



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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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-bac (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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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

To obtain a copy of the updated benchmark checklist for your program, click on the following website below:

<https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/resources.php>

Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync

• **December 1, 2020:**

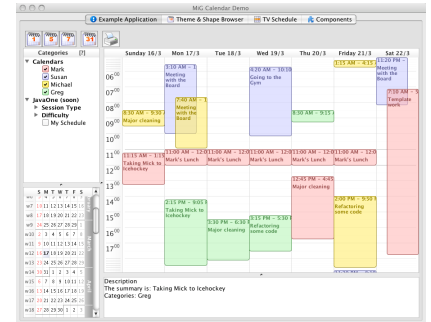
- ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams, if applicable, for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**

• **December 4, 2020:**

- ◇ Last day for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**

Residency I Candidates:

- **October 15, 2020:**
 - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (main campus)
- **October 16, 2020:**
 - ◇ NIET/TEAM Training Residency I Candidates (main & 2+2 campuses)
- **October 19, 2020:**
 - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (main campus)
- **October 21, 2020:**
 - ◇ Residency I begins
- **December 10, 2020:**
 - ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams if applicable



Dispositions

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



ETS Praxis Updates

1. As of August 31, 2020, TREE: 5203 is no longer accepted for licensure. 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 Praxis 5205: Teaching Reading Elementary.
2. ETS has decided to eliminate testing windows for most Praxis exams, with the exception of exams with low volume. Test registration has opened with availability each month. The increased testing window may affect score reporting dates. Please refer to the [ETS site](#) for test dates and expected reporting dates.
3. If you feel you did not perform to your potential, you may retake a *Praxis* exam **once every 35 days, not including your initial test date.** This also applies for Proctor U at-home exams. For example, if you take a test on the first of the month, you cannot take it again until the 5th day of the following month, assuming 31 days in a month. **Note:** If you take a test that is comprised of subtests, such as Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001), you cannot retake a subtest until after the 35-day period. This applies even if you canceled your scores on a test taken previously. **If you violate this restriction, the scores from your retest will be canceled by ETS and your test fees will not be refunded.**
4. ETS is still offering at-home exams. You may view more information regarding the at-home option [here](#). **Note:** *Score reporting for at home testing may differ from in-person test center score reporting.*
5. As of August 31, 2020 Tennessee will no longer accept passing scores on the CORE Academic Skills for Educators for test codes: Reading (5712), Writing (5722), and Mathematics (5732). Candidates must submit passing scores for the new test codes: Reading (5713), Writing (5723), Mathematics (5733), and the combined test (5752) beginning September 1, 2020.

OTE Test Prep

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.

Interactive Practice Tests

Interactive practice tests are available during the month of October for the follow Praxis tests:

5205 Teaching Reading: Elementary	5941: World & US History
5543: Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications	5545: Special Education: Core Knowledge and Severe to Profound Applications
5114: Music: Content & Instruction	5095: Physical Education: Content & Design
5551: Health Education	5161: Mathematics: Content Knowledge
5169: Middle School: Mathematics	5002: Elem. Ed.: Reading & Language Arts
5003: Elem. Ed.: Mathematics	5004: Elem. Ed.: Social Studies
5005: Elem. Ed.: Science	5311: Library Media Specialist
5038: English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	5025: Early Childhood Education

If you are interested, please follow up with Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or (931) 372-3860 .

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 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/>

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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

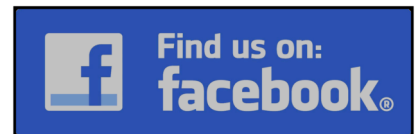
Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

October: 10, 14, 20, 24 & 29

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

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

Classes start at 9AM



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.

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*****