



Senior Academic Division Day Education

Check -In | Living/Learning Center (LLC)
9:30am

Welcome | Heritage Hall, LLC
9:45am

Dr. Charline Rowland
Associate Professor of Education and Division Chair

Academic Break-Out Sessions | LLC
10:00am

- **Early Childhood - Campus Room**
 - Dr. Donna Kowalczyk, Dr. Natalie Conrad Barnyak, Dr. Douglas Ledney
- **Special Education**
 - Dr. Bethany McConnell, Dr. Missy Casses, Dr. Elaine Wilson
- **Mid-level & Secondary Education**
 - Dr. Nina Girard, Dr. Mark Conlon, Dr. Sarah Chesney

Admitted Next Steps | Heritage Hall, LLC
10:45am

- **Admitted Student Next Steps**
 - Meet your Admissions Counselor and discuss the Next Steps of the enrollment process and answer any questions. The presentation will include prepping admitted students for Academic Planning Day, Applying for On-Campus Housing, Student Engagement, etc.
- **Student Panel**
 - Join current students for an open discussion.

Lunch | LLC, Varsity Cafe
11:45pm

- Pitt-Johnstown features several dining options managed by Chartwell's High Ed, a leader in higher education dining. Enjoy lunch in our Living/Learning Center at Varsity Cafe.

Classroom Simulations | Biddle Hall
1:05pm - Choose One Session

- **Beyond the Acronym: What is STEM?**
Biddle 152
 - Dr. Sarah Chesney
 - In this session, we will discuss different perspectives on STEM Education, and consider the benefits of these approaches for both students, teachers, and the community.
- **Discussing Your Philosophy of Education**
Biddle 140
 - Dr. Mark Conlon
 - This session will focus on how the UPJ Education program works to develop your individual philosophy of education beginning in History and Philosophy of Education, through methods courses, and finally in completing your professional educator portfolio during student teaching.
- **Extra! Extra! Read All About It! Literacy Strategies**
Biddle 141
 - Dr. Natalie Conrad Barnyak
 - This session will focus on interactive comprehension strategies that may be implemented in Early Childhood, Middle Level, and/or Secondary classrooms. Supporting students' understanding before, during, and after reading will be discussed.

Education Session I | Biddle Hall

1:40pm - Choose One Session

Education Session II | Biddle Hall

2:05pm - Choose One Session

Session Descriptions

- **Outlook on Jobs - Biddle 141**

- Dr. Charline Rowland
- This is a great time in our recent history to become a teacher for so many reasons. In this session, you will hear information about America's education sector, and you will learn about the need for teachers in Pennsylvania. Moreover, you'll take away a good understanding of how teachers become certified and what the opportunities are for educators.

- **Student Teaching Expectations - Biddle 152**

- Dr. Donna Kowalczyk & Dr. Doug Ledney
- Student teaching is the final step to complete before graduation. This session will provide you with information about the student teaching experience, student teaching abroad opportunities, the professional educator's portfolio, and preparing for your own classroom.

- **Studying Abroad - Biddle 140**

- Dr. Bethany McConnell
- Start thinking about traveling to get your education. The time is now! Through the University of Pittsburgh system there are over 350 programs in 75 countries. Did you know you can use your tuition money to take literature classes in Paris or Geology classes in Amsterdam? We will discuss the many ways students receive funding to study abroad. More specifically, we will share the student teaching opportunities in Cochabamba, Bolivia and Auckland, New Zealand that are directly linked with our Pitt-Johnstown program.

- **STEM Endorsement & English as Second Language Certificate - Biddle 250**

- Dr. Sarah Chesney & Brian Burke
- As an education major at Pitt-Johnstown, we offer several opportunities for you to specialize your degree in an emerging area in education, including STEM Education and English as a Second Language. In this session, faculty will discuss the requirements, expectations, and benefits for pursuing these programs, including an opportunity to deepen a candidate's knowledge, skills and practice, and increase one's marketability upon graduation.

Optional Activities | Biddle Hall

2:30pm

- **Campus Tour**

- Tour Departs from Biddle Hall
- Wear your walking shoes, with 655 acres in Pennsylvania's Laurel Highlands, there's a lot to see. Join a Pitt-Johnstown Ambassador for an up-close-and-personal look at our mountaintop home.

- **Oak Hall Show Room (First Year Housing)**

- Tour Departs from Biddle Hall
- Take this opportunity to tour the first year residence hall and speak with a Resident Assistant.

- **Wellness Center Tour**

- Tour Departs from Biddle Hall
- Pitt-Johnstown's Wellness Center is a 40,000 square-foot state-of-the-art exercise, health, and recreational hub.

- **Financial Aid Drop-In: Blackington Hall 114**

- If you have questions regarding your financial aid, please stop in the Financial Aid Office to speak with one of our specialists.