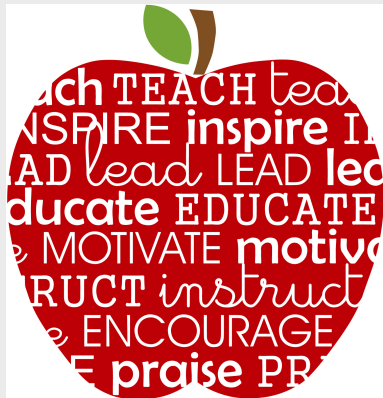


OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

OTE is hosting interviews continuously each month. Please view the [Interview Request Form](#) for available dates and times.



"Every student can learn, just not on the same day, or the same way."

-George Evans

Upcoming: Spring '26 Residency Orientation for Teacher Candidates

Teacher candidates who have submitted an intent to participate for Spring '26 Residency are required to attend an orientation session hosted by the Office of Teacher Education. These sessions will provide preliminary information on benchmarks, important dates, and what to expect during your time in Residency.

Candidates should have already received an RSVP email from Ms. Susan Collins with dates and times.

2+2 candidates will receive alternate instructions.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Susan Collins at sncollins@tnitech.edu.

Policy Changes to Add Additional Endorsements

The Department of Education recently made several changes to add additional endorsements to a teaching license. For any questions or to discuss options for adding an endorsement to an initial teaching license, please reach out to Elora Davis at eldavis@tnitech.edu.



Candidates, we want to remind you that the following services and supports are available to all Tennessee Tech students. For a full list of hardship resources, please click [here](#).

Tennessee Tech Food Pantry



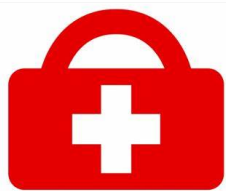
The Tennessee Tech Food Pantry was established as a resource for Tennessee Tech University students and employees in November 2012.

Their mission is to raise awareness of hidden hunger on college campuses across the nation and establish and sustain a network for food acquisition, storage and distribution at Tennessee Tech to alleviate hunger among our campus community. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tntech.edu/>

Wings Up-Cycled

Wings Up-Cycled is a free clothing store for all Tennessee Tech students who may need additional clothing items. They also hope to encourage second-hand shopping practices. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tntech.edu/sustainability/20210921->





CPR & First Aid Training Class

CPR/AED/First Aid Certification

Candidates are required to show proof of valid CPR, AED, & First Aid training before entering the clinical placement. Certification must include all three: CPR, AED, & First Aid and remain valid throughout clinical placement.

Blended learning CPR certifications are accepted. Fully online certifications WILL NOT be accepted.

Candidates can fax, email, or hand deliver proof of certification by:

- Email: Connie Derossette, cderossette@tnitech.edu
- Fax: (931) 372-6286
- Delivering to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at Cookeville Regional Medical Center or Heartsaver.

MAD TOPICS

Anxiety and Depression in Education

Mark your calendars for April 5th from 3:00-5:00 PM CST in Stonecipher Hall (or live stream) for a powerful discussion on anxiety and depression in education. Speakers will include:

- ◆ Dr. Todd Schultz – Sharing his lived experience with anxiety and phenylketonuria (PKU).
- ◆ Katie Mixon – Sharing her journey with generalized anxiety disorder.

Don't miss this impactful conversation!

RSVP: tnitech.edu/madtopics

Let's Get "Mad" in Evaluation: Using Formative Findings for and Unpacking Takeaways from Mad Topics Symposia

Let's get "Mad" with Program Chair Kinsey Simone, Ph.D. in discussion of key evaluation takeaways from Mad Topics Panel Symposia & Praxis, which combines clinical perspectives with lived experiences to increase community mental health literacy and decrease stigmas. Key points will include: (1) challenges and successes regarding 2025 modifications based on formative 2024 evaluation; (2) effectiveness of pre-tabling mental health resource fair/providing person-specific resources; (3) importance of funding; does it matter? And (4) designing evaluation methods to inform research while giving equitable voice to various stakeholder groups.

Thursday, April 17, 2025, 12-1 PM CST

with Kinsey Simone, Ph.D. - ksimone@tnitech.edu

[Visit <https://comm.eval.org/educationalevaluation/home>]

Visit the Mad Topics website at tnitech.edu/madtopics and learn more about their 2025 Mad Topics Panel Symposium on General Anxiety Disorder (GAD) & Depression in Education on April 5th, 2025 from 3-5 pm (CST)!

Looking for full-time or part-time job opportunities?

Candidates can find openings on the [Career Opportunities](#) page of the College of Education website.

This page is routinely updated and lists full-time teaching positions, part-time positions, and career fair opportunities.

Praxis Resources

We encourage our candidates to explore the resources located within iLearn in the "OTE Test Prep Course". ETS Study Companions, 240 Tutoring, Mometrix eLibrary and many others can be found within the iLearn course.

Questions?

Candidates are always encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns. OTE is happy to assist or redirect your inquiries to the correct office/department.

Phone: (931) 372-3170

Email: teachereducation@tntech.edu



Important Reminders When Registering for Praxis Exams

When creating your account, the Social Security number field is optional. However, it is not optional for teacher licensure candidates. The Tennessee State Department of Education will match your license application and your Praxis scores by your Social Security number.

At the time of registration, you will also need to select Tennessee Tech (1804) as one of your recipients. If you are taking the exam in Tennessee, it will automatically go to the Tennessee Department of Education. If you are taking an exam in a different state, you will need to add Tennessee Department of Education (8190) as a recipient.

NOTE: You will need to select Tennessee Tech (1804) EVERY TIME you register for an exam.

Failure to add your full/correct Social Security number and/or not listing TTU as a score recipient, may result in paying an additional \$50 to send an updated score report.

Financial Assistance for Praxis Exam

Candidates may be eligible for a fee waiver to cover the cost of a praxis exam.

To be eligible, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You're receiving financial aid.
- You're enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program and can provide a current Enrollment Verification Certificate. (You're ineligible if you have a master's or a doctoral degree.)
- You can provide the 2024-2025 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) that shows an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$3,000 or less.
- You're required to take a Praxis test by an authorized score recipient.

All requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For further information on availability and how to apply, please click here: [Praxis Fee Waivers \(ets.org\)](https://ets.org/praxis-fee-waivers).

Praxis Practice Tests

OTE offers full-length practice tests developed by ETS that allow you to answer one set of test questions to simulate what you will experience on the actual day of the test. You can practice using authentic test questions and, after completing the practice test, view your results by content or category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

We can accommodate individuals and groups! Interactive practice tests are completed virtually and take anywhere from 2 to 3.5 hours. Availability may be limited. Please email Elora Davis (eldavis@tntech.edu) for inquiries.