

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.

Residency Requirements & Deadlines

OTE Benchmarks will be changing for the Fall '24 semester. Candidates will be learning more about these changes as they meet with their advisor during advisement. These changes will NOT affect current (in clinical experience this semester) residency candidates and student teachers.

OTE is excited to welcome its newest members!

OTE would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Mrs. Carris Harris and Mrs. Hailie Lee.



Mrs. Harris is our new Admission Licensure Coordinator and Mrs. Lee is serving as our Administrative Associate III. We are thrilled to have them join our team!



Important Dates for Current Student Teachers and Out-of-Sync Residency II Candidates

- November 16, 2023: Submit edTPA portfolio
- November 20, 2023: Poverty Training (all day)
- December 1, 2023: Last day of placement (unless you have days to make up)
- December 7, 2023: College of Education Graduation Reception at 3:00pm - 4:00pm CST
- December 8, 2023: Graduation at 2:00 pm CST

Important Dates for Current Residency I Candidates

- November 20, 2023: Poverty Training (2+2 Elementary)
- November 30, 2023: edTPA Overview Seminar (Agriculture Ed, Art Ed, Family Consumer Science)
- December 1, 2023: edTPA Overview Seminar (Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education)
- December 7, 2023: edTPA Overview Seminar (Middle School, Secondary)
- December 8, 2023: edTPA Overview Seminar (Music Ed, Physical Ed, Speech & Theatre)
- December 11 -15, 2023: Supplemental Placement
- December 18, 2023: Poverty Training (Early Childhood, main campus Elementary)
- December 19, 2023: Poverty Training (Ag Ed, Art Ed, Computer Science, FCS, Middle School, Music, Physical Ed, Secondary, Special Ed)



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.

No full or partial online trainings/certifications are accepted.

Candidates can fax, email, or hand deliver proof of certification by:

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

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

To schedule with Ms. Mahan, please call at (931) 261-5092, email at ANMahan16@gmail.com, or find her on Facebook by searching "Training with Amy Mahan".

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 2022-2023 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.