

# 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.



“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.

-John Dewey

The Office of Teacher Education hopes you finished out October spook-tacularly! And we wish you a wonderful November! We're grateful for our teacher candidates!





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Important Dates for Fall '24 Student Teacher & Residency Candidates**

- December 6, 2024 - Last day of residency/student teaching
- December 9-12, 2024 - Make up week, if needed
- December 12, 2024 - Graduation Reception
- December 13, 2024 - Graduation

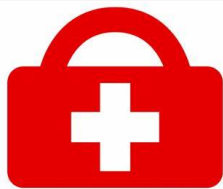
### **Important Dates for Physical Education Residency Candidates**

- December 6, 2024 - edTPA Overview Seminar
- December 20, 2024 - Last day of Residency I

### **Important Dates for Spring '25 Student Teachers & Residency Candidates**

- November 30, 2024 - Last day for student teaching/residency requirements
- December 17 and 18, 2024 - Residency General Information Seminar and edTPA Overview

If you have any residency questions, please contact Dr. Suzy Hook ([chook@tnitech.edu](mailto:chook@tnitech.edu)) or Susan Collins ([syncollins@tnitech.edu](mailto:syncollins@tnitech.edu)).



## 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
- 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 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).

### SPED Comprehensive K-12

- New test is 5547: Special Education: Severe to Profound (cut score 156).

### SPED Interventionist K-8 & 6-12

- New test is 5355, Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (cut score 145).

### Family & Consumer Science

- New test is 5123, Family & Consumer Sciences (cut score 151).

## 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. 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.

If you have any questions regarding ETS/Praxis, please contact Elora Davis at [eldavis@tnitech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tnitech.edu) or 931-372-3860.

## 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)



## 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.