



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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### College of Education Students:

Welcome back to campus for the 2021-2022 academic year! I hope each of you had a wonderful summer and had an opportunity for some well-deserved rest. We are excited to have students back on campus filling the hallways and classrooms with energy and enthusiasm.

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 to those pursuing a teaching license. 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



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***IN FULL FLIGHT***

You can choose to help us be In Full Flight at our best this fall.

**Choose to vaccinate.**

We can positively affect our own back-to-school experience by increasing the percentage of vaccinated individuals on campus. COVID-19 vaccines are free and easy to schedule. Tests are also free. Schedule an appointment by calling [Health Services](#) at 931-372-3320.

**Remember Golden Eagles are especially kind.**

Show respect to those who choose to wear face coverings. Don't ask why. Give everyone a Wings Up when back on campus.





# 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)

## **Fall 2021 Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates:**

**AUGUST 18, 2021** : NIET (TEAM) TRAINING

8:30 AM—4:00 PM (CST) BELL HALL ROOM 232

**AUGUST 19, 2021** : GENERAL INFORMATION SEMINAR

8:30 AM—4:00 PM (CST) T.J. FARR 309

**AUGUST 20, 2021**: EDTPA OVERVIEW SEMINAR

8:30 AM—4:00 PM (CST) T.J. FARR 309

**AUGUST 23, 2021**: PLACEMENTS BEGIN

## **Fall 2021 Residency I MUSIC Candidates**

**AUGUST 18, 2021** : NIET (TEAM) TRAINING

8:30 AM—4:00 PM (CST) BELL HALL ROOM 232

**AUGUST 19, 2021** : GENERAL INFORMATION SEMINAR

8:30 AM—4:00 PM (CST) T.J. FARR 309

**AUGUST 24, 2021**: PLACEMENTS BEGIN

~ Upcoming dates will be in the September newsletter.

### College of Education Job Opportunities Page

Students can view part-time, as well as full-time teaching opportunities by visiting the CoED Job Opportunities page.

<https://www.tntech.edu/education/careers.php>



#### Child Care Opportunity

The First Church of the Nazarene in Cookeville, located at 360 South Old KY Road, is looking for education majors that would be willing to do Child Care. Education majors are preferred, but the job is not limited to other majors. The pay is \$12 an hour. The job would be on an “as needed basis” during special events. The time would typically be 5:45-8:45pm on Sunday nights or maybe Tuesday night.

If interested, please text or call Alice Wheaton at 931-260-2964



Cookeville First United Methodist Church is looking for nursery workers for Sunday mornings and other events. If interested, please contact Kelsey Miller at [children@cookevillefumc.org](mailto:children@cookevillefumc.org).

# UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

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.tntech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

EMAIL: [cderossette@tntech.edu](mailto:cderossette@tntech.edu)

FAX: 931-372-6286

DELIVER TO: TJ Farr, Room 103

## 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 10, 14, 19, 24 & 28

September 1, 9, 11, 15, 21, 25 & 30

October 6, 9, 14, 29, 23 & 27

November 3, 9, 13, 17, 23 & 27

December 4, 8, 14, 18, 22 & 30



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



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

## OTE TEST PREP

OTE coordinates the “OTE Test Prep” course available via iLearn. This course provides a variety of resources and study materials for those preparing to take the ACT, Praxis CORE, Praxis II, NES, GRE, 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 Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860.

For information regarding test information and requirements, you can view the OTE website [here](#).

## INTERACTIVE PRACTICE TESTS

The Praxis® Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) are full-length practice tests 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 category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

The following interactive practice tests are offered during the month of August:

- 5002, 5003, 5004, & 5005 (individual subtests)
- 5205
- Praxis CORE (individual subtests)

Interactive practice tests are **free!** We can accommodate individuals and groups! Interactive practice tests are completed virtually and take anywhere from 2 hours to 3.5 hours. Please email Elora Davis at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) to schedule a practice test or with any questions!

## ETS UPDATES

Beginning July 12, 2021, most Praxis exams will increase \$10 per test/\$4 per subtest, ETS will also be offering test takers a free Interactive Practice Test (IPT) with every test registration. There will be no price increase for the Praxis CORE exams.

Office of Teacher Education

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WEBSITE: [www.tntech.edu/education/teachered](http://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered)



PHONE: 931-372-3170

# Mometrix eLIBRARY

The Office of Teacher Education is excited to offer the Mometrix eLibrary to TTU's teacher candidates! This is another **FREE** resource that can be located within the OTE Test Prep course in iLearn. The Mometrix eLibrary has resources for **EVERY** Praxis title and resources for the NES Math titles 105 & 304.



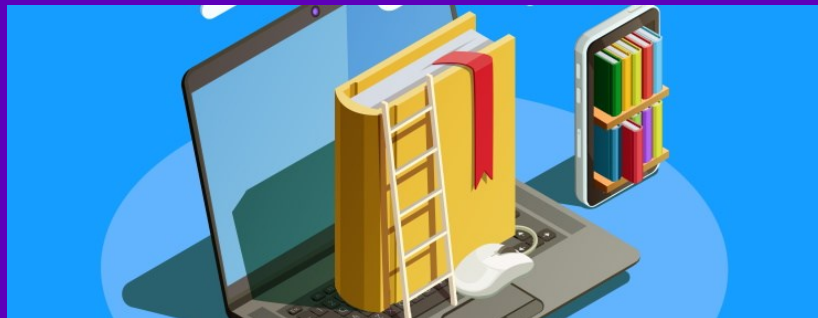
Candidates will have access to...

- Flash Cards
- Practice Tests
- Exam Tips
- Study Guides

The OTE Test Prep course offers a variety of **FREE** test prep resources in addition to the Mometrix eLibrary. Don't forget to check it out!

Please email Elora Davis, OTE Test Prep Coordinator, at [elda-vis@tntech.edu](mailto:elda-vis@tntech.edu) or call (931) 372-3860 with any questions.

**"If you study to remember, you will forget. If you study to understand, you will remember."**



In the end only kindness  
matters.....





## Candidate Spotlight \*

The first 48 hours of the school year at Carpenters Elementary are all about building relationships, Principal Courtney Whitehead said. “Until we get those relationships in place, everything else is more difficult,” she said Friday, the day after the CES Back to School Bash-n-Drop, where families could meet teachers, deliver supplies and enjoy food trucks.

On the first morning of classes, Monday, new teacher Addison Hatfield already was getting to know his second graders’ DNA, having them write about what they “dream” of becoming, what they “need” to do for that dream to come true and their “special” abilities.

“It’s a great way for kids to have a voice,” Whitehead said.

Carpenters teachers already had received from last year’s teachers a snapshot about each student, including their strengths, challenges and family information. “On Day 1 we know about our kids,” the principal said.

She also knew Hatfield well, since he student taught at CES last year. “He had a yearlong interview with me,” Whitehead said, noting that she observed his focus on families and ability to be flexible as she saw him teach.

When Hatfield asked first graders about their abilities last year — what they are so good at no one else can do — one replied, “I can open a Capri Sun by myself.”

To give his second graders an example of a dream, Hatfield told them he wanted to be a professional basketball player.

He actually knew by his sophomore year of high school that he wanted to be a teacher. His favorite part of basketball was coaching at camps with the little kids, he said.

He has two big brothers who are teachers, one at Alcoa and one at Karns elementary schools. His uncle, Mike Brewer, is special education coordinator for Blount County Schools.

Despite his earlier experiences as a student at Tennessee Technological University, it wasn’t until Hatfield was student teaching last year at CES that he realized how much stamina an elementary teacher needs every day.

“I took a lot of naps that first month,” he admitted.

By 9:30 a.m. on the first day of school, his second graders had helped develop the classroom rules, written about what they did during summer vacation, had a physical education class and finished the DNA assignment. They even knew the “code word” that would tell them when to line up for pictures: city, a word they will recognize later when Hatfield brings it up in a formal lesson.

\* Blount County Tn. *The Daily News*

