

Greetings College of Education Students,

My name is Dr. Langan and I serve as the Assistant Dean for the College of Education (COE) here at ESU. I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your patience and persistence during this pandemic. As fellow and sister Warrior, I know how much you all want to be back on campus, and I and your faculty want you back and your faculty want you back. The decision to go remote this fall was made to keep you, our students, safe as well as ensure the safety of our faculty, staff, and the surrounding community. Over the course of the fall semester, I can ensure you everyone at ESU and in the College of Education are here to guide you, support you, and encourage you as we navigate this semester with a team approach to learning.

As I write to you, your faculty are getting trained in extensive online teaching techniques, converting course content, designing interactive activities, and will be reaching out personally to touch base with you in order to answer your questions and assist your learning. Here in the College of Education, we understand what students need in order to learn and are striving to provide a semester filled with active and engaged learning so you can progress to the next level of your individual programs.

To better connect with our COE students, I have created an Instagram account ([esucollegeofed](#)). Now more than ever we need to expand our lines of communication to reach out to you, our students. I have asked your faculty members to do their best in expanding their ability to communicate with you openly in ways that you are familiar with in addition to regular email communications. I plan to email and post important information from the COE and its programs on our Instagram account, so be sure to follow us for the most up-to-date information.

Frequent questions that have arisen this week center around living on campus, field experiences, and clearances. For the fall, only students who are in their last semester and student teaching locally will be living on campus. For our student teachers who will be in schools locally, living on and traveling to campus for supervisor meetings and practicums, we ask that you self-isolate for two weeks before the semester begins and continue to practice social distancing guidelines as outlined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). Courses that require field experience will be designed by faculty in a way that you can complete this from home and/or online if necessary. At this time, if you are not student teaching this semester, you can refrain from purchasing your clearances until you hear from your course instructors whether clearances are needed or not. If you will be participating in an online experience with our K12 school partners, clearances will be required and must be recorded through our Office of Field Experiences, directed by Ms. Jill Greenwood (jgreenwood@esu.edu). Additionally, ESU hosts a detailed webpage of current student FAQs (www.esu.edu/open) along with a listing of identified instructional delivery modes (online, hybrid, F2F) for all fall courses.

Here in the College of Education, you are our number one priority! We promise to work hard to help you learn what is needed this fall in order to progress in your chosen program. With over 125 years as a teacher education institution, we pride ourselves in producing the best teachers and the strongest students. During a pandemic, it is no different. We will continually help you become well-rounded, diversely skilled teachers who can successfully support students during both good and difficult times.

Be well, stay safe, and please wear your mask when in the presence of others. Your cooperation in this effort will help us get you back on campus, where you belong!

Enjoy safely,

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