Checkpoint Information!

Three checkpoints exist to assist students in completing various PTEP requirements. Each checkpoint has a Canvas shell. Checkpoints include a mandatory meeting (different from the group advising meetings that are part of the mathematics education programs, you must attend both) as well as completing an application and submitting it to the School of Teacher Education (STE). Students planning to take STEP 161, STEP 363, or STEP 464 in Fall 2024 should see the relevant Canvas shell on their Canvas Dashboard. If you do not, contact Cheryl Sparks (cheryl.sparks@unco.edu) right away. This semester Dr. Powers (robert.powers@unco.edu) signs as the content advisor for ALL checkpoints. Email this electronic form for him to sign. Make sure you plan your schedule to allow for your placement in a local school during the day.

Checkpoint #1 (Initial Admission to PTEP):
- Applications are due March 15th if you plan on taking STEP 161 in Fall 2024; Applications include a fingerprint background check
- Must attend one of the following meetings: February 19th from 5 - 6:30 pm or February 20th from 4 - 5:30 pm

Checkpoint #2 (Full Admission to PTEP):
- Applications are due March 1st if you plan on taking STEP 363 in Fall 2024; Applications include taking the PRAXIS (you do not have to have passed at this stage)
- Must attend one of the following meetings: February 5th from 5 - 6:30 pm or February 8th from 4 - 5:30 pm

Checkpoint #3 (Application for Student Teaching):
- Applications are due February 2nd if you plan on taking STEP 464 in Fall 2024; Applications include passing the PRAXIS with scores to submit
- Must attend one of the following meetings: January 29th from 5 - 6:30 pm or February 1st from 4:30 - 6 pm

Math Study Halls and Math Club!

Math Study Halls are a social event to help students connect with each other and with faculty. There will be professors and students to assist with homework as well as play games and hang out. They will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:00 in Ross 2060.

Math Club meets every week on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 6:00 in Ross 2090. We play fun math games, learn about various math topics, and enjoy FREE pizza! Everyone is welcome!
Braly Geneva Teaching Scholarship
This is a one-time $5,000 scholarship honoring Geneva Smithlin, an alum of UNC that is due on February 1st. To be eligible, applicants must:
- Be pursuing a teaching degree at UNC
- Be a full-time student (12 credits a semester)
- Have completed at least 30 credits
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0

UNC Scholarship Application
UNC offers a wide variety of scholarship opportunities for which current students are eligible to apply. The scholarship application opens on November 1st this year and closes on February 1st. Some scholarships have earlier application dates than others, so the earlier you apply the more opportunities you have to receive scholarships!

Praxis Info
To become licensed by the Colorado Department of Education, future teachers need to pass the appropriate Praxis exam. To send your scores to UNC, use the code 4074 when taking the exam. You are given 180 minutes (3 hours) to complete 66 questions (not all questions are scored the same). Each attempt costs $130 but you can take it as many times as necessary. You must take the Praxis before STEP 363 and pass it before STEP 464 (Student Teaching).

Versions and Passing Scores
- Secondary Math Teachers (7-12) take Praxis 5165 and get a score of 159 to pass.
- Middle School Math Teachers (6-8) take Praxis 5164 and get a score of 157 to pass

STE has a special discount rate with 240tutoring.com that provides access to Praxis study materials like flashcards, quizzes, practice tests and more! It's $20/month and can be canceled at any time. Click on this link to get started. Questions should be directed to Cheryl Sparks.

Office Hours
Mentoring Hours (ROSS 2230B):
- Tuesdays: 3:30 - 4:30
- Thursdays: 3:30 - 4:30

Praxis Prep Sessions (ROSS 2230G):
Complete the following survey as soon as possible to schedule these sessions!

Practice Praxis Problems

Question 1:
Evaluate the following rational expression using polynomial division: \[ \frac{x^3-2x^2-5x+6}{3x+6}. \]

Question 2:
Jane ate lunch at a local restaurant. She ordered a $4.99 appetizer, a $12.50 entree, and a $1.25 soda. If she wants to tip her server 20%, how much money will she spend in all

Come to Office Hours to get the solutions!