

Announcements from The Assistant Dean

Welcome to our first Spring Term under the Semester system! Many are confused about the start of our term. Just like all semester students, we begin Monday, January 26. For those of you who still haven't enrolled, many classes are closing, so it is important to get your enrollment forms in to your advisors, who will then "switch on" your student portal so that you can enroll on-line. We will no longer use paper registration except for students who re-apply after an absence.

To login to the student portal you use the same username and password that you use with your lionmail. It will be very helpful for you to get in the habit of using this Lindenwood account because all official information will come to you through this e-mail. Your server may have provisions to forward lionmail messages to your preferred e-mail address, but you will be responsible to be aware of messages that are sent via the Lindenwood lionmail server.

We are pleased to announce that starting in Summer 2009 we will provide our own section of EDU 521: Classroom Teaching and Management; and EDU 541: Education of the Exceptional Child. These classes will be schedule in the same time slots as our regular counseling courses (5:30-8:00 and 8:00 to 10:30) to accommodate our students' regular routines. With this additional opportunity, we will no longer accept on-line education courses for non-teachers seeking the School Counseling track. Students may take on-line education courses this spring, and coursework done on-line before May 2009 will be accepted as part of the 57-hour program for non-teachers.

Speaking of Summer 2009, our first 8-week summer session begins, starting Monday June 8 and ending at the end of July. Courses generally will meet twice a week to fit our curriculum in the shortened period of time. It will be intense but we will benefit from the August break. Please try to plan your vacations for August so you won't miss two classes (1/8 of the course) by taking a week off during June or July. There will be a few classes (likely electives) that will use a non-traditional format. Watch for news about the schedule in February.

There is another change taking place in the program. Due to the constraints of the CAMS (Comprehensive Academic Management System) database, all degree-seeking students will in the future receive a Master of Arts in Counseling (not *Professional* or *School* Counseling). Each student will be admitted as either a Professional track or a School track candidate so we can monitor progress. Anyone who returns to complete the second track after graduating with their initial degree will have the second track added to their transcript. Your diploma will simply read "Master of Arts in Counseling." Anyone who started the program before Spring of 2009 will maintain their original degree (MA in Professional or School Counseling) but may request that their degree be changed to "Counseling." For more information about this change, contact your advisor.

We hope you will all have a very satisfying and rewarding semester and will enjoy the "recovery time" after the holidays before you dig in. And another little bonus—we get Spring Break! Make plans to enjoy your free time March 28-April 5.

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