



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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### Teacher Candidates:

Welcome back to campus for the 2020-2021 academic year! During this unprecedented time, I hope each of you and your family have remained safe and healthy.

The Office of Teacher Education's primary goal is to provide consistent, high-quality monitoring, mentoring, nurturing, and coaching to ensure academic and personal success. Our office believes that with all of the support services available, including advisement, Praxis tutoring, and our new online test prep community, all of you have the resources to become an effective educator. However, success depends on your level of effort, dedication, and responsibility.

The Office of Teacher Education staff is committed to assisting you throughout your educational journey. I personally encourage you to contact any of our staff members via email, phone, or simply stopping by our offices.

We look forward to working with you as we help you prepare for rewarding and successful careers!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Brown

Director, Office of Teacher Education



# UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

⇒ **INTERVIEWS** for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Check [Interview Request form](#) for specific dates and times)

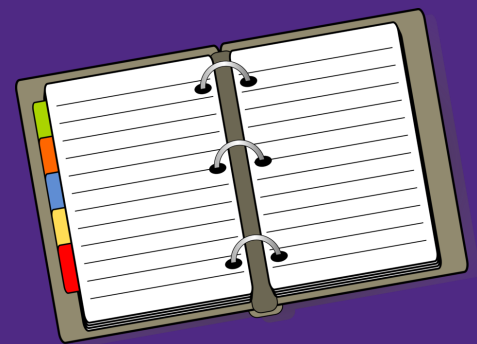
### Student Teachers, Residency II Out-of-Sync, and Music Residency I Candidates:

- **August 15, 2020 Requirements Due:**
  - ◇ Content Knowledge Praxis exam—passing score received by Teacher Education
- **August 20, 2020:**
  - ◇ Orientation for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 21, 2020:**
  - ◇ edTPA Overview Seminar for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 24, 2020:**
  - ◇ Student Teaching and Residency II Out-of-Sync begins
  - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Music Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 25, 2020:**
  - ◇ Residency I begins for **Music candidates ONLY**
- **December 1, 2020:**
  - ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams, if applicable, for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **December 4, 2020:**
  - ◇ Last day for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **December 18, 2020:**
  - ◇ Last day for **Music** Candidates (or last day of school district)



## Residency I Candidates:

- **September 1, 2020 Requirement Due:**
  - ◇ Undergraduate Graduation Application
- **October 1, 2020 Requirement Due:**
  - ◇ Content Knowledge Praxis exam—passing score received by Teacher Education
- **October TBD**
  - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (2+2 campuses)
  - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (main campus)
- **October 21, 2020:**
  - ◇ Residency I begins
- **December 10, 2020:**
  - ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams if applicable
- **December 18, 2020:**
  - ◇ Last day of Residency I (or last day of school district)



### **By 2025 we will face a shortage of over 200,000 teachers across the nation.**

**Tennessee Tech's College of Education is rolling out a strategic recruitment and expedited pathways initiative to increase the number of people pursuing teaching as a profession to better address district needs especially in high demand areas.**

**School districts are the largest employers in most communities, and leveraging these strong, existing assets will help to make the initiative successful.**

# UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

**Submitted By: Office of Teacher Education**

Candidates entering Residency I and Student Teaching are required to show proof of valid First Aid/CPR/AED certification before entering their clinical placement. Candidates should email, fax, or hand deliver proof of certifications to the Office of Teacher Education. For a complete list of benchmarks, please visit: <https://www.tnitech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

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## The training and certification through the American Heart Association includes:

- ⇒ AED- Automatic External Defibrillator
- ⇒ BLS- Basic Life Support (CPR) for the Healthcare Provider
- ⇒ Heart Saver- CPR for the Non-Healthcare Professional
- ⇒ First Aid



## >>> FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES: TRAINING WITH AMY MAHAN

Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

August: 4, 8, 12, 18, 22 & 27

September: 1, 9, 12, 15, 23, 26 & 29

October: 6, 10, 14, 20, 24 & 29

November: 4, 10, 14, 18, 24 & 28

December: 1, 5, 9, 15, 19, 22 & 30

**Classes start at 9AM**



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**All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The doors open at 8:30 AM. For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092 or [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com).**

**IMPORTANT!** The Office of Teacher Education (OTE) completely understands the concern regarding COVID-19! Our office does not work for Ms. Amy Mahan, we are simply sharing information.

OTE does not want or expect candidates to risk their health in order to meet the CPR/AED/First Aid benchmark. Our office will work with you on deadlines for benchmark requirements.



**\*\*\*CERTIFICATION VALID FOR TWO YEARS AND MUST NOT EXPIRE WHILE COMPLETING RESIDENCY OR STUDENT TEACHING\*\*\***

OTE has launched an online test preparation community via iLearn! This course will provide a variety of resources and study materials for those preparing to take the ACT, Praxis Core, Praxis II, NES, and MAT tests. You may access this course via your student iLearn homepage. If you have any questions or are unable to view the course, please contact Teacher Education staff member, Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860.

### **ATTENTION: EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY EDUCATION, SPECIAL EDUCATION, MIDDLE SCHOOL CANDIDATES**

The Tennessee Department of Education is moving/changing the **Teaching Reading: Elementary Education (TREE: 5203)** to the **Teaching Reading : Elementary (TRE: 5205)**. Students may take either exam until the 5203 is retired August 31, 2020. If you have already taken (and passed) or registered to take either exam before August 31, 2020, no action is needed. If you are registering for a test date after the Praxis: 5203 exam expiration of August 31, 2020, you must register for Praixs 5205: Teaching Reading : Elementary.

If you have questions or need additional clarification, please contact your advisor or Teacher Education staff member, Ms. Elora Davis ([eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu), 931-372-3860).

## Praxis

Interactive practice tests are available during the month of August for the following Praxis exams: **5205 Teaching Reading: Elementary**, **5941: World & US History**, **5025: Early Childhood Education**, and **5311: Library Media Specialist**. There are limited quantities available. If interested, please contact Teacher Education staff member, Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860.

## **IMPORTANT: Praxis Tip**

When registering for a Praxis exam, your ETS account shows that entering your social security number is “optional.” However, the Tennessee Department of Education will not enter your Praxis score(s) into the state licensure system if your social security number is not on the ETS/Praxis score report. This means, if you fail to enter your entire, correct social security number in your ETS account, you will have to contact ETS, have your social security number added, and pay an additional fee to have scores resent before the Department of Education will issue your teaching license. You can save yourself anxiety and money by entering your entire, correct social security number each time you register for a Praxis exam.

## **IMPORTANT: Prospective Teacher Candidates**

The codes for Praxis CORE exams are changing to the following: CORE math (5733), CORE reading (5713), and CORE writing (5723). Passing scores will be accepted for both current and new exams through August 31, 2020: CORE math (5732 and 5733), CORE reading (5712 and 5713), and CORE writing (5722 and 5723). Passing scores for these exams **will not change**.

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