



OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kelcie Vanosdale!! January 7, 2019 Educator of the Week!! In spring 2017, Kelcie graduated from Tennessee Tech. She was a student



A **SPECIAL** welcome to Mrs. Kimily Dement, Instructor, Curriculum and Instruction; Associate Director, Office of Teacher Education.

Mrs. Dement comes to us through our supervisor program. She is taking Mrs. Ginnie Jackson's place, who has gone back to the classroom. She can be contacted at KDement@tntech.edu or at 931-372-3489.

Senior Orientation

If you plan to begin Residency or Student Teaching Fall 2019, please be watching for an email regarding registration for an upcoming mandatory senior orientation session. Residency and Student Teaching benchmark requirements, schedules, school placement process, coursework, and edTPA (capstone project) are some of the topics that will be discussed. Please contact Suzy Hook (chook@tntech.edu) with questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

>>> FOR ADMISSION TO THE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM

⇒ **CONTINUOUS THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH:**

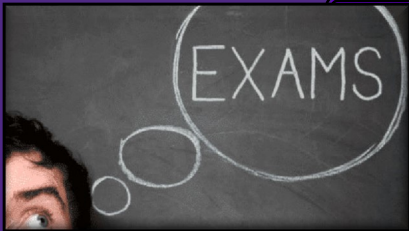
INTERVIEWS for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Check [Interview Request form](#) for specific dates and times)

>>> FOR SPRING 2019 RESIDENTS AND STUDENT TEACHERS

- ◇ FEBRUARY 6— edTPA Task 1 Seminar— ART, MUSIC, ESL Candidates
- ◇ FEBRUARY 7— edTPA Task 1 Seminar— SECONDARY, EXPW, AG Candidates
- ◇ FEBRUARY 8— edTPA Task 2 Seminar— EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, SPED Candidates
- ◇ FEBRUARY 22—edTPA Task 3 Seminar— EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY, SPED Candidates
- ◇ FEBRUARY 27—edTPA Task 2 Seminar— ART, MUSIC, ESL Candidates
- ◇ FEBRUARY 28—edTPA Task 2 Seminar— SECONDARY, EXPW, AG Candidates



>>> UPCOMING PRAXIS EXAM TEST DATES



Submitted By: Office of Teacher Education

The 2018 – 2019 ETS testing dates for your licensure exams are now posted!!! If you are interested in the availability of Praxis II testing dates during the Spring 2019 terms, please visit the ETS website below for further information:

https://www.ets.org/praxis/register/dates_centers

NEW ACT AND PRAXIS CORE STUDY MATERIALS!

Submitted By: Elizabeth Boucher

New materials are available for ACT and Praxis CORE tests for Admission to the Teacher Education Program: Visit the Office of Teacher Education website for the list of materials currently available to students:

<https://www.tntech.edu/education/teachered/praxis-info/test-prep-materials>



STUDY TIPS FOR PRAXIS II: ELEMENTARY EDUCATION CONTENT KNOWLEDGE



Did you know that the Social Studies section of the Elementary Education Content Praxis exam contains questions on geography, government, anthropology, and economics, as well as world and US history? This section of the exam can be very challenging for test takers. Take a look at the Study Guide for this exam to get a complete list of exam topics:

<https://www.ets.org/s/praxis/pdf/5018.pdf>

INTERACTIVE PRACTICE TEST AVAILABLE FOR PRAXIS EXAMS

Submitted By: Elizabeth Boucher

ATTENTION TEACHER LICENSURE CANDIDATES!



Don't just jump in and take a Praxis before you see what is on the exam! Come and take a practice test in a small group, review your answers, and make further test prep plans before the actual test date! **Praxis SUPPORT** is available to help you navigate the testing and test prep situation so that you are **successful on the first attempt!**

Join Schoology to find free test prep materials for all Teacher Education program tests and to stay up to date on test prep information!

Get a small group together, arrange a time and date, and **contact Elizabeth Boucher at**

(EFBoucher@tnitech.edu) to set this up!

www.schoology.com

ACT OR PRAXIS CORE?

Submitted by: Elizabeth Boucher

Trying to decide on whether to take ACT or Praxis CORE exams for Admission to the Teacher Education Program?

Contact Elizabeth Boucher

(EFBoucher@tnitech.edu) for information and diagnostic tests to begin your preparation.



>>> NEED A MATH TUTOR?

Submitted By: Elizabeth Boucher

Get help NOW with ACT math, Praxis CORE math, and Elementary Ed Content test math. Go in person or use online tutoring at the Volpe Library. Contact Elizabeth Boucher with questions.

<https://www.tnitech.edu/library/tutoring/schedule-an-appointment>

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/>

EMAIL: TeacherEducation@tntech.edu

FAX: 931-372-6286

DELIVER TO: TJ Farr, Room 103

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

The training and certification through the American Heart Association includes:

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



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The cost is **\$50 for CPR/AED or \$75 for CPR/AED/First Aid**. Ms. Mahan currently has the following training sessions planned.

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| ⇒ February 2 | ⇒ February 7 | ⇒ February 12 | ⇒ February 16 | ⇒ February 20 |
| ⇒ February 26 | ⇒ March 2 | ⇒ March 6 | ⇒ March 12 | ⇒ March 16 |

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 or ANMahan16@gmail.com.

ON LINE CERTIFICATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

>>> FIRST AID/CPR/AED CLASSES AT THE FITNESS CENTER

Submitted By: Office of Teacher Education

The TTU Fitness Center offers First Aid/CPR/AED classes to TTU students. The cost for this course is \$50. To reserve your spot, please email Connie DeRossette at CDerossette@tntech.edu and copy Suzann Hensley at SHensley@tntech.edu

NEW DATES!

SPACES ARE LIMITED!

- ⇒ February 7th. at 5:00 PM CST—9:00 PM CST
- ⇒ February 20th. at 5:00 PM CST—9:00 PM CST

*****CERTIFICATION VALID FOR TWO YEARS.*****

Freshmen and Senior National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)

Calling all Freshmen and Seniors, what do you THINK? Please take some time to give your feedback to improve programs at TTU by completing the NSSE survey in February and March. If you don't tell us, we can't improve. We need your feedback! Complete the survey by March 20th and you will be entered to receive a TTU t-shirt! The survey link is sent directly to your student email on the following dates:

Mailing Schedule for Contacting Students:

- ♦ Invitation: Tuesday, February 12
- ♦ Reminder 1: Wednesday, February 20
- ♦ Reminder 2: Tuesday, February 26
- ♦ Reminder 3: Wednesday, March 13
- ♦ Final Reminder: Tuesday, March 19

Summer Job Opportunity at Jere Whitson Freedom School

Do you enjoy working with kids? Are you seeking a summer job? The Jere Whitson CDF Freedom School, operated by the College of Education Foundation, is hiring highly motivated young adults to work in a six-week 2019 summer literacy and cultural enrichment program for children in grades K-5. Deadline to apply is Feb. 15. Contact jisbell@tntech.edu for more information. Read the full job description and apply online at :

[https://tinyurl.com/2019SLIapplication.](https://tinyurl.com/2019SLIapplication)



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Opportunities

Cedar Crest Camp is a United Methodist, Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Lyles, TN.

Through our summer camp program we serve children and youth from ages 6-18. We offer overnight programming options as well as day camp that include a variety of activities such as swimming, archery, canoeing/kayaking, GaGa Ball, and high ropes climbing. We are calling all college students who like the outdoors and are looking for a meaningful way to spend their summer. We invite anyone interested to apply including education majors, geology majors, engineering majors, and environmental studies majors. With any questions please contact Program Director Jessi Persson at :

jessi@cedarcrestcamp.org or Executive Director Russell Casteel at
russell.casteel@tnumc.com.

Cookeville First United Methodist Church is looking for **childcare workers** for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Shannon Auberson at 931-526-2177 or

children@cookevillefumc.org

Employees Needed in Education Field

Victory Sports Center is a business that centers around the growth and education of all children. We provide a wide variety of different programs including but not limited to teaching the Sports of Gymnastics and Tumbling. We are dedicated to serving the parents and children of our community and therefore are in IMMEDIATE need of part time employees who will continue to make Victory Sports Center one of the best programs in Education and Physical Fitness. The positions available are in the Coaching/Education arena for Gymnastics and/or Tumbling. No prior experience required. It is our desire that all applicants respect, teach and care for the children under their supervision. Applicants must demonstrate the love and patience that Education Majors or Education Graduates would hold. We are willing to work around school schedules for those currently enrolled at TTU. For more information you may call 931-526-4960 or print the application on our website at victorysportscentertn.com in the section regarding "About Us". You may also stop by Victory Sports Center located behind the Arby's on South Willow behind The Sk8 or also fax your resume to 931-528-9238, Attention Human Resources Department.

Sign up for the **Oakley STEM Center EDU Update** to stay informed of all of the upcoming community events, Professional development workshops, Oakley STEM Center news and more.

The update includes information of programs for kids and families as well as professional development and resources that are available for educators. The update is sent 3-4 times a year.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Scripted Texts and the edTPA

~ Suzy Hook

For residency candidates and student teachers, teaching in an elementary literacy classroom using a scripted text can be challenging. This is especially true when the scripted reading program is new to a school system and the administration requires that it is strictly followed. Add in the edTPA and stress levels soar! So, what is a teacher candidate to do? First, work with your mentor teacher to learn about her method of presenting direct instruction. Ask questions to find out what has worked for the mentor and what challenges they have come across. Second, find out if there is any room for outside resources or if the pacing schedule must be strictly adhered to. Finally, when writing your lesson plans for the edTPA, stick to the content that relates to YOUR edTPA. You're still going to teach spelling, grammar, and writing during the literacy block, however, it will not be part of your edTPA lesson plan. If your Elementary Literacy portfolio focuses on comprehension, build your lesson plan(s) from that perspective. Remember, you will still teach all of the required content, but your lesson plan should be specific to reading instruction. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Your mentor is there to help you learn what good teaching looks like. Take advantage of their expertise.

JOB FAIRS

- * WILLIAMSON COUNTY TN. SCHOOLS— MARCH 2-9; 9– 12 CENTENNIAL HS; 5050 MALLORY LANE; FRANKLIN , TN 37067 www.wcs.edu/employment or David Harries at david.harries@wcs.edu
- * RUTHERFORD COUNTY TN. SCHOOLS— FEBRUARY 23; 9-11 BLACKMAN HS; 3956 BLAZE DR; MURFREESBORO, TN
- * KNOX COUNTY TN. SCHOOLS— MARCH 2 ; 9-NOON CENTRAL HS; 5321 JACKSBORO PIKE; KNOXVILLE, TN

Center for Career Development Introduces Career Spot

The Center for Career Development would like to introduce you to CAREER SPOT! This new service is offered by Career Development to help bring services directly to our students. Students can now visit a mobile Career Spot on campus or visit the Career Spot located in the Center for Career Development. Career Ambassadors will be present to assist with Handshake accounts, resume reviews, cover letter reviews or share additional information on other services offered by the Center for Career Development.

