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**'PLUS 30' ADDS UP WITH SCIENCE COURSE AT SHELBYVILLE CENTER**  
*Needed Continuing Education Convenient to Teachers in Southern Middle Tennessee*

(MURFREESBORO) – Teachers who wish to begin or continue their “Plus 30” hours of graduate work can make exceptional progress with the Experimental Physical Science (PSCI 5030) course being offered this semester at Middle Tennessee Education Center (MTEC) in Shelbyville.

Dr. Pat Patterson, associate professor of chemistry at Middle Tennessee State University, will teach this four-hour graduate course. It involves basic concepts, laws and principles of astronomy, chemistry, geology and physics with an emphasis on the utilization of equipment available in actual school situations.

Spring semester classes will start on **Thursday, Jan. 13**. The Experimental Physical Science course will begin on **Wednesday, Jan. 19**, and will meet each Wednesday from 4-10 p.m. at MTEC.

Middle Tennessee Education Center, located at 200 Dover St. in Shelbyville, is a collaborative endeavor among Middle Tennessee State University, Motlow State Community College and Bedford County to make higher education and educational counseling more accessible to residents of the southern part of Middle Tennessee.

The center offers a “2+2” program designed to meet the needs of students preparing to teach the elementary grades. The first two years of the program are completed by earning an Associate of Science in Teaching degree at Motlow. Successful students ultimately will complete four years of study and earn a bachelor’s degree with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies and an emphasis in K-6, as well as licensure in Elementary Education K-6.

To find out more, or to enroll for the spring 2011 semester, contact Molly Culbreath at 931-685-4444 or [mculbrea@mtsu.edu](mailto:mculbrea@mtsu.edu).

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*Founded in 1911, Middle Tennessee State University is a Tennessee Board of Regents institution located in Murfreesboro and is the state’s largest public undergraduate institution. MTSU now boasts one of the nation’s first master’s degree programs in horse science, and the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C., acclaims MTSU’s Master of Science in Professional Science degree—the only one in Tennessee—as a*

*model program. This fall, MTSU unveiled three new doctoral degrees in the sciences.*