

# Alternative Certification Program

## Goal 1 Proficiency in T-TESS

**Goal Description:**

Teacher candidates will meet overall proficiency or higher in all domains based on formal T-TESS observations.

**Providing Department:** Alternative Certification Program

**Progress:** Ongoing

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**LO 1 TTESS Proficiency**

**Learning Objective Description:**

Upon completion of the TTESS observations, the candidates will demonstrate proficiency.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Indicator - TTESS**

**Indicator Description:**

Indicator Type: T-TESS Rubric - Candidates will achieve proficiency in all domains and competencies.

**Criterion Description:**

100% of accepted candidates will receive an overall proficiency rating on their T-TESS evaluation.

**Findings Description:**

No students completed observations during the 2023-2024 academic year. There are no findings to report.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Action - TTESS**

**Action Description:**

During the fall semester interns will be supported by the Assistant Professors of Practice. Professors will provide feedback to help move students to proficiency. Professors, school staff, and teachers will work together in regular governance meetings to review teacher candidate performance.

## Goal 2 State Certification Exams

**Goal Description:**

Post-baccalaureate teacher candidates will demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to satisfy the state certification requirements through performance on administered exams.

**Providing Department:** Alternative Certification Program

**Progress:** Ongoing

RELATED ITEMS/ELEMENTS -----

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 1

**LO 1 State Certification Exams**

**Learning Objective Description:**

Upon admittance, teacher candidates will pass their content area exams.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Indicator - TTESS**

**Indicator Description:**

Indicator Type: T-TESS Rubric - Candidates will achieve proficiency in all domains and competencies.

**Criterion Description:**

100% of accepted candidates will receive an overall proficiency rating on their T-TESS evaluation.

**Findings Description:**

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Action - TTESS**

**Action Description:**

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RELATED ITEM LEVEL 2

**Indicator State Certification Exams**

**Indicator Description:**

Indicator Type: TExES Exam -

Candidate scores on individual domains of the content examination.

**Criterion Description:**

100% of accepted candidates will pass the initial content certification exam in their initial content area.

**Findings Description:**

Currently, 34 students have received approval to take one or more content exams (including students becoming dually certified in EC-6 Core Subjects and Special Education). Our ACP overall has a 95% pass rate. Candidates have passed a total of 56 exams of 59 exams completed. This was the first year for the ACP therefor there are no previous results to compare to.

RELATED ITEM LEVEL 3

**Action - State Certification Exams**

**Action Description:**

Students will continue to be required to complete full-length exams through 240 Tutoring and/or Certify Teacher prior to test approval. In addition, students who do not pass on their first attempt will also be required to attend a test prep session with faculty/staff prior to receiving a second exam approval. For reference, the overall pass rate for the state (for all EPPs and all content areas) was 88%. Test approvals and requirements will be monitored by our testing coordinator. Information regarding testing requirements will be provided by the program director through Blackboard courses, email, virtual orientations and sessions, and face-to-face sessions.

**New Update to Previous Cycle's Plan for Continuous Improvement Item**

**Previous Cycle's Plan For Continuous Improvement (Do Not Modify):**

This is a new unit for 2023-2024 cycle. No previous PCI available.

**Update of Progress to the Previous Cycle's PCI:**

This was a new unit for 2023-2024 cycle. No previous PCI available.

## **New Plan for Continuous Improvement Item**

### **Closing Summary:**

Students in our ACP who are unsuccessful on their first attempt at their content area exam will attend a test prep workshop prior to receiving approval for their second attempt. We will continue to strive for a 95% or higher pass rate on all exams.

Students in the field for internship, will reach a proficient rating on their T-TESS evaluation by the fifth formal observation, using feedback and self-reflection from previous observations to continue to improve.