

# 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.



"Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where their influence stops."

-Henry Brooks  
Adams

### Congratulations to our Spring '25 Graduates!

We are thrilled to celebrate and extend congratulations to our graduating teacher candidates! Your dedication, resilience, and passion for education have carried you through this incredible journey of growth and learning.

As you step into your own classrooms, know that you carry the power to inspire, uplift, and shape the future. We are so proud of all you've accomplished and can't wait to see the impact you'll make as educators.

### Enjoy your summer break!



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Candidates, we want to remind you that the following services and supports are available to all Tennessee Tech students. For a full list of hardship resources, please click [here](#).

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### Tennessee Tech Food Pantry

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The Tennessee Tech Food Pantry was established as a resource for Tennessee Tech University students and employees in November 2012.

Their mission is to raise awareness of hidden hunger on college campuses across the nation and establish and sustain a network for food acquisition, storage and distribution at Tennessee Tech to alleviate hunger among our campus community. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tntech.edu/>

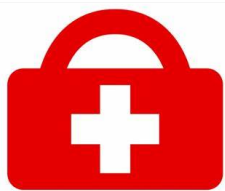
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### Wings Up-Cycled

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Wings Up-Cycled is a free clothing store for all Tennessee Tech students who may need additional clothing items. They also hope to encourage second-hand shopping practices. For more information, please visit their website: <https://www.tntech.edu/sustainability/20210921->





## 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](mailto:cderossette@tnitech.edu)
- Fax: (931) 372-6286
- Delivering to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at Cookeville Regional Medical Center or Heartsaver.

## Important Dates for Fall 2025 Student Teachers & Residency Candidates

- June 1st: Graduation Application Due
- June 1st – July 1st: Background Check Process (two required forms and fingerprinting)
- June 30th: Professional Liability Insurance Due
- July 15th: Praxis II Exams – Last Attempt for Selected Response
- End of Summer '25 Semester:
  - ♦ GPA of 2.75 or higher
  - ♦ Satisfactory completion of all coursework on Program of Study (including any CLEP exams)
  - ♦ "B" or higher on designated courses

### Updates to Praxis Requirements

The TN Board of Education has approved the following changes to the state required Praxis exams:

The Integrated Early Childhood Birth-K endorsement will now accept...

Praxis 5534 Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content  
OR

Praxis 5023 Interdisciplinary Early Childhood (accepted through 8/31/29 if taken before 8/31/26)

The Middle Grades Social Studies 6-8 endorsement will now accept...

Praxis 5589 Middle School Social Studies  
OR

Praxis 5089 Middle School Social Studies (accepted through 8/31/29 if taken before 8/31/26)

## 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

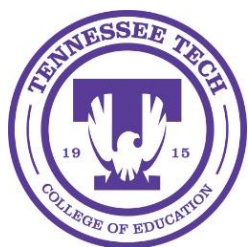
We encourage our candidates to explore the resources located within iLearn in the "OTE Test Prep Course". ETS Study Companions, 240 Tutoring, Mometrix eLibrary and many others can be found within the iLearn course.

## 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](mailto:teachereducation@tntech.edu)



## 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. The 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.

## 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](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu)) for inquiries.