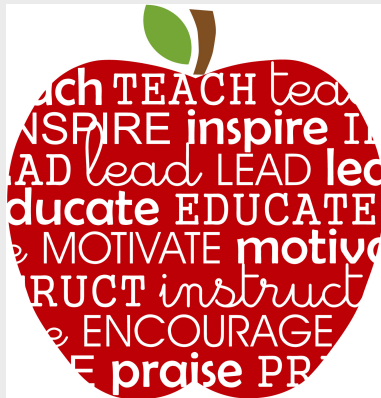


OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

OTE is hosting interviews continuously each month. Please view the [Interview Request Form](#) for available dates and times.



“Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions.”

-Unknown

Changes Coming to Residency: New One-Semester Format

Beginning the Fall 2024 semester, Residency will be transitioning to one-semester. The Office of Teacher Education has developed new benchmarks/deadlines to reflect this change. Candidates can access the new benchmarks here: <http://tinyurl.com/OTEBenchmarks>

If you have questions, please contact your advisor or OTE staff member, Ms. Susan Collins (sncollins@tnitech.edu).

Fall 2024 Residency Orientations (Excluding Physical Education)

If you plan to begin the one-semester Residency in Fall 2024, you are required to attend one of the residency orientation sessions below. Please be watching for an email to register. Residency requirements, schedules, school placement process, coursework, and edTPA (capstone project) are some of the topics that will be discussed. If you have questions, contact Ms. Collins (sncollins@tnitech.edu).

Wednesday, February 7th at 11:00am CST

Monday, February 12th at 11:00am CST

Monday, February 12th at 3:00pm CST

Thursday, February 15th at 11:00am CST

Tuesday, February 20th at 11:00am CST

Friday, February 23rd at 11:00am CST



Important edTPA Dates for Current Student Teachers

- February 18, 2024: edTPA Task 2 due in Tk20
- February 19, 2024: edTPA Task 3 Seminar

Important edTPA Dates for Current Residency II Candidates

Group 1: Agriculture Ed, Art Ed, Family Consumer Science

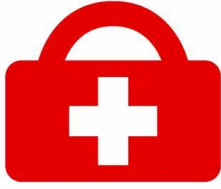
Group 3: Computer Science, Middle School, Secondary

Group 2: Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education

Group 4: Music Ed, Physical Ed, Speech & Theatre

- February 8, 2024: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (**Group 1**)
- February 9, 2024: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (**Group 2**)
- February 15, 2024: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (**Group 3**)
- February 16, 2024: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (**Group 4**)
- February 16, 2024: edTPA Writing Day (**Group 1** and **Group 2**)
- February 18, 2024: edTPA Task 2 due in Tk20 (**Group 1** and **Group 2**)
- February 23, 2024: edTPA Writing Day (**Group 3** and **Group 4**)
- February 25, 2024: edTPA Task 2 due in Tk20 (**Group 3** and **Group 4**)

Reminder: Candidates who have acquired video recording equipment from The Office of Teacher Education should plan on returning it during Task 3 seminar. If you need to keep the equipment longer, please notify Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu. **DO NOT** return the equipment to the JLRC. Please return to Room 102 in TJ Farr if you are unable to return during Task 3 seminar.



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](#) or [Heartsaver](#).

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 2023-2024 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.