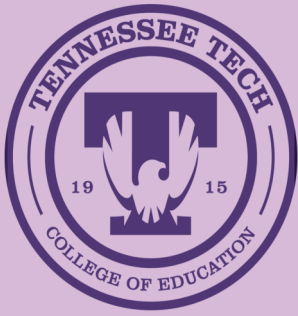


OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER



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I hope you and your family have had a safe and healthy holiday break. I trust you have had a chance to pause, reflect, and look forward to the possibilities ahead.

Fall 2020 was unlike any we have ever experienced. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to each of you! You gave your best effort to be productive with both face-to-face and virtual classroom settings. I especially want to say thank you to our P-12 school administrators and mentor teachers for providing excellent leadership to our candidates.

Here is wishing you the best in 2021!

Dr. Brown

Director, Teacher Education



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WHAT ARE BENCHMARKS AND WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

The Office of Teacher Education uses the term “benchmark” to describe the different levels of requirements that must be completed throughout all TTU licensure programs. The benchmark checklist can be used by students to stay on track with all levels of requirements and deadlines in order to obtain their teaching license.

There are three sets of benchmarks. One is for undergraduate students who are on the Residency path for all majors excluding Music. The second is for undergraduate students who are on the Residency path majoring in Music. The third is for post-baccalaureate (graduate) students who are on the Student Teaching path. Therefore, it is very important that you follow the correct set of benchmarks so you do not get behind in your program. Please contact your advisor if you are unsure of your specific program path.

[Residency Benchmarks for ALL majors \[excluding Music \]](#)

[Residency Benchmarks for Music ONLY](#)

[Student Teaching Benchmarks](#)

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH
INTERVIEWS for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Check [Interview Request form](#) for specific dates and times)


UPCOMING EVENTS

ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

- **January 5, 2021:**
 - ◊ **SPRING 2021 DEADLINE** for Admission to the Teacher Education Program.

Tennessee Tech
College of Education Career Fair
Spring 2021
 Tuesday, March 2nd 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CST

Join us for our Education Fair to meet our upcoming classes of education professionals! This fair will be held on **Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 from 10am - 12pm CST** in Memorial Gymnasium.



Spring 2021 Residency Candidates and Student Teachers

- **January 4, 2021:**
 - ◇ First day of Residency II (or first day of school district)
- **January 13, 2021**
 - ◇ Virtual edTPA Overview Seminar for AGED/ARED/ELL/MUED/WL
- **January 14, 2021**
 - ◇ Virtual edTPA Overview Seminar for SEED/EXPW
- **January 15, 2021**
 - ◇ Virtual edTPA Overview Seminar for ECED/ELED/SPED

Dispositions

The Office of Teacher Education has recently updated the “Disposition” processes for admission to the program and entrances into clinical experiences. The new disposition is a two-part process in which a candidate completes a self-assessment and the assessor (instructor, advisor, supervisor or mentor teacher) completes the corresponding disposition assessment. To view the updated processes, please visit the [Office of Teacher Education webpage](#).



ETS Praxis Updates

TREE/TRE:

As of August 31, 2020, TREE: 5203 is no longer accepted for licensure. If you *have already taken (and passed)* the TREE 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 Praxis 5205: Teaching Reading Elementary.

CORE:

Tennessee will no longer accept passing scores on the Core Academic Skills for Educators test codes Reading (5712), Writing (5722) and Mathematics (5732) for program admission after August 31, 2020. Candidates must submit passing scores for the new test codes below beginning September 1, 2020. The new test codes are Reading (5713), Writing (5723), Mathematics (5733), and the combined test (5752).

PRAXIS AND PROCTORU:

On December 10, ETS integrated the *Praxis* tests and ProctorU® registrations systems. Now candidates only need to visit their ETS account to complete their registration — greatly simplifying the registration process. Test takers will now register, schedule and pay for their tests in their *Praxis* or SLS account. In addition, all rescheduling, cancelations and modifications will also be managed through their ETS account. Test takers will launch their test with a link provided in their confirmation email and listed in their ETS account. ProctorU will continue to administer the test and serve as the main point of contact for equipment checks and technical support. All at home test takers were notified of these changes via email and were provided specific details on how the updates may affect them.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

ETS is reducing the time between retests from 35 to 28 days effective December 10 for *Praxis* and SLS tests and December 13 for the ParaPro Assessment.

OTE Test Prep

TEST PREP COURSE:

OTE coordinates the 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 or (931) 372-3860.

For information regarding test information and requirements, you can view the OTE website.

Interactive Practice Tests

Interactive practice tests are available during the month of January. Please follow up with Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or (931) 372-3860 if you are interested.

UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

Submitted By: Office of Teacher Education

Candidates entering Residency 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 all three certifications to Connie DeRossette at cderossette@tntech.edu. For a complete list of benchmarks, please visit: <https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

EMAIL: cderossette@tntech.edu

FAX: 931-372-6286

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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



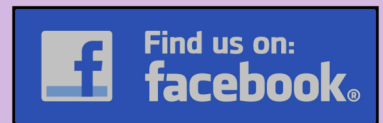
>>> FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES: TRAINING WITH AMY MAHAN

Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

Jan 9, 13, 19, 23 & 28

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

March 4, 10, 13, 18, 23, 27 & 31



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.

Classes start at 9AM



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*****