



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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February



It's February: the month of valentines and depending on where you live, very chilly temperatures. In addition to the cold weather, all of us are experiencing the effects of COVID. Our office would like to challenge you to stay motivated, especially in terms of coursework, residency/student teaching, and the edTPA.

Motivation comes from within and is the deep drive to be successful and produce great work.

Please stay safe and healthy. **Happy Valentine's Day!!**

Office of Teacher Education Staff



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MARCH, AND APRIL:

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

>>> FOR SPRING 2021 RESIDENTS AND STUDENT TEACHERS

- ◇ **FEBRUARY 24**—edTPA Task 2 Seminar— Agriculture, Art, ESL, Music, Spanish Candidates
- ◇ **FEBRUARY 25**—edTPA Task 2 Seminar— Middle School, Secondary, Physical Ed Candidates
- ◇ **FEBRUARY 26**—edTPA Task 2 Seminar— Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Ed Candidates

Senior Orientation

If you plan to begin Residency or Student Teaching Fall 2021, you must register for an upcoming mandatory senior orientation session. Residency and Student Teaching benchmark requirements, schedules, school placement process, coursework, and edTPA (capstone project) are some of the topics that will be discussed. Please contact Susan Collins (sncollins@tntech.edu) with questions.

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

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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



>>> FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES: TRAINING WITH AMY MAHAN

Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

Feb. 9, 13, 17, 23 & 27

March 4, 10, 13, 18, 23, 27 & 31

All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The doors open at 9 AM. For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092 or ANMahan16@gmail.com.



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IMPORTANT! The Office of Teacher Education (OTE) completely understands the concern regarding COVID-19! Our office does not work for Ms. Amy Mahan, we are simply sharing information.

OTE does not want or expect candidates to risk their health in order to meet the CPR/AED/First Aid benchmark.

Our office will work with you on deadlines for benchmark requirements.

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



OTE TEST PREP

OTE coordinates the “OTE Test Prep” course available via iLearn. This course provides a variety of resources and study materials for those preparing to take the ACT, Praxis CORE, Praxis II, NES, GRE, and MAT tests. You may access this course via your student iLearn homepage. If you have any questions or are unable to view the course, please contact Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or (931) 372-3860.

For information regarding test information and requirements, you can view the OTE website [here](#).

INTERACTIVE PRACTICE TESTS

Interactive practice tests for Praxis are available during the month of February. Interactive practice tests are free! Please follow up with Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or (931) 372-3860 to check for availability.

ETS PRAXIS UPDATES

1. On December 10, ETS integrated the *Praxis* tests and ProctorU® registrations systems. Now candidates only need to visit their ETS account to complete their registration — greatly simplifying the registration process. Test takers will now register, schedule and pay for their tests in their *Praxis* or SLS account. In addition, all rescheduling, cancelations and modifications will also be managed through their ETS account. Test takers will launch their test with a link provided in their confirmation email and listed in their ETS account. ProctorU will continue to administer the test and serve as the main point of contact for equipment checks and technical support.

All at home test takers were notified of these changes via email and were provided specific details on how the updates may affect them.

2. ETS is reducing the time between retests from 35 to 28 days effective December 10 for *Praxis* and SLS tests and December 13 for the ParaPro Assessment.





Tennessee Tech

College of Education Career Fair

Spring 2021

Tuesday, March 2nd 2021, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm CST

Join us for our Education Fair to meet our upcoming classes of education professionals! This fair will be held on **Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021 from 10am - 12pm CST in Memorial Gymnasium**

TENNESSEE TECH

NOTE: The Office of Teacher Education permits candidates to attend two (2) job/career fairs. The two (2) fairs will not count toward the three (3) Residency II excused absences. However, attending more than two (2) fairs will count as an excused absence.



Williamson County Schools

DISTRICT-WIDE
CAREER FAIR

March 6, 2021 1 pm - 4 pm

BRENTWOOD HIGH/MIDDLE COMPLEX

5304 Murray Lane
Brentwood, TN 37027

To Apply: Visit
www.wcs.edu



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SAVE THE DATE!

VIRTUAL RECRUITMENT

FAIR
MARCH 6, 2021

9 a.m. – Noon

*There will also be an 8:30 a.m. Q & A Panel Discussion you may attend virtually

Please visit our website to register (beg. early February) • knoxschools.org/hr

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Literacy
Association of
Tennessee

Virtual Conference

April 17, 2021



Keynote Speaker

Gravity Goldberg

Gravity authors books including *What Do I Teach readers Tomorrow?*, *Fiction & Nonfiction*, and *Mindsets & Moves: Strategies That Help readers Take Charge*.

Her workshops have allowed many teachers to make shifts in their practice creating positive impacts for their students.

The Literacy Association of Tennessee will host a ½ day conference on **Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9 a.m–Noon.**

The conference will feature invited speakers to present sessions focused on the latest developments and insights on the most important topics and issues facing Tennessee's literacy community. **Student Registration is only \$20!**

Use Code: SpringStudent

Registration Link:

<https://lat.wildapricot.org/Events1>



Tennessee Department of Education Launches to Support Teacher Recruitment and Hiring

Since May 2020, Tennessee Department of Education has launched three initiatives to support districts and schools in filling critical vacancies, as the COVID-19 pandemic has limited many traditional recruitment methods.

The [TN Substitute Teacher Jobs Connection](#) supports districts in their recruitment efforts by providing a central location for interested applicants to discover substitute teaching opportunities in the state's schools and districts. **Over 600** substitute teachers have submitted their information so far!

The [TN Education Job Board](#) highlights openings for available district positions and provides contact information all in one location. The Board also includes a list of feature jobs that have been identified as critical vacancies. The department has already collected and posted **over 300** featured education jobs from districts across the state. District information will also continue to be updated on a regular basis as submissions are received.

The [TN Teacher Jobs Connection](#) serves as a central location for interested applicants to connect with teaching opportunities in the state's 147 districts. Any educator interested in a new teaching role in Tennessee is welcome to submit their information to the department through the [form](#). Since May 2020, we have received over **1,600** submissions from teachers across the country!

Read more about these recruitment initiatives [here](#).



SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Camp Discovery

400 Camp Discovery Lane

Gainesboro, TN 38562

cell: 615-294-4815

camp: 931-268-0239

director@jayceecamp.org

www.jayceecamp.org

Camp Discovery is a summer camp for children and adults with a wide variety of disabilities. All adults and children aged 7 and up are welcome.

Positions and their descriptions :

***Counselors** are expected to give care and assistance to 2-4 campers each week

***Lifeguard** will need to be certified for shallow water

***Outdoor Recreation Teacher** will need to plan outdoor activities for individuals of all abilities, such as softball, fishing, water games, soccer, and relay games.

***Music Teacher** will need to plan activities involving music and movement for individuals of all abilities. *

Art Teacher will need to plan and carry out 5-8 art projects for campers *Kitchen Staff will need to help prepare our meals.

***Nurses** need to hold an RN or LPN license and will tend to all medical needs of the campers and staff, including basic first aid and dispensing of medications daily. *

All staff, except Kitchen, will be expected to stay on camp grounds- arriving Sundays and leaving Fridays.

All teachers will be expected to turn in a week of lesson plans and oversee counselor's performance and provide feedback to counselors and directors.

~ Victoria Carter, Director

Do you enjoy WORKING WITH KIDS? Are you seeking a SUMMER JOB?

The College of Education is hiring highly-motivated young adults to work with the CDF Jere Whitson Freedom School. This six-week summer literacy and cultural enrichment program will serve rising 1st through 5th grade children.



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For more information, contact Amber Spears
aspears@tntech.edu

Apply by February 26th, 2021!

<https://tinyurl.com/2021SLI>