



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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## NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is National Teacher Appreciation Day.

As College of Education students, you play in vital role in the future of P-12 students and the community at large. The College of Education Faculty and Staff appreciate your hard work and tenacity!

Here's a link to this year's Teacher Appreciation Week award winners and video: <https://www.tntech.edu/education/award-recipients.php>.

Special thanks to Ezra Pinzur for making such a special video.

Wings Up!



# UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

## **CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF MAY AND JUNE:**

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

## **Current Spring 2021 Teacher Candidates:**

- **End of Semester Requirements:**

- \* Complete all Tk20 tasks and submit your binder by May 3, 2021
- \* Send hard copy attendance sheet and supplemental attendance sheet to Ms. Connie DeRossette
  - > Email it to Connie DeRossette at [cderossette@tntech.edu](mailto:cderossette@tntech.edu)
  - > Mail it to Connie DeRossette at Office of Teacher Education, Box 5092, Cookeville, TN 38501
  - > Deliver it to TJ Farr, Room 103
  - > Fax to 931-372-6286

- **End of Semester Events:**

- \* College of Education Graduation Reception: May 6, 2021 at 3:00 pm CST (This is a small reception that will last about 45 minutes. Door prizes will be given.)
- \* Graduation Commencement: May 7, 2021 at 9:00 am CST (There is no graduation rehearsal this year.)

## **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 15<sup>th</sup> – 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 15<sup>th</sup> – mid- June last opportunity to take the exam]
- \* CPR/AED/FIRST AID
- \* Background Check **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.

**Allison Milam, MS, BCBA LBA**  
**Clinical Director of TN TBS**  
**Board Certified Behavior Analyst**

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[www.oneidaschools.org](http://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

**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.**

# 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

400 Camp Discovery Lane

Gainesboro, TN 38562

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[www.jayceecamp.org](http://www.jayceecamp.org)



**LEADERSHIP  
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GETTING PEOPLE OUTSIDE TO PLAY

### 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](http://leadershipacademyllc.com/employment).



# 2021 FREEDOM SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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



A CDF Freedom Schools® Partner  
Hosted by Tech's College of Education



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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Do you have a passion for working with individuals with special needs? Are you caring, passionate, and fun-loving? If the answer to both of these questions is yes, then Camp Discovery is the place for you! Check out our website for more information for 2021 employment opportunities.

Counselors are expected to give care and assistance to 2-4 campers each week. Camper's individual abilities vary; meaning counselors are expected to help with dressing, feeding, toileting and showering needs if needed. In classes, counselors will need to participate with their campers and have enthusiasm and excitement to help make the activities successful.

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**Emerald Youth**  
FOUNDATION  
an urban youth development ministry  
in Knoxville, TN.

**GET PAID  
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
THIS SUMMER!**

- Start May 17, 2021 — End July 23, 2021
- Earn a living allowance of \$2,500
- Receive an education award of \$1,311.11
- Serve 35-40 hours/week in a Summer Day Camp

*Some positions are academically focused and ideal for teacher hopefuls*

**PART-TIME POSITIONS ALSO AVAILABLE DURING THE 21/22 SCHOOL YEAR.**  
VISIT WEBSITE BELOW TO APPLY.

**Learn more. Apply.**  
[emeraldyouth.org](http://emeraldyouth.org)

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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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## 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:

May 8, 12, 18, 22 & 27

June 5, 8, 15, 19, 23 & 29

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

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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) or (931) 372-3860 to schedule a test. The following interactive practice tests are offered during the month of March:

- 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.*

## ETS PRAXIS UPDATES

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.

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.

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# Mometrix eLIBRARY

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](mailto: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."**





# FIGHTING COVID LEARNING LOSS

## Helping Tennessee students recover COVID learning losses and prepare for success in the 2021-22 academic year

Months of remote instruction and school closures due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic have limited students' learning opportunities throughout 2020 and into 2021. As a result, **parents and education leaders have concerns about sweeping learning losses for K-12 students, particularly among the youngest and most vulnerable children.**

In a normal year, on average, students lose at least a month worth of school-year learning over the summer (the "summer slide"), and declines are often more drastic in math than in reading. However, **education disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have worsened learning losses for K-12 students.**

Data released in February 2021 shows the **greatest learning losses among first and second grade students in reading**; according to *Hechinger Report*, "40 percent of first grade students and 35 percent of second grade students are 'significantly at risk' of needing intensive intervention compared to 27 percent and 29 percent last year."

Recent research confirms widespread learning losses are exaggerating racial and socioeconomic disparities, with **Hispanic and Black kindergarten and first grade students falling further behind** than their White peers.

## Renewing & Expanding The Tennessee Tutoring Corps in 2021

After launching a successful pilot in 2020 that engaged 431 tutors and over 2,000 students, the Bill and Crissy Haslam Foundation, in partnership with youth-serving organizations across the state of Tennessee, has renewed the Tennessee Tutoring Corps to ensure additional learning opportunities in key communities in Summer 2021.

The Tennessee Tutoring Corps was developed to help slow the "summer slide" and address COVID learning losses by connecting **qualified college students with children to provide tutoring in key subjects, including math and reading.**

Results from the 2020 pilot showed participating students made noticeable academic gains over the course of the summer tutoring programs:

- Students who participated in the 2020 Tennessee Tutoring Corps were assessed both before and after participating in 7 to 8 weeks of tutoring.
- Across all grades and subjects, the average national percentile rank increased from the pre-test to the posttest with the largest gains seen in grades K-2 and in math.
- **On average, students in K-2 demonstrated the equivalent of a third of a year of academic growth.**

In addition, when asked to indicate ways participating in TTC 2020 impacted them, 85% of tutors reported building a meaningful relationship with a student. Furthermore, nearly all tutors (98%) from 2020 said they would recommend the Corps experience to other college students.

## Why Tutoring Matters

Education experts have identified “high-dosage tutoring”, defined as **one-on-one or small group tutoring that takes place at least three times a week**, as an **effective strategy to reduce COVID learning losses and help students get back on track**. Recognizing the value of supplemental learning opportunities and seeing the success last summer, Tennessee Tutoring Corps is **expanding in 2021**.

The Corps will now be active in additional counties and will **work with more youth-serving organizations**, including charter schools, YMCAs, and Boys and Girls Clubs. This year’s program will focus attention on **rising 1st through 4th grade students who are more likely to fall behind due to COVID learning losses**.

## Become A Tutor: Engaging Qualified College Students

The Tennessee Tutoring Corps plans to recruit at least **1,000 qualified college students** who are eager to give back to their community and help children continue their education over the summer months.

Additionally, **recognizing that many college students are also experiencing financial strain** or loss of employment or internship opportunities due to the ongoing pandemic, **tutors will be compensated** with a \$1,000 stipend for their work through the duration of the summer program.

To become a tutor, college students must pass a background check and confirm their current enrollment in a postsecondary institution. Preference will be given to applicants who have a 3.0 GPA or higher, reside in Tennessee, and are rising sophomores, juniors, or seniors college as well as those who are in their first year out college.

**Interested candidates can submit an application and an unofficial transcript on our website at [TNTutoringCorps.org](http://TNTutoringCorps.org).**



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