library staff to search dissertation abstracts, and even then, few dissertations were available. Now you can download PDFs of complete dissertations.

Not only is it important to check dissertations to be sure that your study has not already been done, but dissertations themselves can be excellent resources, especially the reference section of recent dissertations.

Go to <http://www.oru.edu/library/> (at some point you will need to log in using your Novell log in and password). On this page, right under the tabbed items is a small heading: **Resources** Under Resources is a link to **Database List**. At this list you will see Database by Title. Scroll down to the [D] section and you will find Dissertations & Theses: Full Text. Just below that are Dissertations specific to ORU. Enter the database and carry out a standard search

If you are a doctoral student having trouble accessing the library while waiting to register for dissertation hours, contact the Eagle Card Center at 918-495-7256 and ask about the Associates Alumni Card.

We have a Twitter account, ORUGradEdu, and we know you will want to follow us.

Our tweets will serve a very specific purpose. While the Grad. Edu. Facebook group is mainly to promote collegiality, i.e. professional social networking, these tweets will be your first opportunity to learn important Grad. Education news.

- **New and special events**
- **Changing schedules**
- **Opening of enrollments**
- **Availability of tuition discount scholarships**

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http://twitter.com/login?redirect_after_login=%2Fhome

The group name is ORUGradEdu. To follow us all you do is type ORUGradEdu in the Who are you looking for

