

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.



“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

-Benjamin Franklin

Changes Coming to Residency: New One-Semester Format

Beginning the Fall 2024 semester, Residency will be transitioning to one-semester. The Office of Teacher Education has developed new benchmarks/deadlines to reflect this change. Candidates can access the new benchmarks here: <http://tinyurl.com/OTEBenchmarks>

If you have questions, please contact your advisor or OTE staff member, Ms. Susan Collins (sncollins@tntech.edu).

Superintendents Panel

Join us for an evening of insight into our Upper Cumberland teaching communities. Our three superintendents (Putnam, Cumberland, & Overton counties) will discuss their leadership roles along with the joys and realities of being an educator.

April 15, 2024 at 5pm CST: STEM Center Auditorium with reception to follow in lobby.

College of Education Graduation Celebration

The College of Education is hosting a graduation celebration for all class of '24 CoEd students. There will be door prizes and light refreshments!

May 2, 2024 at 3pm CST: Memorial Gym

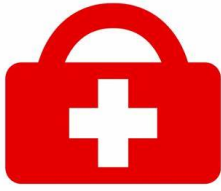


Important Dates for Current Student Teachers & Residency Candidates

- April 26, 2024: Last day of placement (UNLESS a candidate has days to make up due to absence)
- May 2, 2024: College of Education Graduation Celebration (see details below)
- May 3, 2024: Graduation Day!
- May 6, 2024: Tk20 Field Experience Binders MUST be submitted.
- May 6, 2024: All hard-copy attendance forms (regular & supplemental) must be submitted to the Office of Teacher Education, TJ Farr, room 102.



Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The College of Education and Office of Teacher Education are extremely proud of each of you! In your honor, the College of Education is hosting a graduation Celebration in **Memorial Gym on May 2nd at 3pm CST**. There will be light refreshments and lots of door prizes!



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@tntech.edu
- Fax: (931) 372-6286
- Deliver to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at [Cookeville Regional Medical Center](#) or [Heartsaver](#).

Test Updates

Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has recently 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).

Secondary Biology

- New test is 5236 Biology: Content Knowledge (cut score 154)

Secondary Chemistry

- New test is 5246 Chemistry: Content Knowledge (cut score 152)

School Librarian

- New test is 5312 School Librarian (cut score 154)

School Counseling

- New test is 5422 Professional School Counselor (cut score 159)

SPED PreK Early Childhood Integrated

- New test is 5692 Special Education: Early Childhood/Early (cut score 159)

PE Content Knowledge

- New test is 5091 Physical Education: Content Knowledge (cut score 152)

Health & PE Content Knowledge

- New test Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge (dual endorsement) (cut score 160)

Secondary Physics

- New test is 5266 Physics: Content Knowledge (cut score 145)

Early Childhood Birth-K

- New test is 5023 Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (cut score 166)

Earth/Space Science

- New test is 5572 Earth & Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (cut score 154)

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

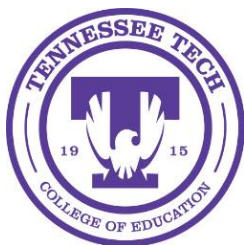
We encourage our candidates to explore the resources located within iLearn in the "OTE Test Prep Course". ETS Study Companions, 240 Tutoring, Mometrix eLibrary and many others can be found within the iLearn course.

Questions?

Candidates are always encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are more than 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 2023-2024 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.

WANT TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WITH TCAP TESTING?

The following schools are needing volunteers to assist with proctoring responsibilities.

NOTE: The Tennessee Department of Education requires all proctors to attend a short training, approximately 30 minutes, and sign a confidentiality/test security agreement.

Jere Whitson Elementary School - If interested, please contact Assistant Principal, Casey Garrison, at cgarrison@pcsstn.com.

Please see the testing schedule below:

- Monday, April 15th @ 8:30am-11:15am CST
- Tuesday, April 16th @ 8:30am-10:15am CST
- Wednesday, April 17th @ 8:30am-9:40am CST
- Thursday, April 18th @ 8:30am-9:40am CST
- Monday, April 22nd @ 8:30am-10:00am CST
- Tuesday, April 23rd @ 8:30am-9:30am CST
- Wednesday, April 24th @ 8:30am-9:30am CST
- Thursday, April 25th @ 8:30am-10:00am CST

Avery Trace Middle School - If interested, please contact Assistant Principal, Karen Maddox, at Karen.maddox@pcsstn.com.

Please see the testing schedule below:

- Tuesday, April 16th-Friday, April 26th @ 7:45am-10:30am CST

