

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.



"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

-Helen Hayes

The Fall Semester is Underway!

Candidates, we hope you're settling in to the Fall '26 semester!

You're making important progress toward becoming a licensed educator! If you're currently in residency, take advantage of this opportunity to learn from your mentor teacher, build relationships with your students, and put your knowledge into practice.

If you're preparing for or retaking a Praxis exam, remember that you don't have to navigate it alone. If you're struggling with a test or aren't getting the results you hoped for, **reach out for help and take advantage of the resources available to you.** Talk with your faculty, advisors, and supervisors, explore Praxis preparation resources, and connect with others who can help you develop a plan.

Keep going! Each step is bringing you closer to your own classroom!



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

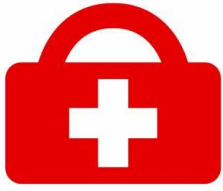
The Tennessee Tech Food Pantry was established as a resource for Tennessee Tech University students and employees in November 2012.

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>





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@tnitech.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 Fall '26 Student Teacher & Residency Candidates

- September 11, 2026: Seminar 2
- October 2, 2026: Seminar 3

Important Dates for Spring '27 Student Teacher & Residency Candidates

- September 1: Graduation Application Due
- Continue to study and take your licensure exam(s) (Praxis or NES). If you need study materials or support, please contact Elora Davis at eldavis@tnitech.edu.
- October 31, 2026: CPR, AED, and First Aid certification is due. Before the semester becomes too busy, you may want to take a CPR/AED/First Aid class. Please provide Ms. Connie DeRossette a copy of your certification. (cderossette@tnitech.edu)



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/NES Resources

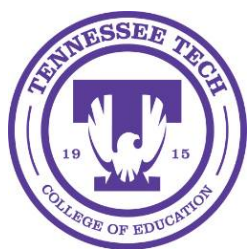
We encourage our candidates to explore the resources located within Canvas in the "OTE Test Prep Course". ETS Study Companions, 240 Tutoring, Mometrix eLibrary and many others can be found within the iLearn course.

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@tnitech.edu



Important Reminders When Registering for Praxis/NES Exams

Teacher licensure candidates must enter their **full Social Security number** when creating a Praxis account so the Tennessee Department of Education can match scores to licensure applications.

When registering for each exam, select **Tennessee Tech University (1804)** as a score recipient. If testing outside Tennessee, also select the **Tennessee Department of Education (8190)**.

Failure to provide accurate information or select TTU may result in additional fees to send score reports later.

If you have any questions regarding ETS/Praxis, please contact Elora Davis at eldavis@tnitech.edu or 931-372-3860.

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@tnitech.edu) for inquiries.

NES Test for Licensure

The State of Tennessee now accepts National Evaluation Series (NES) exams as an approved option for teacher licensure in several endorsement areas, giving candidates more flexibility alongside the traditional Praxis assessments. Please confirm which NES test title is accepted for your licensure area with your academic advisor or Ms. Elora Davis (eldavis@tnitech.edu) before registering.