

THE DEPARTMENT OF
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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the first issue of the Department of Educational Leadership's Monthly Newsletter! This is intended to help current students and alumni up to date on course schedules, important dates, conferences, publications, scholarship opportunities, and much more. If there is something you would like us to include in this newsletter, please let us know. This is for you!

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Amanda Ceaser and I am the new Program Coordinator for the Department of Educational Leadership. I started at UM in February and am excited to be here. If you have any questions regarding your program, feel free to email, call, or stop by the office. If I do not know the answer, it can be a learning experience for both of us.

To give you a very brief background, I am a Missoula transplant from the Chicago suburbs. After obtaining my undergrad from Elmhurst College in 2011, I moved out West for a change of pace. I started out my career path in Missoula working in the medical field, then at a travel company, and am thrilled to now be a part of the University of Montana. Since college, I have been very involved with Habitat for Humanity. In past years, I have led student groups and participated in trips to Taos, NM, New Orleans, LA, and San Diego, CA. More recently, I have volunteered in Guatemala and El Salvador and have been accepted as a Global Village Team Leader with Habitat for Humanity International. Come talk with me if you'd like to hear more about these adventures!

I am also an avid hobby enthusiast. When not singing with Missoula's choral group, Dolce Canto, I am most likely bouldering, fly fishing, making jewelry, practicing ukulele, crocheting, making tooth fairy pillows, hiking, drawing, or fixing up my new home.

Let me know if you ever need anything. I'm happy to help!

SPRING 2015 – IMPORTANT DATES

University of Montana Spring Break: **March 30- April 3**

Last Day of Regular Classes (unless noted otherwise): **May 8th**

Final Exams: **May 11-May 15**

Commencement: **May 16**

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITATION FOR EDUCATORS:

BRIEF TRAINING

Blended online and face-to-face content

Online: March 16 - April 23

Face-to-face: March 21, 8:30am - 5:30pm

University of Montana - Missoula

**Options: 15 OPI Renewal Units (free of charge) or 1 University Credit \$135 fee*

The main content of this course is the PILOT for the Brief version of the Mental Health Facilitation (MHF)-Educator's Edition (MHF-EE). It was adapted from the original MHF training developed in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) and NBCC-International, a division of the National Board for Certified Counselors. It prepares educators to be helpful in a wide range of difficult situations with a multicultural and multidisciplinary focus in the school context. This is a hybrid course that includes online and face-to-face instruction. You will learn information through a wide range of instructional methods that will help you gain competence in school mental health and helping skills such as: understanding student's feelings; recognizing stress, distress, and disorder; communicating in the role of an MHF; working with child maltreatment; and making referrals and consulting with helping professionals, etc. This training IS NOT focused on depth and detail about mental health disorders and their specific interventions, rather about educators recognizing student/family/colleague needs and facilitating positive connections with various supports based on those needs.

Note: This is *not* a course that prepares professional counselors. It is designed to augment the skills of educators who work with diverse student populations in need.

Included in training: MHF-EE curriculum, coffee & tea breaks, lunch, MHF registry payment (\$20) - in other words those who successfully complete the training can be listed on the international registry of MHF's and creates opportunity to become a future trainer of this finalized curriculum.

Who can participate: Open to any K-12 educator in Montana (e.g., school counselors, teachers, administrators) - great to have 2 people from a school. There is a limit of 30 people and will be on a first come, first serve basis!

**Please contact Lindsey Nichols to register at lindsey.nichols@mso.umt.edu*



School Administrators of Montana hosts numerous conferences throughout the year for all administrators and staff. Here are a few that are soon approaching:

March 16-17, 2015

[MASS Spring Conference & Day of Advocacy](#)

Best Western Great Northern Hotel
Helena, MT

March 16-17, 2015

[META Spring Conference 2015](#)

Best Western Great Northern Hotel
Helena, MT

April 16-17, 2015
[MASSP Spring Conference](#)
GranTree Inn
Bozeman, MT

SUMMER 2015 EDLD SCHEDULE

ONLINE COURSES: JUNE 15- JULY 17

EDLD 512 Future (Educational Foundations)	Lee
EDLD 519 Measurement and Analysis	Kero
EDLD 551 Foundations of Curriculum Leadership	Kero
EDLD 552 Supervision and Evaluation	McCaw
EDLD 554 School Law	Matt
EDLD 556 Finance of Public Education	Matt
EDLD 559 PR for Principals	O'Reilly
EDLD 568 K-12 Curriculum	Kero
EDLD 583 Strategic Planning for Technology	O'Reilly
EDLD 653 School Personnel	Matt
EDLD 658 PR for Superintendents	O'Reilly
EDLD 657 Facilities Planning	Lee

FACE TO FACE - 3 WEEK SESSION ONLY: JUNE 22 - JULY 10

EDLD 520 Educational Research 8-11am	McCaw
EDLD 567 K-12 Leadership 11:30am-2:30pm	Lee
EDLD 550 Foundations of Educational Leadership 3-6pm	McCaw

Wanting more? Let us know what you would like to see in the monthly newsletter!

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