

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.



“Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.”

-Marian Wright Edelman

College of Education and Human Sciences Career Fair

The College of Education and Human Sciences will be hosting their Spring '25 Career Fair on March 13th, 2025 in Memorial Gym from 10am - 12pm CST.

Students can find more information by visiting the Center for Career Development website here: <https://www.tntech.edu/career/events.php>

Tennessee Tech named top producer of teachers in the state!

Tennessee Tech is once again the top producer of teachers in the state of Tennessee, according to the Tennessee State Board of Education’s 2025 Educator Preparation Report Card!

Read the full article [here!](#)

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@tntech.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->



MAD TOPICS

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 (Central)

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

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

Visit the Mad Topics website at tntech.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)!

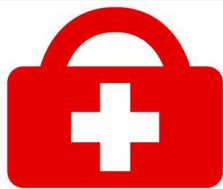
Important edTPA Dates for March

- March 7th: Writing Day (all)
- March 7th: Task 3 (Special Education)



Reminder: If you have NOT returned your video equipment, please reach out to Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu to make arrangements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

If you have any residency questions, please contact Dr. Suzy Hook (chook@tntech.edu) or Susan Collins (sncollins@tntech.edu).



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@tntech.edu
- Fax: (931) 372-6286
- Delivering to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at [Cookeville Regional Medical Center](#) or [Heartsaver](#).

Test Updates

Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has revised Praxis II requirements for the following endorsement areas.

Instrumental Music Candidates

- New test is 5115, Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (cut score 150).

Vocal Music Candidates

- New test is 5116, Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (cut score 153).

SPED Comprehensive K-12

- New test is 5547: Special Education: Severe to Profound (cut score 156).

SPED Interventionist K-8 & 6-12

- New test is 5355, Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (cut score 145).

Family & Consumer Science

- New test is 5123, Family & Consumer Sciences (cut score 151).

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. 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.

If you have any questions regarding ETS/Praxis, please contact Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or 931-372-3860.

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



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.