



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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## Teacher Candidates:

Welcome back to campus for the 2022-2023 academic year! I hope each of you had a wonderful summer and had an opportunity for some well-deserved rest. We are excited to have students back on campus filling the hallways and classrooms with energy and enthusiasm.

The Office of Teacher Education's (OTE's) primary goal is to provide consistent, high-quality monitoring, mentoring, nurturing, and coaching to ensure academic and personal success to those pursuing a teaching license. Our office believes that with all of the support services available, including advisement, Praxis tutoring, and the online test prep community, you have the resources to become an effective educator. However, success depends on your level of effort, dedication, and responsibility.

During the 2021-2022 academic year, OTE recommended **318 candidates** for traditional, alternative, and add-on endorsement pathways. An overwhelming **96% of 2022 traditional graduates** passed the Educative Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA), a Tennessee Department of Education requirement to achieve licensure.

The OTE staff is committed to assisting you throughout your educational journey. I personally encourage you to contact any of our staff members via email, phone, or simply stopping by our offices.

We look forward to working with you as we help you prepare for rewarding and successful careers!

Sincerely,

Dr. Amy Brown

Director, Office of Teacher Education



# Grant gives Tennessee Tech education majors early teaching experience



Students studying in the College of Education at Tennessee Tech University got a head start on their experience in the classroom thanks to a grant-funded tutoring partnership with Putnam County school system. These teachers-in-training worked with small groups of children in elementary classrooms this past spring .

“I chose to participate in the program because I wanted to gain more experience in a classroom setting,” said Megan Jennings of Cookeville, an education major. “I have a passion for working with children and I will do anything I can to do that more. The tutoring program sounded like the best of both worlds: more experience for me, enrichment for the students and a way to further my passion.”

Jennings was one of the Tech students chosen to work with young children who were on the cusp of reading at their grade level, but were just needing a little extra help. Rebekah Garber of Jefferson City, another Tech education major, also spent her spring tutoring students in reading in a Putnam County elementary school.

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The tutoring program was created using federal funding from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund through the TN ALL Corps, Tennessee’s initiative to incentivize tutoring partnerships. The intention was to help give young students a boost after the learning disruption caused by the pandemic between 2020-2021. Jennings said, “The lightbulb moment when I can see the students understand a new idea or piece together concepts is one of the reasons why I want to be a teacher. I truly believe that the time we have spent working on specific things has greatly improved their confidence and their abilities, and I am lucky to have this opportunity.”

# UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM <<<

## **CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER:**

⇒ **INTERVIEWS** for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Check **Interview Request form** for specific dates and times)

## **Fall 2022 Student Teachers, and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates:**

◆ **August 11, 2022: NIET (National Institute for Excellence in Teaching) TEAM Training**  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm Central Standard Time (Check-in begins at 8:15)  
Location: To be determined

◆ **August 16, 2022: General Information Seminar**  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm Central Standard Time (Check-in begins at 8:15)  
Location: To be determined

*Check your email for location.*

**Placements will begin August 17, 2022!**

## **Fall 2022 Residency I Music Candidates only**

◆ **August 18, 2022: General Information Seminar**  
8:30 am – 4:00 pm Central Standard Time (Check-in begins at 8:15)

Location: To be determined

*Check email for location.*

**Placements will begin August 23, 2022!**



# UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

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 certifications to **Connie DeRosette** in the Office of Teacher Education. For a complete list of benchmarks, please visit: <https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

**EMAIL:** [cderosette@tntech.edu](mailto:cderosette@tntech.edu)

**FAX:** 931-372-6286

**DELIVER TO:** TJ Farr, Room 103

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

**Cookeville Regional Medical Center**

**CPR, AED & First Aid Training**

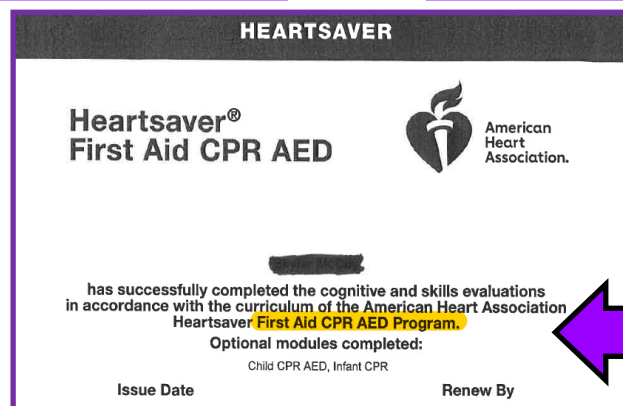
Check on line for specific dates.

**AED/CPR/First Aid training with Ms. Mahan**

For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092; [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com); or on FaceBook "Training with Amy Mahan".

All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The doors open at 8:30 AM.

**NO online classes accepted.**



**Your certificate must have all three classes listed.**

**\*\*\*CERTIFICATION VALID FOR TWO YEARS AND MUST NOT EXPIRE WHILE COMPLETING RESIDENCY OR STUDENT TEACHING\*\*\***



## Test Requirements for OTE Admission

Candidates pursuing admission into the Office of Teacher Education (OTE) requires passing scores on either the ACT or Praxis CORE\*. Candidates can find information about passing scores, recipient codes, accommodations, test registration, AND TEST PREP RESOURCES on [OTE's website](#).

Admission deadlines for OTE are August 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall, January 5<sup>th</sup> for Spring, and May 1<sup>st</sup> for Summer.

Please contact Elora Davis ([eldavis@tnitech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tnitech.edu)) with any questions about OTE admission test requirements or for test prep.

\*OTE will also accept passing scores on the SAT for OTE admission. More information can be found on the OTE website.

## Interactive Practice Tests

OTE offers Praxis<sup>®</sup> Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) from ETS. These are full-length practice tests 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 category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

Interactive practice tests are **free**. We can accommodate individuals and groups! Interactive practice tests are completed virtually and take anywhere from 2 hours to 3.5 hours. Availability can be limited. Please email Elora Davis at [eldavis@tnitech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tnitech.edu) to schedule a practice test or with any questions!

Don't be fooled by the calendar.

There are only as many days

In the year as you make use of.

~ Charles Richards

**JAN**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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**FEB**

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**MAR**

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**MAY**

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**JUNE**

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**JULY**

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**AUG**

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**SEPT**

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**OCT**

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**NOV**

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**DEC**

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