

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.



“Good teachers know how to bring out the best in students.”

-Charles Kuralt

Office of Teacher Education

As we step into February, the new month brings new opportunities to learn, grow, and make a lasting impact in the classroom. Embrace every challenge as a chance to refine your skills and inspire young minds.

Remember to spread positivity – not just to your students, but to yourselves, as well! You are doing incredible work, and we are so proud of your dedication.

College of Education Adopts New Name!

Tennessee Tech University’s College of Education is now the *College of Education & Human Sciences*.

Leaders in the college explain that the change, effective beginning in 2025, reflects its broader array of course offerings and career paths. The College of Education & Human Sciences includes the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Department of Counseling and Psychology, and the Department of Exercise Science.





UPCOMING EVENTS

The College of Education and Human Sciences Spring 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>

Middle TN Math Teachers (MTMT) Conference



The conference is for math educators at all levels. The conference is scheduled for 8:00 AM-3:00 PM on February 8th, 2025, with registration opening at 7:30 AM. The conference will be in the Whitson-Hester Nursing building at TN Tech. Register here: <https://mt-squared.wildapricot.org/>

The keynote speaker will be Virginia Mayfield, the Senior Director of Math, Science, and Instructional Materials for the TN Department of Education.

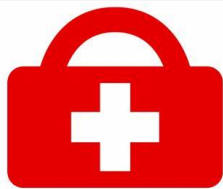
Important edTPA Dates for February

- February 4, 2025: Task 1 Seminar (Special Education)
- February 7, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Early Childhood)
- February 7, 2025: Writing Day (Middle & Secondary ELA, History, and Science; Elementary)
- February 12, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Physical Ed.)
- February 13, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Middle School, Secondary ELA, History, Science, and Dr. Suter's Group)
- February 14, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Elementary)
- February 17, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Agriculture, Art, and Music)
- February 20, 2025: Task 2 Seminar (Special Education)
- February 21, 2025: Task 3 Seminar (Agriculture, Art, and Physical Ed.)
- February 27, 2025: Task 3 Seminar (Middle School, Secondary ELA, History, Science, and Dr. Suter's Group)
- February 28, 2025: Writing Day (Special Education)
- February 28, 2025: Task 3 Seminar (Music, Early Childhood, Elementary)



Reminder: You will be returning all video equipment no later than and during Task 3 Seminar unless you have discussed alternate arrangements with OTE.

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