



Teacher Expo

SOUTH CAROLINA

Monday, June 2, 2008
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**South Carolina State Fairgrounds
The Cantey Building, 1200 Rosewood Drive
Columbia, South Carolina**

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What is the South Carolina Expo?

- Expo is a teacher job/information fair that brings together teachers looking for professional opportunities and school districts looking for excellent teachers. Expo registration is **FREE** for all teacher applicants!
- Teacher recruiters from school systems across South Carolina will be present to share information about their school districts and interview at Expo applicants for known or anticipated vacancies.

When and where will Expo be held?

- Expo will be held on Monday, June 2, 2008, at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds, Cantey Building, 1200 Rosewood Drive, Columbia, South Carolina. Columbia, the state capital, is located in the center of the state and is accessible via bus, plane, automobile or train. Directions to the Expo are included in this brochure.

Why should I attend the Expo?

- Expo is the only statewide teacher/job information fair held in South Carolina. If you are interested in making contact with many of the state's 85 school districts in one convenient location, Expo is the event to attend.
- South Carolina is a fast-growing state with a commitment to educational excellence and a determination to hire the best teachers possible.
- More than 8,000 teachers were hired to staff South Carolina classrooms last year, with more than 175 hired from the Expo.
- If you are interested in a teaching career and hold a bachelor's degree in a designated academic area, are a certified teacher, or are eligible for certification in one or more states, then you are eligible to attend Expo.

What are South Carolina's greatest teaching needs?

- South Carolina currently is experiencing a shortage of teachers and has a high demand for teachers certified in all areas, particularly special education.
- South Carolina is committed to a strong minority teacher presence. Recruiters are eager to interview minority candidates in all teaching areas.
- Many of the state's school districts are in rural communities and want to attract teachers who enjoy rural lifestyles.

How do I know if I am eligible for an alternative certification program?

- After your registration has been submitted online, you will receive an email confirmation and details about downloading Expo materials. Included with that packet will be information about PACE (Program for Alternative Certification for Educators). PACE certification may be approved in specific areas as well as designated geographic area school districts for individuals with appropriate content degrees. For more information, go to www.scteachers.org.

PACE Subject Areas:

Agriculture, Art, Business Education, Dance, English (Secondary), Family/Consumer Science, Foreign Language (French, German, Latin, Spanish), Health, History (Secondary), Industrial Technology, Mathematics (Secondary), Middle Level (Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies), Media Specialist, Music, Physical Education, Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Social Studies (Secondary), Special Education (Emotionally Disabled Only) and Theater.

The Critical Geographic Area Districts:

Allendale, Bamberg 2, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester 4, Fairfield, Florence 3, Florence 4, Hampton 2, Jasper, Lee, Lexington 4, Marion 1, Marion 2, Marion 7, McCormick, Orangeburg 3, Richland 1 and Saluda.

- Staff members from the State Department of Education's Office of Educator Certification will be at Expo to review your academic credentials and answer certification questions.
- Because fingerprints and a processing fee are required for South Carolina certification, completed application materials must be forwarded directly to:

Office of Educator Certification
S.C. Department of Education
3700 Forest Drive, Suite 500
Columbia, SC 29204

Why should I investigate teaching opportunities in South Carolina?

- South Carolina is committed to preparing students for the 21st century by implementing the latest technological programs and giving all students access to the information highway.
- Teacher salaries are above the Southeastern average. In addition, more than 5,700 teachers holding National Board Certification receive a salary supplement of \$7,500 annually.
- South Carolina has developed standards in foreign languages, health and safety education, mathematics, physical education, readings/English language arts, science, social studies and visual/performing arts.
- South Carolina has implemented full-day kindergarten for all students.
- In many South Carolina school districts, class size has been reduced in the early primary grades resulting in a teacher-student ratio of 1 to 15.
- In addition to educational excellence in rural, suburban and urban settings, South Carolina offers a beautiful coast, close proximity to the Appalachian Mountains, a vast recreational lake system, and a moderate climate.

What is the Expo agenda?

- Monday, June 2, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- On-site registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
- School district booths open at 9:00 a.m.
- South Carolina Department of Educator Certification consultation available throughout the day

How do I register for Expo?

- Register online at www.cerra.org by May 19, 2008. Applicants registering on or before May 19, 2008, will have their information distributed to all participating South Carolina school districts prior to Expo.

- Late registration will be available on-site the day of the Expo.

- After your registration has been submitted online, you will receive an e-mail confirmation and details about downloading information with specifics on the Columbia area, accommodation and travel information, certification information and instructions to complete the online South Carolina teacher application available through CERRA.

What should I bring to Expo?

- If you have not submitted a complete South Carolina online teacher application, you should do so before attending Expo.

- The South Carolina teacher application packet is available at www.winthrop.edu/scteach

- If you are in the process of completing an application for South Carolina certification, please bring copies of any correspondence related to the status of your certification request. If you have not done so and need to apply for certification, visit the Office of Educator Certification Web site at www.scteachers.org for more information.

- Come prepared and dressed for the possibility of a job interview.**

- If you have not completed an online application, bring multiple copies of the following documents to help expedite the interview process:

- Your current resume
- Your official college transcripts with seal
- Your current teaching certificate, if certified (or letter of eligibility). Interviewers understand new graduates may not yet have teaching certificates.
- Your Praxis II score reports, if available, especially if you don't hold a South Carolina teaching certificate.

- Bring all documents with you. Please DO NOT MAIL the documents in advance!**

Copy machines will be available to applicants to use.

How do I get to Expo?

From I-77 South

- From I-77 South merge onto SC-277 South via Exit 18 toward I-20W/Columbia/Augusta
- Turn Right onto Elmwood Avenue
- Turn Left onto Assembly Street
- Turn Right onto Rosewood Drive

From I-77 North

- From I-77 North via Exit 116 toward Charlotte take Bluff Road Exit 5 toward Gadsden
- Merge onto Bluff Road toward Columbia
- Turn Right onto Rosewood Drive

From I-20 East

- From I-20 East via Exit 64A take Huger Street exit
- Merge onto US-176/US-21 South
- Turn Left onto Gervais Street
- Turn Right onto Assembly Street
- Turn Right onto Rosewood Drive

From I-20 West

- From I-20 West take Exit 76A towards Charlotte/Charleston
- Merge onto I-77 South via exit towards Charleston
- Merge onto SC-760 West via Exit 10
- Turn Left onto SC-760 Connector West
- SC-760 Connector becomes Rosewood Drive

How do I schedule an interview at Expo?

- Visit booths of the districts in which you are most interested first, especially if you want to schedule interviews. Each district will make its own interview arrangements. Some districts will only interview applicants in areas of need while others will interview for all vacancies or anticipated vacancies within their districts. Other districts will not conduct any interviews but will use Expo as an opportunity to distribute district information and make preliminary contact with applicants. Some districts may contact you in advance and pre-schedule interviews.

- Applicants may be offered contracts during Expo, pending district approval. Others may receive offers in the weeks following the event. Some districts may ask you to travel to their districts to talk with principals and visit schools. More than 175 teachers were hired in 2007 through the Expo.

How can I get more information about Expo and other teaching opportunities in South Carolina?

- For more information, contact the Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention, and Advancement at www.cerra.org or call 800.476.2387.

- Complete the South Carolina online teacher application at www.winthrop.edu/scteach.

For Your Information...

- National Board Certified Teachers® are exempt from the S.C. requirement to earn a minimum of 120 renewal credits within five years to renew their certificates, provided they maintain the validity of the NBPTS certificate. However, if an NBCT chooses not to pursue the renewal process for the 10-year renewal certificate, the teacher must then earn 120 renewal credits during the last five years of the valid NBPTS certificate to maintain a valid S.C. certificate.

- South Carolina grants certification to anyone out of state who has is a NBCT and holds a valid educator certificate in the area of certification from that state, without any additional requirements (e.g. test scores, courses).

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If you're unable to attend...

If you cannot take part in Expo but would like more information about teaching in South Carolina, visit the following Web sites:

- www.cerra.org
- www.scteachers.org
- www.winthrop.edu/scteach