Professional Learning for Teacher Candidates

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“Teaching is the Profession That Teaches All Other Professions.”

-Anonymous

HAPPY (Having Active Participation Prepares You) Hour Professional Learning for Teacher Candidates consists of professional development workshops scheduled throughout the year. The workshops, which typically last one hour, feature university faculty and PreK-12 educators who have expertise in areas of relevance to the teaching profession. Unless otherwise specified, the workshops are free and require no pre-registration. Students simply show up, learn, have fun, and gain experience to add to their professional resumes!
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Below are a few examples of upcoming HAPPY Hour workshops:

- Professionalism and Ethics in Education
- Marzano’s Principles: Writing Scales
- Diversity in Today’s Inclusive Classrooms
- Building an Effective Interview Portfolio
- The Wonderful World of Simulation
- Sex, Lies, and Multiple Lives
- How to Use Legos and Robotics to Get Kids Excited about Math and Science
- Military-Connected Students: What Every Teacher Should Know About This Special Group
- The Common Core State Standards and Disciplinary Literacy in Grades 6-12
HAPPY Hour also includes the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase, an in-house conference in the Teaching Academy, Education Building Complex, and Morgridge International Reading Center during which students can share their best work with their peers. This event is a TREMENDOUS opportunity for professional development in which students can enhance their scholarship, presentational skills, teaching credentials, and job marketability.

The next HAPPY Hour Student Showcase will be 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2014. Check out the website for fall workshops that will give you information about the many ways you can participate in this exciting event!
The HAPPY Hour Student Showcase is a fun-filled mini-conference highlighting teacher candidates. It includes:

- Interactive and diverse student workshops representative of Best Practices in education
- Panel of our Rising Stars, Beginning Teacher Alumni
- Teacher supply vendors
- The Prize Patrol
- Refreshments
- Tons of educational resources
- Networking opportunities
- Opportunities to practice interviewing with Pre-K12 administrators

Alexandre Lopes, 2013
Florida Teacher of the Year
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Benefits of the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase to student presenters:

- You will hone your presentational skills and show future employers that you have initiative and the desire to be a life-long learner.
- You will experience the ultimate form of professional development.
- You will participate in an actual conference experience by learning how to write presentation proposals and how to implement your presentation.
- If desired, you will have a faculty mentor to help you through the entire process.
- You will receive special recognition during the Closing Session of the Showcase.
Scholarships will be awarded to 2 deserving HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presenters during the Closing Session of the Student Showcase.

- Recipients will receive up to $500 to attend a state conference of their choice within a year of winning the award.
- Scholarship application materials can be found on the HAPPY Hour website at http://education.ucf.edu/happyhour.
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The following are some ideas for Showcase presentation topics:

- Strategies/activities learned in classes, internships, and workshops (such as HAPPY Hour workshops!)
- Course assignments of which you are proud
- Strategies learned from peers, supervising teachers, and/or course instructors
- A special talent you have that lends itself well to the teaching profession
- A really cool experience (such as teaching abroad) that you would like to share and that is pertinent to the teaching profession
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Below are a few examples of last year’s HAPPY Hour Student Showcase presentations:

- “Pinterest®”-ing Ideas!
- Developing a Green Classroom One Step at a Time
- QR Codes for the Classroom
- Prezi as a Presentation and Teaching Tool
- Cell Phone: Friend or Foe?
- DIY Decorations for the Classroom: Do-able and Discounted!
- Transform Old Traditional Board Games into New Learning Games
- Hair Loss Prevention for Teachers

Go to the HAPPY Hour website to check out other presentations from past HAPPY Hour Student Showcases. You will find them in the conference programs.
Student Testimonials:

- “We felt good sharing these ideas because these are the skills we have learned that have made us love teaching even more than we already did and have taught us so much about how to be a great teacher, leader, and role model.” (Student presenters)

- “I have gleaned many new ideas for creative teaching in the classroom.” (HAPPY Hour workshop attendee)

Go to the HAPPY Hour website to check out other student comments.
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How you can get involved in HAPPY Hour:

- Attend HAPPY Hour workshops.
- Attend the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase on January 25, 2014.
- Give your student organization exposure by partnering with HAPPY Hour.
- Volunteer to be a student assistant, and help HAPPY Hour faculty with running the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase.
- Be a student presenter at the HAPPY Hour Student Showcase, and increase your job marketability.
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SEE YOU AT HAPPY HOUR!