OFFICE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming Events

OTE is hosting interviews continuously each month. Please view the Interview Request Form for available dates and times.

"To teach is to learn twice over."

-Joseph Joubert

Deadline Reminders

With several important deadlines quickly approaching for Fall '26 Residency & Student Teaching, we want to recommend the following:

- *By March 15, we recommend that you have attempted/ passed at least one Praxis exam. Please take some time now to plan your study schedule and prepare for the exam(s). If you need study materials or support, please contact Elora Davis at eldavis@tntech.edu.*

- *Spring break would be a great time to take a CPR/AED/ First Aid course. Certification is due May 31st.*

Spring '27 Residency

SPRING 2027 RESIDENCY

Intent to Participate Form is due by March 15

Candidates, we want to remind you that the following services and supports are available to all Tennessee Tech students. For a full list of hardship resources, please click here.
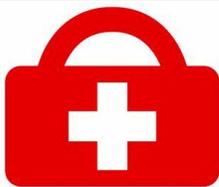
Tennessee Tech Food Pantry

The Tennessee Tech Food Pantry was established as a resource for Tennessee Tech University students and employees in November 2012.

Their mission is to raise awareness of hidden hunger on college campuses across the nation and establish and sustain a network for food acquisition, storage and distribution at Tennessee Tech to alleviate hunger among our campus community. For more information, please visit their website: https://www.tntech.edu/

Wings Up-Cycled

Wings Up-Cycled is a free clothing store for all Tennessee Tech students who may need additional clothing items. They also hope to encourage second-hand shopping practices. For more information, please visit their website: https://www.tntech.edu/sustainability/wings-up-cycled.php

FASHION INDUSTRY STATISTICS

20% OF GLOBAL WASTEWATER COMES FROM TEXTILE DYEING

92 MILLION TONS OF CLOTHING-RELATED WASTE ENDS UP IN LANDFILLS EACH YEAR

FAST FASHION PRODUCES HALF A MILLION TONS OF MICROPLASTICS EACH YEAR

IT TAKES 715 GALLONS OF WATER TO PRODUCE ONE COTTON T-SHIRT

NEARLY 70 MILLION BARRELS OF OIL ARE USED TO MAKE POLYESTER FIBER EACH YEAR

THE FASHION INDUSTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR 8% OF CARBON EISSIONS

March '26

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

Blended learning CPR certifications are accepted. Fully online certifications WILL NOT be accepted.

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

- Email: Connie DeRossette, cderossette@tntech.edu

- Fax: (931) 372-6286

- Delivering to: TJ Farr, Room 103

Candidates can find trainings at Cookeville Regional Medical Center or Heartsaver.

Important Dates for Spring '26 Student Teachers & Residency Candidates

- March 1, 2026: edTPA Task 2 due in Tk20

- March 4, 2026: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (Music Education and Physical Education)

- March 5, 2026: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (Agriculture, Art, Computer Science, ESL, Middle School, and Secondary)

- March 5, 2026: Senior Salute & Career Fair

- March 6, 2026: edTPA Task 3 Seminar (Early Childhood, Elementary, Special Education)

- March 9, 2026: edTPA Writing Day (all candidates)

- March 11 OR 12, 2026: Professional Development: Poverty Simulation/ School Safety

- March 15, 2026: edTPA Task 3 due in Tk20

- March 23 – April 3, 2026: Observation by Mentor

Looking for full-time or part-time job opportunities?

Candidates can find openings on the Career Opportunities page of the College of Education website.

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

Praxis Resources

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.

Questions?

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

Phone: (931) 372-3170

Email: teachereducation@tntech.edu

Important Reminders When Registering for Praxis Exams

When creating your account, the Social Security number field is optional. However, it is not optional for teacher licensure candidates. The Tennessee State Department of Education will match your license application and your Praxis scores by your Social Security number.

At the time of registration, you will also need to select Tennessee Tech (1804) as one of your recipients. If you are taking the exam in Tennessee, it will automatically go to the Tennessee Department of Education. If you are taking an exam in a different state, you will need to add Tennessee Department of Education (8190) as a recipient.

NOTE: You will need to select Tennessee Tech (1804) EVERY TIME you register for an exam.

Failure to add your full/correct Social Security number and/or not listing TTU as a score recipient, may result in paying an additional $50 to send an updated score report.

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 required 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).

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) for inquiries.