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#### Things to know and do:

- Start planning **Fall** courses
- Change your Password
- Sign up for your PRAXIS I exam ASAP.

#### Teacher Licensure

The Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) is now a state requirement for licensure.

- The link for VCLA and VRA: [www.va.nesinc.com](http://www.va.nesinc.com)
- The link for Praxis I and II: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

#### Online Services

- Remember that you must change your MBC password every 90 days to keep it current for use of your MBC email and the online registrar. Please check your MBC email at least once a week.



## What's New in MBC Charlottesville!

We have had a very busy Spring and Summer here in the C' Ville Regional Center, and we're delighted to tell you about a number of developments that will increase your educational choices here in C' Ville.

### The Village School

Starting in June 2009 MBC Charlottesville has been renting classroom space for weeknight evening classes at the Village School in downtown Charlottesville. For the next few years, ADP and Graduate Education courses meeting on Monday through Thursday evenings will be located at the Village School. Most Saturday classes for Fall and Spring will continue to meet at PVCC.

Starting in Summer 2009 both the ADP undergraduate program and the Post Baccalaureate Teacher Licensure Program (PBTL) program have been approved by Virginia's Department of Education to offer licensure in Special Education (K-12).

ADP students may also complete a minor in Special Education. There is considerable demand for teachers certified in Special Education, so if you're interested in this new licensure, please contact your advisor.

MBC's Graduate Education Program will also continue to

### Bachelor of Social Work

Starting in the Fall 2009, ADP will begin offering the complete BSW degree in its regions. This Fall, May Guenin will offer group courses in SOWK 335L Social Work Practice I and SOWK Social Work Practice II.

We are hoping to offer additional groups in SOWK 156L Interviewing in Human Service Professions and SOWK 353L Social Work with Diverse Populations no later than Spring 2010.

Other Social Work courses are already available online and independently. Check with your advisor for more information about this exciting new major and degree.

Offer Special Education licensure.

Dr. Carla Manno is already offering ED 205L Characteristics of Exceptionality and ED 215L Foundations and Legal Issues of Special Education as online courses.

We will offer ED 305L Classroom Management and Collaboration in Special Education Settings as a group course in C' Ville this Fall, and we hope to add ED 111L Practicum in Special Education as a Fall group and ED 315L Differentiated Strategies in Instruction and Assessment for Special Education as a new group for Spring 2010.

### Sociology

There will be some changes coming to the Sociology major in Fall 2009. In line with these changes, Bob Robinson (part of our MBC Team at Blue Ridge Community College and Sociology adjunct) will begin offering SOC 320L Social Research Methods and SOC 400L Senior Thesis as groups here in Charlottesville. Bob will begin offering courses here in Spring 2010 after the changes to the major are in place.

### Business for a Sustainable Future

Starting in Fall 2009, the Business major has been restructured to stress sustainability and the triple bottom line (people, planet, and profits).

Basic courses will still be transferable from the VCCS, but the Business faculty has added new courses that stress social and environmental responsibility in addition to fundamental business skills.

The new business program will require students to complete a Minor in either a Liberal Arts or Business discipline. Bob Klonoski will be offering the first of these new courses as an online course this Fall: BUAD 100 – Clean and Green: Business for a Sustainable Future. Please check with your advisor for more information about this new major.

## To Do List:

### Confirm your Registration

Please be sure to check your Fall registrations through the Online Registrar, and print out a copy of your schedule to confirm for yourself which courses you have enrolled for the Fall semester.

### Employer Reimbursement

If you are receiving employer reimbursement for your classes, please be aware that you cannot receive an ET for a course or register for a new semester until all tuition is paid for the current semester.

### Major Field Tests (MFTs)

It is a graduation requirement that all majors in English, History, Psychology, Sociology, and Biology must take the MFTs in their major field. The History MFTs will be given in October 2009. Sociology, Psychology, and English MFTs will be given in Spring '10, usually in March following Spring Break. **If you are planning to graduate in the next 12 months**, please contact your advisor to determine when you should take the MFTs.

### Teaching Evaluations

At the end of the semester, you will be asked to submit teacher evaluations for your ADP classes. These evaluations provide important feedback to us about how well we're serving you, so please **DO** fill them out and return them electronically as soon as you receive them. If you have questions, please contact your advisor.



ADP Student

Julie Danko

surveys the

ruins at

Macchu Pichu

## Considering May Term Abroad?

While many of MBC's residential students take advantage of the college's May Term trips abroad, these trips are also open to ADP students. Here's a quick report from Julie Danko, a Spanish major with ADP who traveled to Peru with Dr. Ivy Arbulu this past May:

Hello, my name is Julie Danko and I am a 37 year old wife and mother of three young children. I decided a few years ago to return to college and finish my degree in Spanish. I will be graduating next May with my BA in Spanish and minor in Education. All of this has been made possible through the MBC Adult Degree Program.

I had the incredible privilege to go on the May Term Study Abroad trip to Peru, South America this spring. There were 11 of us who embarked on this unforgettable journey for three weeks. We traveled to the mountain region to a city called Cusco and lived in homes with national families for two weeks.

While in Cusco we learned so much about the Inca culture, customs, and language. At the same time we all grew incredibly close to our host families as well as with one another. We also had the incredible experience of visiting Machu Picchu which is an ancient and very beautiful Inca city located at the top of a mountain.

The last week we traveled into the heart of the Amazon jungle where we took a three day tour up the Amazon River. We went on nighttime nature walks where we saw monkeys, snakes, caymans, parrots tarantulas, and many other critters. The last few days of our trip was spent in the coastal city of Lima, Peru. Lima is the capital of Peru and a very large city. We had an incredible time shopping, eating and sightseeing in this enormous city.

I would encourage any adult students to take advantage of the study abroad trips if they can. It was an incredible experience that I will never forget.

## New and Continuing Courses for Fall 2009

- BUAD 100L – Clean and Green: Business for a Sustainable Future. Mr. Klonoski will be offering this first new course in the new BUAD major as an online offering.
  - ED 111L – Practicum in Special Education – This Fall, we hope to offer this SPED practicum course along with our ED 110L course. There will be one group meeting at the beginning of the semester.
  - ED 205L – Characteristics of Exceptionality – Dr. Carla Manno will continue to offer this class online.
  - ED 215L – Foundations and Legal Issues of Special Education – Dr. Carla Manno will continue to offer this class online as well. NOTE: Students who have taken both ED 205 and ED 215 may be eligible for a provisional license in Special Education.
  - ED 310L GC – Middle and Secondary Methods and Practicum – Dr. Robert Remesz, a new instructor for C'Ville, will be offering this course in both Fall 2009 and Spring 2010. The course is a requirement for Middle and Secondary Licensures.
  - ED 305L – Classroom management & Collaboration in Special Ed Settings – we hope to offer this group class for the Special Education minor/licensure in Fall 2009.
  - HCA 101L GC – Introduction to Health Care Administration – John Wilkinson will teach this HCA course in C'Ville in Fall 2009.
  - SOWK 355L – Social Work Practice I – May Guenin will offer this group course in the Fall. It is appropriate for students just beginning their curriculum in Social Work.
  - SOWK 365L – Social Work Practice II – May Guenin will also offer this group for students who have taken SOWK 355 on the Staunton Campus or at other institutions.
- For a complete list of courses offered in Charlottesville, see [www.mbc.edu/adp/pvcc/classes.asp](http://www.mbc.edu/adp/pvcc/classes.asp).



## Teacher Licensure

Every year, during fall and Spring semesters, the MBC Master of Arts in Teaching program runs a series of professional development institutes (PDIs) in its Staunton and Regional offices. These Institutes focus on special topics in instruction, student development, and classroom management and are available to all MBC students and to professional educators already in the field.

The cost to MBC students for an MAT Institute is \$35. For more information on workshops, contact the Graduate Education Office (540-887-7303). The list of institute for 2009-10 will be available on the MAT website (<http://www.mbc.edu/mat/>). The Charlottesville sessions will be on the C'Ville website: <http://www.mbc.edu.adp/pvcc> under Event Calendar.

### Licensure Requirements

Please remember that, before you can apply for **student teaching**, you **MUST** have taken Praxis I (or have satisfactory scores on the SAT or ACT tests).

You must also complete all Education courses before you begin your student teaching, and you must have an overall MBC grade point average of 2.5 (minimum) and a 3.0 GPA (minimum) in your Education classes. Your applications for student teaching are due to your advisor no later than **October 1, 2009 (for Spring 2010)** and **March 1, 2010 (for Fall 2010)**.

Note that you must also register for 12 or more semester hours of student teaching in addition to filing your application for student teaching.

For ADP students, the Student Teaching Seminar is included in your regular student teaching registration. You should not register for the seminar as a separate course.

If you are doing a course **with a practicum** in Fall 2009 (Elementary Methods, Middle and Secondary Methods, Developmental and Diagnostic Reading, ED 110L practicum), the applications for your practicums are now attached to the syllabi for these courses. Please send in the practicum application to Diane John as soon as you register for the course. Diane, in the Charlottesville office, will be making practicum placements for most Charlottesville students for Fall 2009.

## Important Dates to Remember

### PLP Workshop

On Tuesday, September 29, Dr. Susan Green will lead a workshop on preparing a prior learning portfolio (PLP) for college credit. Please contact Diane John ([djohn@mbc.edu](mailto:djohn@mbc.edu)) for details and registration.

### Do You Have Announcements?

If you have any announcements or wish to exchange any ideas with your fellow ADP students, please let us know!

August 7, 2009	All Su 09 course work due for ADP students
August 7, 2009	ET requests due for Summer 2009
August 31, 2009	MBC Fall 2009 classes begin
August 31 – September 4, 2009	Add/Drop for Fall 2009; drop with full refund
October 1, 2009	Graduation applications due for Jan. 2010
October 1, 2009	Student Teaching applications due for Spring 2010
October 1, 2009	Deadline to withdraw class, partial refund
October 17 – 20, 2009	MBC Fall Break
October 28, 2009	Deadline to change Fall 09 Grading options
<b>November 9, 2009 – January 8, 2010</b>	<b>Online Registration for Spring 2010, by class</b>
November 9 – 10, 2009	Seniors
November 11 – 12, 2009	Juniors
November 13 – 16, 2009	Sophomores
November 18, 2009 – January 8, 2010	Registration open to all students
November 25 – 29, 2009	MBC Thanksgiving Break
December 7 – 11, 2009	Final Exams: Staunton Campus
<b>December 11, 2009</b>	<b>All course work due for ADP Students</b>
December 11, 2009	ET Requests due for Fall 2010
January 11, 2010	MBC Spring 2010 Classes begin
January 11 – 15, 2010	Add/Drop for Spring 2010; drop with full refund
February 1, 2010	Last day to withdraw with partial refund
February 1, 2010	Graduation applications due for May 2010
March 1, 2010	Student Teaching applications due for Fall 2010

The complete ADP calendar for 2009-2010 is available online on the ADP Reference Shelf:

[www.mbc.edu/adp/student/reference.asp](http://www.mbc.edu/adp/student/reference.asp) . \*Senior: completed 95 sh; \*Junior, 58 sh; \*Soph, 27 sh