



# Office of Teacher Education

## May 2019 Newsletter

### A Word from the OTE Director

Candidates,

As we approach the end of the Spring semester, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the University, the College of Education, and the Teacher Education Program. It has been an incredible journey, and I am proud of you. You have worked extremely hard, and I am delighted with the way each of you have represented Tech. I have had many positive comments from current P-12 administrators and teachers, as well as community members who feel that you, as future educators, have exhibited great pride for the teaching profession.

As educators, what each of you do individually and together matters a great deal. I encourage each of you to weather challenges, to learn from them, to adapt, and move forward. Always approach each day with remarkable resilience and energy. Focus on the progression of your students, and help prepare them for a complex and sometimes confounding world.

I am grateful to all of you who make Tennessee Tech University's College of Education a true place to Engage, Educate, and Empower.

**Remember: Always encourage the young and curious!**

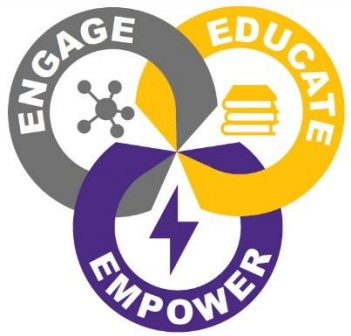
Wings Up!!

Dr. Brown



# Upcoming Events

- INTERVIEWS for Admission to the Teacher Education Program will continue throughout the entire summer! (Check the [Interview Request](#) form for specific dates and times)
- May 1, 2019: Summer Deadlines for Admission to the Teacher Education Program (Click [HERE](#) for more information)
- May 2, 2019: COE Graduation Reception (3:00 PM The Fitness Center)
- May 4, 2019: COE Graduation (2:00 PM @ Hooper Eblen Center)
- June 15, 2019: Fall 2019 Music Candidates Benchmark Deadline - CPR/AED/First Aid; Liability Insurance; Content Praxis exam; Background Check
- June 15, 2019: Fall 2019 Student Teachers Benchmark Deadline - CPR/AED/First Aid; Liability Insurance; Content Praxis exam; Background Check
- July 15, 2019: Fall Deadlines for All Residents (excluding MUED) Benchmark Deadline - CPR/AED/First Aid; Liability; Content Praxis exam; Background Check



[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](#).

## Upcoming First Aid/ CPR/ AED Training

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.

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

The training and certification through the American Heart Association includes, AED-Automatic External Defibrillator, BLS-Basic Life Support (CPR) for the Healthcare Provide, First Aid, HeartSaver-CPR for the Non-Healthcare Professional.

**Upcoming Dates: May 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 or [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com).

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

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](mailto:CDerossette@tntech.edu). and copy Suzann Hensley at [SHensley@tntech.edu](mailto:SHensley@tntech.edu).

**Upcoming Dates: May 14**

All classes are from 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**\*\*You are welcome and encouraged to bring lunch with you.**

EMAIL: [TeacherEducation@tntech.edu](mailto:TeacherEducation@tntech.edu) FAX: 931-372-6286 DELIVER TO: TJ FARR, ROOM 103

**Note: Online Certification Cannot Be Accepted!!**

## A Word from our Testing Coordinator

In addition to our spring and summer Praxis test dates (found at



<https://www.ets.org/praxis/>), the College of Education Testing Center will be offering the following exams:

- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) administrations will be held at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT) administration will be held at 4 p.m. on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

All registrations for the CLEP and MAT exams can be made through our website: <https://www.tnitech.edu/education/testing-center>. Questions related to CLEP and MAT testing are welcomed – please contact the Testing Center at 931-372-3125 or [testingcenter@tnitech.edu](mailto:testingcenter@tnitech.edu) for further information.

**-Amanda Yother**

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### **Praxis Tips and Study Materials**

If you have signed up for a Praxis exam, then you know the social security number field is optional in your ETS account. However, the TN Department of Education (TDE) will not load Praxis scores into the state licensure system if the social security number is not on the ETS score report.

This means, if you leave your social security number blank or partially blank on your ETS account, then you will have to contact ETS, have your social security number added, and pay to have your scores resent before the TDE will issue a teaching license.

**You can save yourself some anxiety and money by always entering your correct social security number in your ETS account when signing up for a Praxis exam.**

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## Trying to decide what test to take?

Contact [Elizabeth Boucher](#) for information and diagnostic tests to begin your preparation.

## Are You Preparing for the Elementary Ed Content 5018 Praxis Exam?

Join Schoology.com with access code: **JBD69-QD4JS**

and go to the “Materials” tab in the left menu on the Schoology homepage which will bring up the blue folders for all licensure areas. The Elementary Ed folder will have your resources – particularly good is the pdf book (also available in the LRC for check out) and the ETS Study Plan which has test topics’ breakouts which help for specific test content.

Get a small group together and take a practice test in a Volpe Library study room! Here are some of the practice tests we have available:

- Math 5161
- Biology 5235
- Chemistry 5235
- Elementary Ed 5018
- Early Childhood 5024
- World & US History 5941
- Art 5135
- Agriculture 5701
- Music 5114
- Middle School Social Studies 5089
- ESL 5362
- PE 5095

You can take the practice test at Volpe library anytime that they are open and you can reserve a study room with screen for several hours. Contact [Elizabeth Boucher](#) with questions/information.

## 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>

## ATTENTION TEACHER LICENSURE CANDIDATES!

Don’t just jump in and take a Praxis EXAM before you see what is on it! 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](#) to set this up!

### **ACT and Praxis CORE** **Information sessions**

**Come and learn about each test and available resources!**

**Monday, April 1 from 10 a.m. until Noon**

**Or**

**Friday, April 5 from 10 a.m. until Noon**

**Matthews Room 158**

**Join our ACT / Praxis CORE Test Prep Community – so you can study for either test for Teacher Ed Admission**

**Contact [Elizabeth Boucher](#) for access or with questions.**

# Employee Spotlight

## **Stephanie Tanksley**

A SPECIAL welcome to Ms. Stephanie Tanksley, Certification Analyst for Admission, Office of Teacher Education. Stephanie comes to us from Jackson State Community College. Please stop in and see her regarding the admissions process. She can be reached at [STanksley@tntech.edu](mailto:STanksley@tntech.edu) or at 931-372-6407.



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