

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER

Week of September 12th, 2016

Student Housekeeping

- Please complete the [Program Updates Form](#) and [Practicum/Internship Survey](#) as soon as possible, if you have not already (forms linked in the text).
- Please refer to **page 2** of the newsletter for updates about the Praxis Core requirements.
- **First-Year Cohort:**
 - As soon as you have been placed in Practicum, please fill out the Practicum/Internship Survey with information about your site, especially your supervisor's email address.
 - Please watch for an email from Jamison Judd from the Office of Assessment and complete the Entrance Survey in the email.
- **Time2Track:**
 - Time2Track is available for all students to record Practicum/Internship hours. Please refer to the [Quick Guide](#) (linked) for details on how to use the website, or email Emily Auerbach (emily.auerbach@uconn.edu) with any questions.

Program Highlights

- On **Friday, Oct. 14th** from **4-7pm**, CBER will be hosting a celebration of its 10th anniversary and to honor Dr. George Sugai's 10 years as CBER Director! Please see the [attached postcard](#) for more information. All are encouraged to attend!

Related Events

- Graduate Writing Support available to all students—[click for more info.](#)
- Save the date! The Fall 2016 CASP Conference will be held on **Friday, November 11th** from 8am-3pm at The University of Hartford ([click for more info](#)).

Praxis Core Requirements—Update

- In order to comply with CT State Department of Education requirements, all Master's/Sixth-year and PhD students are required to present evidence of either taking the Praxis Core or receiving a sufficient score on a previously taken standardized test (i.e., SAT, ACT, and/or GRE) that would qualify them to waive the Praxis Core. These steps need to be completed by the end of the first semester in the program. This applies to both domestic and international students.
- Students do not need to resubmit qualifying scores (i.e., GRE) for purposes of waiving the Praxis Core if they submitted them with their application to the program.
- Students who do not qualify to waive the test requirement will need to take the Praxis Core exams in math, reading, and writing and submit these scores to UConn. Students should also provide a copy of their score report to the EPSY Administrative Assistant for their student file. Students are not required to retake the exam if they do not pass a section.
- In order to register for the Praxis Core, complete the following steps:
 1. Log into your Praxis account: <https://www.ets.org/portal/site/iserpraxis/menuitem.1b7fdb6788d618e6c41265a7beb1509>
 2. Select the “Register for a Praxis” test link
 3. Select the “I Agree” button
 4. Select the “Continue” button after confirming your personal information
 5. Select the “EPP Test Requirements” button to view a full list of Praxis tests. The Core Reading, Writing, Mathematics and Combined tests will be available in this list
- Visit <http://teachered.education.uconn.edu/programs/ibm/current-students/praxis/> for more information about waiver requirements, taking the Praxis Core, and/or ordering a score report.

Practicum/Employment Opportunities

- Practicum Opportunity for First-Year Students
 - For students interested in a practicum placement in an alternative setting, there is an opportunity available at Natchaug Hospital in Mansfield, CT. You would primarily be observing what an alternative setting looks like. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Shawn Cyr at shawn.cyr@hhchealth.org, who is the Principal of the clinical day treatment schools. If you have questions, you can email Lindsay Morales (lindsay.morales@uconn.edu) as she has experience at this site.
- Potential Clinical Assessment Opportunity for Upper-Level Students (second year and above)
 - There may be openings for the Spring 2017 Semester in clinical assessment through Hartford Hospital/Natchaug Hospital. These paid per diem positions involve administration, scoring, and report writing of cognitive and behavioral assessments for students enrolled in Hartford Hospitals clinical schools under direct supervision. For employment inquiries for the Spring 2017 semester, please contact annemarie.d'ambrosio@hhchealth.org. Inquiries for the Spring 2017 semester should start preparing in December 2016. Any questions can be sent to Lindsay Morales (lindsay.morales@uconn.edu), who is currently an assessor.
- Paid Assessment Opportunity—Preschool Development Grant Evaluation Study
 - This is an opportunity to administer assessments measuring preschool students' mathematics and language skills for the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) evaluation study. The data collection for this project is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Shaun Dougherty University of Connecticut.
 - Assessors will be needed during the months of September and October and are needed to work with the project for a minimum of 16 hours per week. There will also be a mandatory session in September covering topics such as assessment tracking, data storing and confidentiality of student data, and assessment procedures.
 - [Click here](#) for more information and to access the application form (to be completed no later than **Wednesday September the 28th**). Any questions can be sent to [**pdg.evaluation.2016@gmail.com**](mailto:pdg.evaluation.2016@gmail.com).

Funding Opportunities

- 2017 Ron Edwards Dissertation Award from NASP
 - The Behavioral School Psychology Interest Group (BSPIG) of NASP presents the Ron Edwards Dissertation Award to a school psychology student who has completed an outstanding dissertation on a topic that is behavioral in orientation. To be eligible, nominees must be a NASP member and a member of BSPIG at the time of submission, have completed or be completing a doctoral degree from a school psychology program, and have successfully completed their dissertation defense by August 1st. The application deadline is **October 14, 2016** ([click for information on how to apply](#)).
- Doctoral Travel Funding
 - As of July 1, 2016, doctoral students presenting research at national or international conferences are eligible to apply one time for a maximum amount of \$750.00 in travel reimbursement funds. For travel between July 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016, please submit the Fall 2016 Application for the Doctoral Student Travel Award ([click here for the application](#)).
- Dissertation Grant Awards from the Society for the Study of School Psychology (SSSP)—Request for Applications
 - The purpose of these awards of up to \$5000 is to promote excellence in research training in school psychology, thereby enhancing the capability of students to pursue productive research careers. Awards will be granted to high quality empirical studies that employ rigorous research methods and contribute to advancing the scientific base of school psychology. Please ensure that the page limits and other requirements noted in the RFA are adhered to because proposals that fail to adhere to those specifications will NOT be reviewed. The application deadline is **Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016**. [Click here for the application](#).