



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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Teacher Candidates:

Below is a message from President Oldham regarding the Fall 2020 Schedule.

As we prepare campus for the return of students this fall, we are making key decisions to help students, parents and the campus community make plans.

We have made a decision about the start and length of fall semester. We began and ended the conversation by reflecting on what Tech students have said they needed to be the most successful.

After weighing several options and considering extensive input from representatives across campus, the decision has been made to keep the original semester schedule start date, take scheduled breaks and end with final exams taken in the classroom.

- Plans focused on everyone's health and safety take shape daily, and our campus will be ready with modifications and precautions necessary to welcome everyone back.
- The mental, physical and emotional toll of the changes during spring and summer semester leave us committed to making decisions that help students have the college experience they desire and expect.
- There is a strong desire by the campus community to have final exams in the classroom.
- With increased summer enrollment, many students and faculty have forgone typical schedules and breaks.
- Planning on a normal schedule gives the university flexibility if COVID-19 patterns change dramatically in our community.

If state and national COVID-19 protocols change during the semester, we stand ready to adjust as needed. We cannot predict the future, but we will always put students first.



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST

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

>>> Upcoming Deadlines

Student Teachers, Residency II Out-of-Sync, and Music Residency I Candidates:

- **June 15, 2020 Requirements Due:**
 - ◇ CPR/AED/FIRST AID
 - ◇ Background Check OR once you pass your Praxis Content exam
 - ◇ Professional Liability Insurance OR once you upass your Praxis Content exam

- **August 15, 2020 Requirements Due:**
 - ◇ Content Knowledge Praxis exam—passing score received by Teacher Education
- **August 20, 2020:**
 - ◇ Orientation for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 21, 2020:**
 - ◇ edTPA Overview Seminar for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 24, 2020:**
 - ◇ Student Teaching and Residency I begins
 - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Music Candidates **ONLY**
- **August 25, 2020:**
 - ◇ Residency I begins for **Music candidates ONLY**

- **December 1, 2020:**
 - ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams, if applicable, for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **December 4, 2020:**
 - ◇ Last day for Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates **ONLY**
- **December 18, 2020:**
 - ◇ Last day for **Music Candidates** (or last day of school district)

Residency I Candidates:

- **July 15, 2020 Requirements Due:**
 - ◇ CPR/AED/FIRST AID
 - ◇ Background Check OR **once you pass your Praxis Content exam**
 - ◇ Professional Liability Insurance OR **once you pass your Praxis Content exam**
- **September 1, 2020 Requirement Due:**
 - ◇ Undergraduate Graduation Application
- **October 1, 2020 Requirement Due:**
 - ◇ Content Knowledge Praxis exam—passing score received by Teacher Education
- **October 19, 2020:**
 - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (2+2 campuses)
- **October 20, 2020:**
 - ◇ Orientation for Residency I Candidates (main campus)
- **October 21, 2020:**
 - ◇ Residency I begins
- **December 10, 2020:**
 - ◇ Pass all other required Praxis exams if applicable
- **December 18, 2020:**
 - ◇ Last day of Residency I (or last day of school district)

By 2025 we will face a shortage of over 200,000 teachers across the nation.

Tennessee Tech's College of Education is rolling out a strategic recruitment and expedited pathways initiative to increase the number of people pursuing teaching as a profession to better address district needs especially in high demand areas.

School districts are the largest employers in most communities, and leveraging these strong, existing assets will help to make the initiative successful.

UPCOMING FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES

Submitted By: Office of Teacher Education



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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The training and certification through the American Heart Association includes:

- ⇒ AED- Automatic External Defibrillator
- ⇒ Heart Saver- CPR for the Non-Healthcare Professional
- ⇒ BLS- Basic Life Support (CPR) for the Healthcare Provider
- ⇒ First Aid

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

Ms. Mahan currently has training sessions planned for:

June 13, 18, 23, 27 & 30

July: 7, 11, 15, 21, 25 & 30

August: 4, 8, 12, 18, 22 & 27

September: 1, 9, 12, 15, 23, 26 & 29

October: 6, 10, 14, 20, 24 & 29

November: 4, 10, 14, 18, 24 & 28

December: 1, 5, 9, 15, 19, 22 & 30

Classes start at 9AM



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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.*****

Praxis

Praxis Exam(s) Scheduling - Rescheduling Information:

The College of Education Testing Center is now open and operating a full capacity.

Please contact Ms. Yother (ayother@tntech.edu) with all questions or concerns you have regarding Praxis exam scheduling/rescheduling.



IMPORTANT: Praxis Tip

When registering for a Praxis exam, your ETS account shows that entering your social security number is “optional”. However, the Tennessee Department of Education will not enter your Praxis score(s) into the state licensure system if your social security number is not on the ETS/Praxis score report. This means, if you fail to enter your entire, correct social security number in your ETS account, you will have to contact ETS, have your social security number added, and pay an additional fee to have scores resent before the Department of Education will issue your teaching license. You can save yourself anxiety and money by entering your entire, correct social security number each time you register for a Praxis exam.

IMPORTANT: Prospective Teacher Candidates

The codes for Praxis CORE exams are changing to the following: CORE math (5733), CORE reading (5713), and CORE writing (5723). Passing scores will be accepted for both current and new exams through August 31, 2020: CORE math (5732 and 5733), CORE reading (5712 and 5713), and CORE writing (5722 and 5723). Passing scores for these exams will not change.

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