



Mission Statement

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human Development views its primary mission as advancing education, human performance, and family development through knowledge, compassion, and action. The College seeks to prepare and develop dynamic, professional educators, administrators, leaders, and career specialists who constantly search for truth and excellence through effective practice, collaboration, and scholarship.

At the May 2006 Commencement, the College of Education and Human Development graduated 3 students with associate degrees, 161 students with bachelor's degrees, and 170 students with Master of Education degrees.

The Communicator

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A New Beginning - A New Name

At SUU's Founders' Day celebration, the College of Education was officially named the Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human Development at Southern Utah University.

James L. and Beverley Taylor Sorenson had earlier in the year donated \$3 million to the construction of the new Teacher Education Building and the

establishment of SUU's first endowed chair in Elementary Art Education at SUU.

On May 5, 2006 ground was broken for the construction of the new Teacher Education Building and the remodeling and renovation of Old Main.

Construction completion for the two projects is expected in Fall, 2007.



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Changes in Administration within the College of Education



Dr. Bruce Barker resigned as Dean of the College of Education in June of 2006 following eight productive years of service. Dr. Barker led the College through its NCATE accreditation process and saw expanded

growth in several of the College's programs. SUU is indebted to Dr. Barker and his years of dedicated and committed service.

He will be on sabbatical leave for the 2006-07 academic year and then will return to the College faculty.



Dr. Prent Klag has been named Interim Dean and will serve for the coming academic year. Dr. Klag has served as Chair of the Department of Teacher Education and Director of the Graduate Studies in



Education Program at SUU. He was instrumental in providing the leadership which generated unprecedented growth in graduate education during the past 3 years.

New Endowed Chair in Elementary Arts Education

In May, 2006, Carrie Lynn Trenholm was selected as SUU's first endowed professor with an appointment in the Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human Development as an Elementary Arts Education Endowed Chair.

While her appointment is in the Department of Elementary Education and Family Development, she will also work closely

with the Art Department and the College of Performing and Visual Arts to promote arts education in public schools throughout southern Utah and the region.

An "Arts Fusion" Workshop for teachers is scheduled for July 16-17, 2007 at SUU. More information will be reported in future editions of The Communicator.



Carrie Lynn Trenholm

Admission Deadlines:

Admission deadlines for all College Programs occur three times each year. They include:

October 15 (Spring)
February 15 (Sum.)
July 15 (Fall)

Application materials are available in the Dean's Office in MC 212. Completed applications should be returned to:

Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human Development

MC 212
Southern Utah University
351 West University
Boulevard
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Scholarship Deadlines:

T.H. Bell Scholarship Applications are due by **March 31, 2007**

Applications for departmental scholarships can be picked up in the Dean's Office or department offices.

Background Clearance:

Background Clearance Packets can be picked up in MC 205 or MC 212. Completed packets and fees should be submitted to Sandy Ward in MC 205.

Building on the Founders' Dreams - "Old Main" Community Education Nights

The Beverley Taylor Sorenson College of Education and Human Development recognizes that the residents of Cedar City and Iron County have contributed much to the building of Old Main and the College of Education over the past 109 years.



Now that the Old Main renovation and remodeling project is underway, as well as construction on the new Emma Eccles Jones College of Education Building, the College of Education would like to

thank Cedar City and Iron County by offering community education nights on the **2nd Wednesday** of each month from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in the **Multipurpose Building, Room 210**, on the SUU campus.

The College of Education faculty will provide informative, educational, and enjoyable seminars on a variety of educational topics to parents and interested citizens.

There is no charge for the "Old Main" Community Education Nights; however, space is limited. Free parking will be available in the parking lot East of the Multipurpose building.

October 11, 2006 - Literature for Young Readers

November 8, 2006 - Fitness for Families for Life

December 13, 2006 - Using Toys to Teach Science, Math, and Technology

January 10, 2007 - Service Learning and Civic Engagement for Adolescents and Teens

Future dates and topics will be announced.

The "Old Main" Community Education Nights are made possible from funds provided by the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

The Graduate Studies in Education Program



Dr. Kevin Robinson will serve as Interim Director of the Graduate Studies in Education Program for 2006-07.

Dr. Robinson has served as the Chair of the Teacher Education Department and is currently serving as President of the SUU Faculty Senate.

Partnership Begins Between SUU and Clark County School District/ Clark County Education Association's Center for Teaching Excellence

The Office of Graduate Studies in Education and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies have joined together with the Clark County School District and Clark County Education Association's Center for Teaching Excellence to establish a unique partnership. SUU will provide professional development courses to Nevada teachers in three areas: Teacher Leadership, Urban

Studies / TESOL, and Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners through Teacher Leadership and Technology. It is anticipated that hundreds of teachers will participate in the Center for Teaching Excellence. Courses are currently being offered in Las Vegas and Mesquite, Nevada. Additional sites may be added as demand increases.

Tuition Waiver Deadline

Each year the Provost's Office provides a limited number of tuition waivers for Graduate students. Waivers are granted on the following basis:

- On a first-come, first-served basis. (Applications will be numbered as they are received)
- A need basis, with preference given to full-time graduate students
- Availability of funds

If you are interested, please contact September Lutterman at (435) 865-8383 for the necessary applications.

Deadline is April 1, 2007

Graduate Programs Continue to Expand and Grow

During the past year, the SUU Master's of Education Campus Program has grown 44% from 267 students to 385 students; the Master's of Education Cohort Program has grown 24% from 250 students to 310 students; the Educational Leadership Program has grown 23% from 184 students to 227 students; the Graduate Educator Licensure Program has grown 149% from 103 students to 256 students; and Graduate Studies

non-degree seeking students has grown 10% from 201 to 220 students. Total candidates in the Graduate Studies in Education Program is 1,399.



The Office of Graduate Studies in Education and the School of Continuing and Professional Studies have collaborated on the development and facilitation of eight hundred and ninety one (891) - 5000 level

Professional Development and Public School In-service courses during the 2005-2006 Academic year reaching 14,676 students.

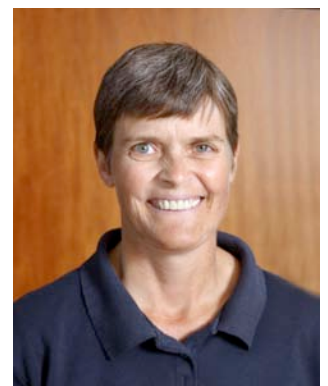
For more information about the Graduate Studies in Education Program contact:

**Dr. Kevin Robinson,
Director
(435) 865-8383**

or go to

www.suu.edu/ed/masters

New Staff Member in Graduate Studies



**Jody Heaps,
Program Specialist**

**New Faculty in the
Department of
Elementary Education
and Family
Development.**



Dr. Nicole Wangsgard
Assistant Professor of
Special Education

The Departments of Elementary and Secondary Education sponsored a one-day **"Teaching All Diversity Conference"** on campus, October 3, 2006, with Dr. Joe Martin, a nationally known expert on diversity issues in schools and the work place, as the Keynote speaker. Dr. Genell Harris planned and organized the conference.

At the May 2006 Commencement, Professor Rea Gubler, Associate Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences in the Secondary Education Department was recognized as one of the University's three "Distinguished Educators" for the 2005-06 Academic year.

The Department of Elementary Education and Family Development

SUU Preschool Begins its 43rd Year

The Southern Utah University preschool is currently in its 43rd year on campus. During that time, it has been a viable part of both the community and the university.

Countless children have enjoyed a learning experience under the direction of faculty in the Family Life and Human Development program.

Some of the 50 children currently attending are third

generation participants in the program.

Alumni of the preschool can be found throughout the community leadership, including several faculty members here at Southern Utah University.

In addition, some of the 40 plus students enrolled spent time at the center while they were children.

We are proud of the rich heritage the preschool represents on campus

and look forward to many more years of learning at the facility.



New Family Life and Human Development Program

The Department of Elementary Education and Family Development is pleased to announce the recent creation of the Family Life and Human Development (FLHD) program at Southern Utah University.

The program grew out of the previous family and consumer sciences program, which has been a part of Southern Utah University since the foundation of the school.

Under the new FLHD program umbrella are three emphases.

The first, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, prepares students to teach in the secondary school system. This program currently has alumni teaching throughout Utah as well as in Virginia and Minnesota.

The second option for students is Early Childhood Development.

Students in this emphasis concentrate on working with preschool children and spend time in appropriate laboratory settings.



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The Department of Secondary Education

Secondary Education Candidates Continue to Excel

In the Secondary Block this semester we have about 50% of the teacher candidates that carry a 3.5 or better cum GPA. The teacher candidates come from all academic areas and are looking to license in those areas.

There are five teacher candidates who are double majors in Special Education and their content area. Several have received special recognition for passing their content area

test in the 90th percentile and above, with one acing the test at 100%.

This group of teacher candidates is well aware of how important it is to be involved in the community and the public schools, with many having coached, tutored, and substituted in classrooms.

The teacher candidates are currently completing their practicum

experiences in schools from Fillmore to St. George.

It is an honor to be working with this high caliber of teacher candidates, as they will make a positive impact on a child's educational experience and love of learning.

New Faculty in the Department of Secondary Education



*Dr. Michiko Kobayashi,
Assistant Professor of
Secondary Education*

Recognitions in Secondary Education



Dr. Bruce Barker served as an NCATE Board of Examiner for accreditation visits to Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas (October, 2005) and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota (March, 2006).



Kathy Croxall has been elected President of the Utah Association of Family and Consumer Science for the 2006-2007 year.



Dr. Deborah Hill was recognized with an award winning conference paper "Accreditation, Institutional Effectiveness, Assessment and What?" at the 17th International Conference on College Teaching and Learning, Jacksonville, Florida, April 13, 2006.

Fast Facts:

Southern Utah University has begun a partnership with Dixie State College to provide secondary licensure for Dixie students who are enrolled in their newly created Biology and English Majors.

Throughout Utah and the Nation there is a growing need for Secondary teachers, especially in the specific subject areas of bilingual education, special education, mathematics, physics and chemistry.

Fast Fact:

The Department of Physical Education and Human Performance offers Bachelor degrees in Physical Education, - Teaching, Physical Education – Coaching, Athletic Training, and in Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism

New Faculty in the Department of Physical Education and Human Performance



Dr. Briget Eastep
Assistant Professor of
Outdoor
Recreation

Fast Fact:

The Department of Physical Education and Human Performance has over 1,500 students enrolled in activity courses each year.

The Department of Physical Education and Human Performance

Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism, Fall 2006

Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism (ORPT), a new major and minor housed in the Physical Education and Human Performance Department, is having a successful first semester. Three new classes are being offered this semester, all with healthy enrollments: Introduction to Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism, Risk Management and Safety for Outdoor Recreation, and Outdoor Skills I: Canyoneering and Climbing.

So far students, faculty, and community partners



are very excited about the quality learning experiences in and about the vast number of outdoor recreation sites that surround Southern Utah.

The ORPT major is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to work in outdoor education, recreation, and tourism settings.

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SUU Aquatics Center Serves over 60,000 Patrons

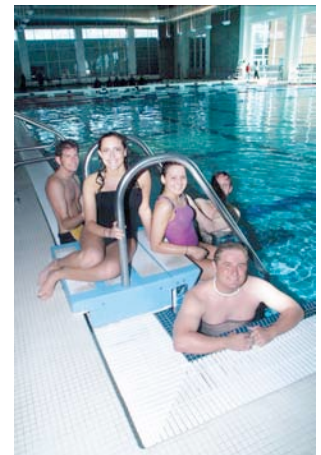
The SUU Aquatics Center served over 60,000 patrons in SUU's pool this past year. The pool was open more than 2,500 hours for the year.

Approximately 24.5 persons were in the pool during each hour the pool was open.

This year 50% of patron use came from fitness use that

includes lap swim, aerobics, and adaptive swimming.

Recreation had 25% of patrons, classes and lessons had 13%, and special events had 11% of use. The SUU pool is managed by Sally Caldwell, Aquatics Director.



Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism, Fall 2006

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ORPT majors and minors are people who love the outdoors and want to work to give quality outdoor recreation experiences to others.

Our graduates will work at resorts, guide services, state parks, national parks, and national forests.

To aid them with their careers we are establishing internship opportunities with outdoor recreation agencies and organizations throughout southern Utah.

Professional opportunities in Outdoor Recreation are growing with the population of Southern Utah.

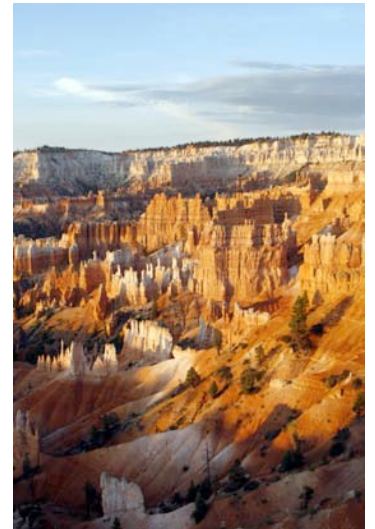
If you ask someone what brought them to the area, chances are good their answer will include outdoor recreation endeavors and activities.

It is the goal of the ORPT program to have our students play leadership roles in providing quality outdoor recreation

experiences for those who live in and visit southern Utah.

For more information about the Outdoor Recreation in Parks and Tourism Program contact:

Dr. Rick Lambson, Chair
Department of Physical
Education and Human
Performance
(435) 586-7816



SUU Family Life and Human Development Program –

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Lastly, we are excited about the newest emphasis in the FLHD program, Family Services. This emphasis will prepare students for careers working with families through the life span in community and government settings.

Graduates in this field will be prepared for careers. Graduates of this program have gone on to jobs in Head Start and preschool programs throughout Utah and other states and graduate work in family and child services.

For more information about the Family Life and Human Development Program contact:

Dr. Jerry Bowler, Chair
Department of Elementary
Education and Human
Development
(435) 586-7802

Course Registration:

Be sure to register early, not during the first week of class for courses.

Courses that do not have minimum enrollments of 15 students will be canceled.

Graduation Information

All Graduation papers must be submitted by **November 15** in order to walk in the May Graduation Ceremony.

All course work, as well as internships, must be completed.

Upon Department Chair approval, graduates may have 12 hours of remaining course work; however, all course work must be completed by the last day of Summer session.



Tuition Payment:

Remember, your tuition bill is mailed to you at your SUU email account.

Students who do not make payment by the third week of classes will be dropped from all classes.

College Academic Advisor

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See us at:

www.suu.edu/ed/

PRAXIS Exams

For information and dates of PRAXIS Exams go to the following Website:

www.ets.org/praxis

10 Reasons Why You Should Select Teacher Education at Southern Utah University

1. A Rich Heritage and Foundation: *Teacher Education has been the heart and soul of Southern Utah University for 109 years.*

2. Status in the State of Utah: *Today SUU is the 2nd largest producer of teachers from Utah's State Institutions of Higher Learning.*

3. Accreditation: SUU's Teacher Education Program is Nationally accredited through the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) This type of accreditation shows that our program meets rigorous national standards.

4. Reputation: SUU's Teacher Education Program has a reputation for both academic rigor and connection to local school classrooms with highly qualified mentor teachers.

5. Connected Faculty: SUU's Teacher Education Faculty all have professional educator status, have broad experience in public education, and know K-12 classrooms. They are dedicated to preparing highly qualified teachers.

6. Focus on the Individual: SUU's Teacher Education Program is based on the motto "*Head, Hand, and Heart: Empowering Teachers and Students To Make Learning Live Forever.*"

This is consistent with the goal to facilitate lifelong learning and growth for all individuals through empowerment, inter-connectivity, and social change.

7. Relevant Curriculum: SUU's Teacher Education Program has a curriculum that prepares future teachers for increasingly culturally diverse student populations, and provides training in creative and effective uses of technology in the classroom.

8. High-quality Program: SUU's Teacher Education Program focuses on subject knowledge, the study of how to teach (pedagogy), and practice teaching.

9. Career Services: SUU's Teacher Education Program offers a wide range of career services and a high placement rate. Career services include workshops, job fairs, networking events, and resume services.

10. We Need You! SUU's Teacher Education Program needs dedicated and motivated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of people. Teaching is a profession that shapes America's future and is essential to making all other professions possible.

Please visit us and let us show you how you can become a part of this exciting profession.

New Field Service Coordinator in the College of Education



Marlene Barth,
Field Service Coordinator

Clinical Practice Application Deadlines

Clinical Practice Application deadlines for all College Programs occur three times each year. They include:

September 15 (Spring)
January 15 (Sum.) *
February (Fall)

Application materials are available in the Field Service Office in MC 205 or online.

* Based on availability of placements

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