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# PPOHA NEWSLETTER

**Fall 2012**

Welcome back, PPOHA students! We are excited to be starting the year off with many exciting changes.

First, we now have a full menu of course offerings in the Educational Leadership, Dual Language, and Special Education. Current course offerings (Fall, 2012) include:

- EDUC 5302 – Learning Theories
- EDUC 5303 – Cultural Foundations
- EDUC 5314 – Theories of Second Language Acquisition
- EDUC 5325 – Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties
- EDUC 5339 – Human Growth and Development
- EDUC 5345 – Evidence Based Practices for Students with Mild Disorders
- EDUC 5390 – Educational Leadership
- EDUC 5397 – Curriculum, Planning and Development
- EDUC 6320 – Research Seminar: Proposal
- EDUC 6321 – Research Seminar: Study and Findings
- EDUC 6330 – Administrative Internship I

In addition, we are pleased to introduce our new PPOHA team members:

- Patty Lyerly, Administrative Assistant
- Olga Starostina, Instructional Technology Designer
- Dr. Han, Curriculum Developer/Graduate Center Director

The Writing and Research program of the Graduate Student Success Center (GSSC) continues to offer practical and in-depth mentoring and advising to graduate students in the School of Education. All students pursuing their Master of Education degree are encouraged to make use of the consultation that is provided in the Center. Regular GSSC hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 5:00 p.m., or by appointment. To schedule an appointment with the Writing and Research Coordinator, please email Catherine Barber at [barbercr@stthom.edu](mailto:barbercr@stthom.edu).

In addition, the GSSC will be hosting several workshops in the Fall semester for students who are working on their Action Research study. These workshops include:

The Human Subjects Committee – start to finish (Sept. 17, Sept. 24, and Oct. 1)

Descriptive statistics in Excel (Oct. 22)

Calculating and interpreting basic inferential statistics using online calculators (Oct. 29)

Creating APA-style tables and figures in Word (Nov. 5)

All workshops will take place online through screensharing software and will be held at 7:15 – 8:15 p.m. on the dates listed above. Be sure to reserve your spot by emailing Catherine Barber at [barbercr@stthom.edu](mailto:barbercr@stthom.edu) at least one week in advance.

Finally, recently rolled out a semi-annual satisfaction survey, which we hope will provide valuable information about the needs of our graduate students and how better to serve them. If you have visited the GSSC in the past two years, we may be sending you a survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this anonymous survey. Your feedback is extremely important to us!

Have a great year! --The PPOHA team