



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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Meet our new GA in the Office of Teacher ED

The Office of Teacher Education would like to welcome graduate assistant, Josh Drinnon to the team. Josh graduated from Tech in May 2020, with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies with a minor in Psychology. He then entered law school before returning to Tech to pursue a Masters Degree and teaching license in Special Education.

The Teacher Education staff is thrilled to welcome Josh as he begins the next chapter of his educational journey.

Welcome



UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

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

Student Teachers and Residency II Out-of-Sync

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021: EDTPA TASK 1 SEMINAR; 8:15 AM—3:30 PM CST

OCTOBER 8, 2021: EDTPA TASK 2 SEMINAR; 8:15 AM —3:30 PM CST

OCTOBER 22, 2021: EDTPA TASK 3 SEMINAR; 8:15 AM—3:30PM CST

OCTOBER 29, 2021: PROVERTY TRAINING/SCHOOL SAFETY 7:45 AM—3:30 PM CST

Fall 2021 RESIDENTS

OCTOBER 18, 2021: GENERAL INFORMATION SEMINAR OR NIET TEAM TRAINING 7:45 AM—3:30 PM CST

OCTOBER 19, 2021: GENERAL INFORMATION SEMINAR OR NIET TEAM TRAINING 7:45 AM—3:30 PM CST

OCTOBER 20, 2021: PLACEMENTS BEGIN



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 Connie DeRossette at cderossette@tntech.edu. For a complete list of benchmarks, please visit: <https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/field-and-clinical-practice/>

EMAIL: cderossette@tntech.edu

FAX: 931-372-6286

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:

AED/CPR/First Aid training with Ms. Mahan

September 9, 11, 15, 21, 25 & 30

October 6, 9, 14, 29, 23 & 27

November 3, 9, 13, 17, 23 & 27

December 4, 8, 14, 18, 22 & 30

All classes are scheduled from 9:00 AM - 12:30

PM. The doors open at 8:30 AM. For training information and scheduling, please contact Amy Mahan at 931-261-5092; ANMahan16@gmail.com; or on FaceBook "Training with Amy Mahan".

Cookeville Regional Medical Center

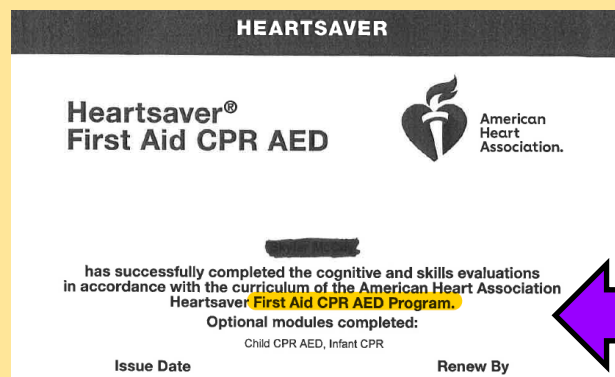
CPR, AED & First Aid Training

September 11, 2021

Register online at

<https://www.crmchealth.org/cpr-aed-first-aid-training>

check online for other dates



Your certificate must have all three classes listed.

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

OTE TEST PREPARATION

OTE has launched an online test preparation community via iLearn! This course will provide a variety of resources and study materials for those preparing to take the ACT, Praxis CORE, Praxis II, NES, GRE, and MAT exams. 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@tnitech.edu or (931) 372-3860.

The Praxis[®] Interactive Practice Tests (IPTs) 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. After completing the practice test, you will be able to view your results by content category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

The following interactive practice tests are offered during the month of September:

- 5002, 5003, 5004, & 5005 (individual subtests)
- 5205
- Praxis CORE (individual subtests)

Interactive practice tests are free! The Office of Teacher Education can accommodate individuals and groups! Interactive practice tests are completed virtually and take anywhere from 2 hours to 3.5 hours. Please email Elora Davis at eldavis@tnitech.edu to schedule a practice test or with any questions!

College of Education Job Opportunities Page

Students can view summer, part-time, as well as full-time teaching opportunities by visiting the CoED Job Opportunities page.

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

ETS Updates

Beginning July 12, 2021, most Praxis exams will increase \$10 per test/\$4 per subtest. ETS will also be offering test takers a free Interactive Practice Test (IPT) with every test registration. There will be no price increase for the Praxis CORE exams.

Woman of Wilson: Emily Adkisson *



Emily Adkisson just finished her third year as an assistant principal at Watertown High School.

“I love that I have a story and a memory with every student that walks across the stage at graduation. I enjoy getting to walk into various classrooms daily and see the magic of learning take place for a student and teacher. I also love seeing the progress that results when a teacher or staff member goes the extra mile to intervene on behalf of students, especially at-risk students,” Adkisson explained. “Knowing that my words and actions can influence the lives of students either negatively or positively both humbles and excites me.”

Adkisson holds a bachelor’s degree in secondary education — English, with a minor in business from [Tennessee Tech](#); a master’s degree in teacher leadership from Trevecca Nazarene University; and an educational specialist degree in instructional leadership from [Tennessee Tech](#).

“My first teaching job was at Macon County High School in Lafayette, where I taught ninth through 12th grade English. After three years there, I was hired to teach ninth and 10th grade English at Watertown High,” she said.

Adkisson said that after her first daughter was born in 2012, she accepted a 6-12 grade Literacy Coach Position at Wilson County Schools Central Office.

Prior to being named assistant principal of WHS, Adkisson was welcomed back to the school as an instructional coach in 2016.

She has been married to Derek for 16 years. They have two daughters, Anna Kate, 9, and Addie, 7.

“We met at Tennessee Tech and we both graduated from college and then got married on the same day,” she said.

They are members of The Bridge Fellowship in Lebanon where they serve as life group leaders. Adkisson enjoys reading, being with family and friends on the lake and attending WHS sporting and school events.

Adkisson named her mother as a woman she admires.

“She is the most hospitable and selfless person I know,” she said. “She instilled in me a desire of excellence in all I do and to pursue my dreams.”

Professionally, she named Dr. Kate Burgun, of Wilson County Schools. “Her ability to problem-solve and think forwardly is top notch. She models for me how a woman in a leadership position can have a myriad of roles and responsibilities, and yet have a servant-leadership attitude.”

*SABRINA KNOWLES