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Ed.S. Special Education Program Begins January 2011

Approval for the Degree of Education Specialist, Collaborative Special Education from the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) and SACS is expected soon and plans are underway to begin offering the program online beginning with Spring 1 Session in January 2011.

To be admitted to this program, the prospective student must meet all requirements for admission to the School of Graduate Studies and hold a valid masters level special education certification.

Applications for admission into the program are now being accepted at online.uwa.edu.

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Sparkman-Cleghorn Book Available Now

Grades Mathematics, was published in July and is now available for purchase.

The book serves as a test prep publication for Georgia math teachers Grades 4-8, featuring quizzes after each chapter and two full-length practice tests.

Copies may be purchased at Books-A-Million retail outlets throughout Georgia and online at booksamillion.com.

The book is also available at Amazon.com, borders.com and barnesandnoble.com.

Dr. Sparkman-Cleghorn will be presenting at the Georgia Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference October 15 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center in Eatonton, Ga.

Her presentation centers around bby Publications, which partnered with UWA in 2009 and creates new ways to make learning a joyful discovery for both children and teachers alike.

Online Advisor — Christa Stewart

Christa Stewart is an Online Advisor for the UWA Division of Online Programs.

She is a graduate of The University of West Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Science in Continuing Education/Psychology.

Currently, Ms. Stewart is pursuing a doctoral degree in Education Psychology at the University of Alabama.

An online advisor at UWA for three years, Ms. Stewart is a graduate of Lamar High School in Meridian, Miss. A native of Lauderdale, Miss., Ms. Stewart still calls Lauderdale home.

Online Advisor— Lisa Tanner

Lisa Tanner is an advisor for the UWA Division of Online Programs and has worked in that capacity for three years.

Following graduation from Sumter Academy in Livingston, Ala., she earned her Bachelor of Arts in English and Master of Arts in Teaching in Language Arts from The University of West Alabama, Ms. Tanner taught high school English in Mobile, Ala. before coming home to Livingston.

She is engaged to be married in October to Howard Rhodes, a UWA Police Officer and is the mother of one son, Rolfe, a 16-year-old student at the Alabama institute of Fine Arts.
As part of an assignment while working toward the completion of a Master’s Degree in Library Media, Leeann Childers recently wrote a grant and was awarded $50,000 to fund a media center for Chaffee Elementary in Huntsville, Ala.

Prior to the funding, the library had just two computers that were used only to search for books. Wiring for the new lab was completed in July, in time for use in the current school year.

Ms. Childers completed her master’s at UWA in May 2010 and has accepted a position to start a library from scratch as the Library Media Specialist at Goldsmith-Schiffman Elementary in Huntsville.

UWA Online Library Media Grad Builds Media Center

Online Accounting Degree Added For Fall 2010

UWA began offering an online BBA in Accounting degree with the start of fall semester.

Online accounting courses have the same requirements as classes meeting on campus, and the degree program prepares students for the Certified Public Accountant examination.

Through its flexibility and convenience, the program meets the needs of working students who wish to earn an accounting degree for career advancement.

The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that accountants and auditors are expected to experience much faster than average employment growth from 2008-18.

Through the Division of Online Programs, the College of Business also offers bachelor’s degrees in business administration and technology, in addition to the Tutwiler College of Education’s master’s and education specialist degrees.

For more information on applying to UWA’s online accounting program, please call 1-877-359-4293 or email online@uwa.edu.

Getting Visible

Look for UWA Online in the Upcoming Months

- Newsweek Magazine
  Global Education Issue
  Sept 20, 2010
- NewsweekShowcase.com
  Sept 2010—Sept 2011
- Alabama School Journal;
  Sept 20 & Oct 4 2010
- SEEN Magazine
  Sept 2010, Nov 2010, Apr 2011
- B-Metro Magazine
  Sept 2010
- AlaColleges.com
  Sept - Dec 2010
- nabt.org button
  Sept 2010 - Feb 2011
- ABT Journal
  Oct 2010 - Feb 2011
- UWA Online TV spots
- Begin Oct 2010
- Facebook
- UWA Online Programs
- UWA Alumni Club
- Meetings
- UWA Online Bloggers
- UWA Online Water
A Visit From the Dean

The UWA Online family continues to grow as students are eager to share the advantages of earning reciprocal state and regionally accredited Master’s and Education Specialists degrees completely online from UWA.

Even with the UWA Online program expanding rapidly, we do not intend to lose the personal touch that differentiates UWA from other higher education institutions, whether our students are online or traditional.

If you have a cohort of 12 or more colleagues who are interested in enrolling in one of UWA’s Master of Education, Master of Science in Continuing Education or Master of Arts in Teaching programs, or an Ed.S. program in Elementary Education, Library Media or School Counseling, we would like to meet your group.

Dr. Martha Hocutt, the dean of the UWA Division of Online Programs, would appreciate the opportunity to come and visit face-to-face with your group to answer any questions or just get to know you.

If this unique opportunity interests you, call (205) 652-5442 or email kpartridge@uwa.edu.

UWA Online Students Share Their Experience

“I am not sure who to thank, but THANK YOU. I started and stopped my master’s so many times I lost count. It was always an issue of getting to a campus. Having children, raising children... I could have never done this without a program like UWA has.” ... Laura Tucker

“I wanted to let you know that my experience at UWA has been wonderful. Not all universities work as closely with their students at you have with me. All my professors were willing to help with any problems I encountered.” ... Sharon C. Sparks

“I tell all of my friends and co-workers about what great programs you offer and the personal assistance you all give to everyone. I graduated from a major state university many years ago, but I never had anyone take as much interest in me as a student as the officials and professors at UWA do. Thanks for running such a great program!” ... Jennifer McCain

“I had trouble registering and the two ladies in registration were so patient and helpful! Another example of why UWA is a great place - even from across the country!” ... Jordan Sackman

“I’m glad I chose the UWA. I took so much from this program and I uphold the values of this institution in high regard. Distance learning can be difficult, but you guys made it so much easier.” ... Donald J. Norman

Mississippi LAMP
Aug 30—Sept 2
Tupelo, Batesville, Clinton, Hattiesburg

LCA Conference
Sept 19-21
New Orleans, La.

Alabama Library Expo
Sept 27—Oct 1
Mobile, Montgomery, Bessemer, Scottsboro, Tuscaloosa

NCTM Conference
Oct 28-30
New Orleans, La.