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Welcome

With the new year brings many new changes. One of the changes for 2011 is GRE revised General Test! This new test has many exciting changes that will benefit both the test taker and the universities. Not only has the test content changed but they have updated the test design and the scoring. Changes to the test content consists of placing a greater emphasis on verbal reasoning measures, changing the quantitative reasoning section to more real-life scenarios, and asking students to provide more focused responses to analytical writing questions. Changes to the test design provides the students the ability to change answers, skip questions, and “mark and re-view” features. Scoring is also a revised section of the test. The scoring will go from 10-point increments to 1-point increments and will be measured on a 130-170 scale instead of the 200-800 scale. To kick off the changes to the test, students who take the revised GRE between August 1 and September 30, 2011 will save 50% on their test fee.

For more information about the changes and test materials visit

http://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general_institutions/.



Month	Milestone
July 2010	Free Test prep available for test takers
August-September 2011	Aug 1: first day of testing for revised test For test administered in Aug-Sept scores will be reported starting in early November
October 2011	For tests administered in October, scores will be reported starting in mid-November
November 2011	For tests administered in November, scores will be reported in late November
December 2011	Score reporting returns to the regular reporting period (10-15 days after test date)



College of Education courses are held in Ewing Hall.



Shamayel Patton
Master of Education in
Counseling



International students at
Welcome back party!



Program Spotlight

Since the beginning of the program, the Master of Education in Educational Leadership has completed 11 cohort programs. With over 140 graduates, 122 now hold administrative positions. The MED in Educational Leadership is a full-time 14-month cohort program with new cohorts beginning each June. The program consists of 3 core education courses and 12 major field courses. Mr. Dwight Luckett, Superintendent of Canton School District and graduate of cohort II, states, "the program helped me become a confident change agent for education." Of the graduates there are currently 3 Superintendents, 1 Assistant Superintendent, 52 Principals, 46 Assistant Principals, and 18 district level administrative personnel. The coordinator of the program is Dr. Tom Taylor. For more information about the program please contact Dr. Taylor at trtaylor@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4370.

Student Spotlight

Currently doing her internship at Parks Elementary School in Cleveland, Mississippi, Shamayel Patton is finishing her course work for the Master of Education in Counseling program. Along with her coursework, Shamayel was a Graduate Assistant in the Graduate and Continuing Studies office for over 2 years. Patton says, "I plan to continue working and gaining as much experience as possible." She also encourages anyone who is thinking about joining the counseling program to "stop thinking about it and do it." She will be graduating this Spring and plans to continue her career as a school counselor. For more information about the Master of Education in Counseling program please contact Dr. George Beals at gbeals@deltastate.edu or 662-846-4355.

Mark your Calendars

Students and Faculty mark your calendars because on Tuesday March 22, Graduate Studies and the International Student Association will be hosting a graduate student social. The event will be held in the Union State Room from 5 to 6 p.m. Coordinators or professors from each area will attend and answer questions that the students may have. All current graduate students and Delta State junior and senior undergraduates are encouraged to attend. Dr. Albert Nylander, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies will also be there to answer questions from the students. This is going to be a fun and relaxed time for students and faculty members to discuss graduate courses and majors.