

# OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

## Monthly Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

OTE is hosting interviews continuously throughout July. Please view the [Interview Request Form](#) for available dates and times.

### Residency Requirements & Deadlines

**Fall '23 Residency I candidates** (EXCEPT MUSIC) must have the following complete by **July 15, 2023**.

- Praxis Exam(s) completed and passing scores on file with OTE - Res I candidates need only CONTENT exam(s) passed
- CPR/AED/First Aid Certification on file with OTE
- Background check complete (should wait until Praxis content exam is passed)
- Professional Liability insurance on file with OTE (should wait until Praxis content exam is passed)

The Office of Teacher Education would like to continue to congratulate our recent graduates. We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see the trails you blaze and the lives you touch as educators.

# 2023

OTE is also looking forward to the fall semester, seeing everyone on campus and our new residency candidates within their clinical placements. We hope you have a great summer!

## ATTENTION FALL '23 STUDENT TEACHERS AND OUT-OF-SYNC RESIDENCY CANDIDATES

**Student Teachers, Music Ed. candidates, and Out-of-Sync Residency II candidates** will attend the following seminars at the Cookeville Campus to prepare for clinical practice:

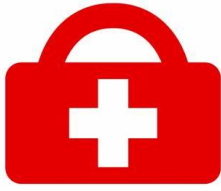
August 16th: General Information Seminar

August 17th: NIET Aspiring Teacher Rubric Training

August 18th (**EXCLUDES MUSIC ED CANDIDATES**): edTPA Overview

**Candidates will receive further details regarding times and locations via email at a later date.**





## CPR & First Aid Training Class

### CPR/AED/First Aid Certification

Candidates are required to show proof of valid CPR, AED, & First Aid training before entering into their clinical placement.

Certification must include all three: CPR, AED, & First Aid and remain valid throughout clinical placement.

No full or partial online trainings/certifications are accepted.

Candidates can fax, email, or hand deliver proof of certification by:

- Email: [cderossette@tntech.edu](mailto:cderossette@tntech.edu)
- Fax: (931) 372-6286
- Deliver to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at [Cookeville Regional Medical Center](#), [Heartsaver](#), or Ms. Amy Mahan.

To schedule with Ms. Mahan, please call at (931) 261-5092, email at [ANMahan16@gmail.com](mailto:ANMahan16@gmail.com), or find her on Facebook by searching "Training with Amy Mahan".

### Praxis Resources

As the Praxis deadlines quickly approach, we encourage our candidates to explore the resources located within iLearn in the "OTE Test Prep Course".

ETS Study Companions, 240 Tutoring, Mometrix eLibrary and many others can be found within the iLearn course.

### Praxis Practice Tests

OTE offers full-length practice tests developed by ETS 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 or category along with the correct answers and explanations for each correct answer.

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 ([eldavis@tntech.edu](mailto:eldavis@tntech.edu)) for inquiries.

### Test Updates

The Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) has recently revised the Praxis II requirement for **Music** educators. TDOE will allow:

#### **Instrumental Music Candidates:**

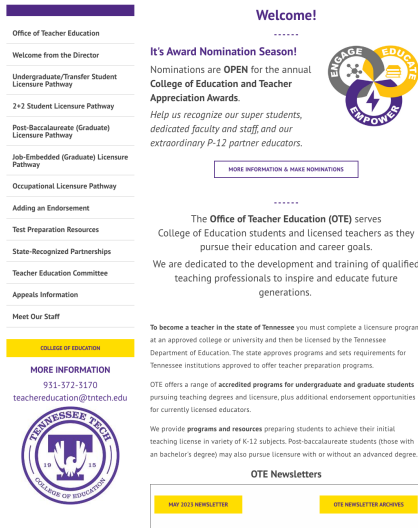
- 5114, Music: Content and Instruction (cut score 162) OR
- 5115, Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (cut score 150)

#### **Vocal Music Candidates:**

- 5114, Music: Content and Instruction (cut score 162) OR
- 5116, Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (cut score 153).

## Benchmarks

Candidates who are looking to refresh themselves on the requirements as they progress through their teacher licensure programs can view the OTE Benchmark forms by visiting the OTE webpage [here](#).



The screenshot shows the OTE website homepage. At the top, it says "Welcome!" and "It's Award Nomination Season!". Below this, there is a navigation menu on the left with items like "Office of Teacher Education", "Welcome from the Director", "Undergraduate/Transfer Student Licensure Pathway", "2+2 Student Licensure Pathway", "Post-Baccalaureate (Graduate) Licensure Pathway", "Job-Embedded (Graduate) Licensure Pathway", "Occupational Licensure Pathway", "Adding an Endorsement", "Test Preparation Resources", "State-Recognized Partnerships", "Teacher Education Committee", "Appeals Information", and "Meet Our Staff". The main content area includes a "MORE INFORMATION & MAKE NOMINATIONS" button, a paragraph about the Office of Teacher Education (OTE) serving the College of Education students and licensed teachers, and a section titled "To become a teacher in the state of Tennessee you must complete a licensure program at an approved college or university and then be licensed by the Tennessee Department of Education." There is also a "Tennessee Tech" logo and a "OTE Newsletters" section with a "VIEW 2023 NEWSLETTER" button and a "OTE NEWSLETTER ARCHIVES" link.

## Questions?

Candidates are always encouraged to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are more than happy to assist or redirect your inquiries to the correct office/department.

Phone: (931) 372-3170

Email: [teachereducation@tntech.edu](mailto:teachereducation@tntech.edu)



## Financial Assistance for Praxis Exam

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

To be eligible, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

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



## Summer Job Opportunities

Looking for part-time or summer job opportunities?

Candidates can find openings on the [Career Opportunities](#) page of the College of Education website.

This page is routinely updated and also lists full-time teaching positions and career fair opportunities.