



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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Tech commencement will be a first for Smith County family

Tristan Pope is about to do something no one in his family has ever done before — graduate from college.

The 21-year-old Smith County native will be one of more than 1,300 Tennessee Tech students who will be celebrating commencement on Friday, May 7, at Tucker Stadium.

“My family is tickled to death,” said Pope, who is earning a degree in agriculture education.

“Both of my grandmothers — one is 81 and the other is 80 — are going to get their hair done the day before graduation so they can come.”

A resident of Brush Creek, Pope says he had two choices when he graduated from high school. He could go to work or go to college.

“Growing up, especially in Smith County, you see people stay at home and work in the factory,” said Pope. “My dad works in the factory, and he is on night-shift and has been for 26 years. He told me to get an education so I wouldn’t have to work night-shift at a factory.”

When it came time to choose a college, Pope says he chose Tech because it was close and he was impressed with the agriculture program.

“I could drive back and forth as a commuter,” said Pope. “I had visited with the department of Ag when I was in high school through FFA, and I was able to develop a relationship with some of the professors and that’s what got me to Tech.”

At Tech, Pope made the most of his college experience. He is a President’s Ambassador and has been involved in Student Government Association, Future Farmers of America and the Baptist College Ministry.

“With student government, I’ve gotten to do so many things with the provost on her advisory committee,” said Pope. “One of my favorite things to do at Tech is sit on the front porch at Oakley Hall in the rocking chairs or just sit on the plaza and enjoy the nice weather and talk to people”. Pope will be talking mostly to middle school students this fall. He has already secured a job teaching agriculture in Watertown. He looks to form relationships at his new job, just like he did at Tech.



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF JUNE AND JULY:

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

Fall 2021 Student Teachers, Residency I MUSIC, and Residency II Out-of-Sync Candidates:

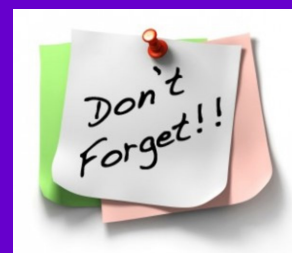
• June 15, 2021 Requirements Due:

- * Pass ALL Praxis Licensure exams [Official scores received by June 15th – mid- May last opportunity to take the exam(s)]
- * 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

Fall 2021 Residency I Candidates (excluding Residency I Music):

• July 15, 2021 Requirements Due:

- * Pass CONTENT Praxis Licensure exam [Official scores received by July 15th – mid- June last opportunity to take the exam]
- * 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





[Looking for a Job?](#)

A full listing of job opportunities can be found under Professional Career Opportunities located on the College of Education website or simply by clicking [Here](#).

BOARD CERTIFIED BEHAVIOR ANALYST

We are hiring for full time RBTs currently. So in the next few months we will be looking for someone that would like to get their BCBA experience hours and get some experience managing a case load. We start to give them clients and show them what it's like to start managing a case load and doing programming for the clients during their supervision hours so that when they become a BCBA they are more prepared for everything that is required.

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www.oneidaschools.org

Oneida Special School District has several positions available including:

- ESL Teacher
- Elementary Teacher
- Music/Choral Music Teacher
- Art/Drama Teacher
- High School Math Teacher
- High School Guidance Counselor
- High School Foreign Language Teacher

SUMMER JOB OPPORTUNITIES



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**

Camp Discovery

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Leadership Academy in Nashville is hiring

for camp counselors, mountain bike instructors, sailing instructors, and a teen adventure program coordinator. Housing is not provided, so this opportunity would be best suited for a Nashville-based student. To view all job descriptions and to apply, please visit leadershipacademyllc.com/employment.

2021 FREEDOM SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

June 9 - July 20 | Children Now in Grades K-4th / Entering 1st-5th



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The Elinor Ross
CDF Freedom School
is a **FREE** six-week literacy
and cultural enrichment program
available to children qualifying
for free or reduced lunch.

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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:

June 15, 19, 23 & 29

July 3, 7, 13, 17, 22, 27 & 31

August 4, 10, 14, 19, 24 & 28



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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.



*****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 are free! Please follow up with Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu or (931) 372-3860 to schedule a test. The following interactive practice tests are offered during the month of June:

- 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005
- 5205
- 5095
- 5114
- 5543
- 5545
- 5941
- 5038

*OTE is happy to share a new test prep resource with our candidates! The Mometrix E-Library offers study material and resources for **every** Praxis title and NES math titles 105 & 304. The Mometrix E-Library offers flash cards, study guides, exam advice, and practice tests. This new resource is accessible through the OTE Test Prep course in iLearn.*



The Office of Teacher Education is excited to offer the Mometrix eLibrary to TTU's teacher candidates! This is another **FREE** resource that can be located within the OTE Test Prep course in iLearn. The Mometrix eLibrary has resources for **EVERY** Praxis title and resources for the NES Math titles 105 & 304.

Candidates will have access to...

- Flash Cards
- Practice Tests
- Exam Tips
- Study Guides



The OTE Test Prep course offers a variety of **FREE** test prep resources in addition to the Mometrix eLibrary. Don't forget to check it out!

Please email Elora Davis, OTE Test Prep Coordinator, at eldavis@tntech.edu or call (931) 372-3860 with any questions.

"If you study to remember, you will forget. If you study to understand, you will remember."

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