



# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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## Spring 2023 Graduates

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! The College of Education and Office of Teacher Education are extremely proud of each of you! In your honor, the College of Education is hosting a Graduation Celebration in the Memorial Gym on May 4th at 3:00 pm. There will be free food, and lots of door prizes!



### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATION CELEBRATION

CLASS OF 2023

May 4  
3:00 PM CST  
Memorial Gym

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FREE FOOD &  
DOOR PRIZES



*Hope to see  
you there!!*

# 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 RESIDENCY II AND STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATES**

- May 1-4: Make-up Week
- May 4: Graduation Reception 3:00 pm CST - Memorial Gym
- May 5: Spring Graduation (1:00 pm CST for College of Education) - Hooper Eblen Center

## **Fall 2023 Student Teachers, Residency II Out-of-Sync, and Music Residency I Candidates**

### **June 15, 2023 Requirements Due:**

- All Praxis exam[s]—passing score received by Teacher Education
- CPR/AED/FIRST AID Certification
- Background Check ([\*\*Wait until you pass your Praxis Content exam\*\*](#))
- Professional Liability Insurance ([\*\*Wait until you pass your Praxis Content exam\*\*](#))

## **Fall 2023 Residency I Candidates (except Music)**

### **July 15, 2023 Requirements Due:**

- Content Knowledge Praxis exam—passing score received by Teacher Education
- CPR/AED/FIRST AID Certification
- Background Check ([\*\*Wait until you pass your Praxis Content exam\*\*](#))
- Professional Liability Insurance ([\*\*Wait until you pass your Praxis Content exam\*\*](#))

## PRAXIS DEADLINES ARE QUICKLY APPROACHING!!

Remember, the Office of Teacher Education must have passing Praxis scores on file by July 15<sup>th</sup> (June 15<sup>th</sup> for Music Ed. Candidates) to enter Residency I in the Fall.

Student Teachers and “Out-of-Sync” candidates also have a deadline of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

ETS has a mandatory 28-day retake period, please allow yourself enough time for 1-2 retakes!

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PRAXIS EXAMS

Candidates may be eligible for a fee waiver to cover the cost of a praxis exam.

To be eligible, you need to meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. You're receiving financial aid.
2. 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.)
3. You can provide the 2022–2023 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) that shows an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of \$3,000 or less.
4. 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 UPDATES

The Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has recently revised the Praxis II requirement for **Music** educators. In the past, all Music candidates (instrumental and vocal) had to take Music: Content and Instruction (exam code: 5114), with a cut score of 162.

Now, the TDOE will allow: **Instrumental Music Candidates:** 5114, Music: Content and Instruction (cut score 162) OR 5115, Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (cut score 150) **Vocal Music Candidates:** 5114, Music: Content and Instruction (cut score 162) OR 5116, Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (cut score 153).

Do not hesitate to contact Elora Davis [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) if you have any questions.

## INTERACTIVE PRACTICE TESTS !

OTE offers Praxis® Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) from ETS. These are full-length practice tests 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 category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

Interactive practice tests are **free!** 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 at [eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu) to schedule a practice test or with any questions!

## TEST PREP RESOURCE OF THE MONTH!

This month, OTE would like to highlight the *ETS Study Companions!*

Prepare with this customized Praxis guide that contains a detailed overview of test content and sample questions. Each Praxis exam has a corresponding Study Companion which can be accessed 24/7 and is free.

**\*DO NOT FORGET** to utilize the “OTE Test Prep” course within your iLearn for additional resources and updates! Candidates can find several free resources to help prepare for their ACT, NES, Praxis (and more)!

## Summer Job Opportunities

A complete list of all summer and full-time job opportunities can be found under Career Opportunities located on the College of Education Job Opportunities page.

<https://www.tntech.edu/education/careers.php>

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TJ Farr, Room 103

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# FIRST AID/CPR/AED REQUIREMENTS

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 click [here](#).

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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



### Cookeville Regional Medical Center

#### CPR, AED & First Aid Training

Check on line for specific dates.

Register [here](#).

<https://www.crmhealth.org/events/aed-cpr-classes/>

### AED/CPR/First Aid training with Ms. Mahan

For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092; [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com); or on FaceBook "Training with Amy Mahan".

All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. The doors open at 8:30 AM.

#### HEARTSAVER

Heartsaver®  
First Aid CPR AED



Your certificate must have all three classes listed.

**NO online classes are accepted.**

has successfully completed the cognitive and skills evaluations in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Program.

Optional modules completed:

Child CPR AED, Infant CPR

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