

**Southeastern Louisiana University  
Department of Teaching and Learning**

**Partnering for Success: Apprenticeship in St. Charles Parish Public Schools**

**Application Cover Page**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ W# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Plan/Major: \_\_\_\_\_

PRAXIS I Scores: Reading \_\_\_\_\_/Math\_\_\_\_\_/ Writing\_\_\_\_\_ OR ACT \_\_\_\_\_ OR SAT\_\_\_\_\_

PRAXIS II Score(s) Area/Score : \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ Area/Score : \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for the Apprenticeship in St. Charles Parish Public Schools (SCPPS) professional learning opportunity and scholarship for the following:  Spring 2015/Fall 2015

If selected as an apprentice teacher, I will adhere to all guidelines and requirements set forth by SCPPS and Southeastern Louisiana University.

I understand that for the first semester I must be enrolled in one of the new Apprenticeship I courses (ECE/EDUC/MAT), and I must have met all requirements for application to student teaching to be enrolled in student teaching for the following semester. I must meet the requirements of my degree program (e.g., enroll in SPED 495; complete the Developing Portfolio prior to student teaching).

I understand that I must have successfully completed the PRAXIS I, PRAXIS II – Content Assessment(s) prior to beginning the apprenticeship program as an apprentice teacher. Middle School Candidates must successfully complete the two content area PRAXIS assessments for which they are seeking certification, as identified on your degree plan and/or based on areas of certification.

I understand that I must have the minimum GPA of 2.5, and preference will be given to 3.0 GPA applicants, but only as one criterion.

I understand that I must pass a background check that is required by the school district.

I understand that I must have completed all courses offered on campus, prior to the Apprenticeship. I understand that I am allowed to take remaining coursework that is offered 100% online during the last two semesters of the Apprenticeship/Student Teaching experience.

I understand that I am committing to a two-semester professional learning opportunity in SCPPS that will begin during January 2015 and continue at the beginning of the school year for Fall 2015 in **St. Charles Parish**. I

understand that I will be expected to adhere to the SCPPS calendar during the apprenticeship year, unless otherwise noted, such as required student teaching seminar meetings.

I understand that the first semester I will be assigned to a school with a supervising teacher/mentor, aligned with my degree plan/certification (e.g., PK-3, 1-5, 4-8, secondary) to complete professional learning opportunities (observation, participation, teaching). For the second semester, if at all possible, I will be reassigned to the same school and supervising teacher/mentor.

I understand that my placement in St. Charles Parish will be in a self-contained, semi-departmentalized and/or departmentalized setting, and I will be expected to engage in a co-teaching model with my mentor teacher. I understand that I will also be assigned a mentor from University who will be the course instructor for the Apprenticeship I online course. Depending on my certification area(s), I may have an additional University mentor.

I understand that my performance and professionalism during the first semester, Apprenticeship I course will determine if I am allowed to continue as an apprentice teacher to complete the student teaching experience in St. Charles Parish. I understand that if I am unable to successfully complete the Apprenticeship I course, that I will be referred for further assistance and may be asked to withdraw from the Apprenticeship I course and enroll the next semester in the last methods course offered on campus.

I understand that I must successfully complete the PRAXIS II PLT assessment by the deadline established by the Office of Student Teaching, to be able to enroll in the student teaching semester.

I understand I will receive a \$3000 scholarship as an apprentice teacher for the completion of the Apprenticeship two-semester experience. I understand the scholarship will be divided over the two semesters in the following manner: After the first month as an apprentice teacher I will receive \$500. Then, I will receive \$1000 at the end of the first semester. After the first month of student teaching, I will receive \$500 with the remainder of the scholarship at the end of the experience, if I am successful at these program checkpoints.

In order to receive the complete scholarship award, I commit to meeting the application requirements and the expectations set forth in this collaborative professional learning opportunity between Southeastern Louisiana University and St. Charles Parish Public Schools.

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Student Signature

Date

## SPRING 2015 Application

**Deadline: Thursday, October 30, 2014 @ 11:59 PM – submitted to [teaching.learning@selu.edu](mailto:teaching.learning@selu.edu) - Department Office of Teaching and Learning, attention Dr. Kumar**

### Eligibility

- GPA 2.5 (minimum); preference given to 3.0
- Successful completion of PRAXIS I, PRAXIS II – Content Assessment(s); Any Teacher Candidates who have two (or more) areas of certification must have successfully completed all PRAXIS II Content Assessments by December 15, 2014.
- Successful completion of all required courses, with the exception of courses that are 100% online. If you have a question about this eligibility requirement, contact Dr. Elliott or Dr. Kumar.

### Application Process

- October 15<sup>th</sup> - Information Sessions for Applicants: Attend a session from 12:30-1:30 or 2:00-3:00 (not required, but encouraged).
- October 16<sup>th</sup> - Applications open for submission to [teaching.learning@selu.edu](mailto:teaching.learning@selu.edu)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> - (@ 11:59 PM)—Application Deadline: Submit a complete application in ONE FILE to [teaching.learning@selu.edu](mailto:teaching.learning@selu.edu)
- November 5<sup>th</sup> - Interviews of Invited Applicants: If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified via email.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> - Notification of Apprentice Teachers: Apprentice Teachers will be notified by email.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00—Welcome Meeting for Apprentice Teachers for Spring 2015/Fall 2015 cohort.
- By the deadline, submit a complete application in ONE FILE to [teaching.learning@selu.edu](mailto:teaching.learning@selu.edu) to the attention of Dr. Kumar in the Department of Teaching and Learning. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
- A complete application consists of the following, must be legible and placed in the order listed in ONE FILE:
  1. Application Cover Page, completed and signed
  2. PRAXIS I & PRAXIS II Score Sheet or Confirmation of Registration
  3. Two letters of recommendation
  4. Application response essay
- In an essay format, write an application response, not to exceed five (5) double-spaced pages with 1” margins and 12 pt font. You should provide a heading with your name and W#. The essay should have a title representative of your response. Successful applicants will address the following information in a clear, concise and compelling manner:
  - Express why you desire to work, teach and learn in St. Charles Parish.
  - Identify and discuss an educational issue that is important to you that will provide the Selection Committee with an insight into your views on education and your educational philosophy.
  - Reflect on the importance of any past teaching experiences.

- Discuss any of your special interests and explain how this is related to your role as a future educator.
- Any questions related to the application process should be directed to Dr. Tracey Kumar, Teacher Development Coordinator, [tracey.kumar@selu.edu](mailto:tracey.kumar@selu.edu) or Dr. Cindy Elliott, Interim Dept. Head, [celliott@selu.edu](mailto:celliott@selu.edu)

### **Apprenticeship Criteria & Expectations**

1. Applicants must be eligible to enroll in the senior level Apprenticeship I course (EDUC 448, ECE 448, MAT 662) during the first semester and must be enrolled and have met all requirements for student teaching prior to the second semester. The semesters must be sequential such as, Spring 2015 & Fall 2015.
2. Applicants are expected to follow the SCPPS calendar and course syllabi in the apprenticeship program. Applicants will be expected to participate in a wide range of program components as outlined in the Apprenticeship Overview/FAQ document.
3. Apprentice Teachers will work with the University Mentor, the Supervising Teacher, and other professionals who will support this special opportunity to work, teach and learn in St. Charles Parish.
4. An Orientation Meeting of 2-3 hours will be held for Apprentice Teachers to meet with their supervising teachers in SCPPS.
5. All Apprentice Teachers should be prepared to begin the apprenticeship experience in St. Charles Parish in January, per the SCPPS calendar.