

UTRGV CEP EPP Professional Dispositional Assessment Process

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- Overview of Professional Disposition Inventory (PDI)
- Fitness to Teach and Exit Policy Overview
- Vaquero Roundup and Transfer Student Orientation

Step 1: Pre-Admission. The Fitness to Teach and Exit Policy includes the Professional Dispositions Inventory (PDI), providing teacher candidates with awareness of professional teaching dispositions prior to admission to teacher education. Entering freshmen will be provided an overview at Vaquero Roundup and transfer students are provided an overview at the Transfer Student Orientation.

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- Apply to Educator Preparation Program (EPP)
- Teacher Candidate Acknowledgment of Fitness to Teach and Exit Policy

Step 2: Apply to Educator Preparation Program (EPP). The Teacher Candidate Acknowledgment of Fitness to Teach and Exit Policy is provided to teacher candidates with their admissions letter. Teacher candidates must sign and submit this acknowledgment statement to OEPA as part of their acceptance into the teacher education program.

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PDI completed by faculty members teaching one of the following courses:

- EDCI 3332 (EC-6 Program)
- EDUC 3306 (Secondary 7-12 & All Level EC-12 Programs)
- UTCH 3302 (UTeach Programs 4-8 and 7-12)

Step 3: Formative Assessment. The PDI will be administered and collected by EPP faculty in one of the following courses: EDCI 3332 for Elementary (EC-6) program; EDUC 3306 for Secondary (7-12) and All-Level (EC-12) Programs; and UTCH 3302 for Middle School (4-8) and Secondary (7-12) Math and Science Programs. Faculty members who are scheduled to teach these courses will have a two-week period to complete the PDIs for each of their students in Tk20. This two-week period of time will begin on Week 13 and end on Week 14 each fall and spring semester.

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- Teacher Candidate Applies and Gets Admitted to Clinical Teaching

Step 4: Admission to Clinical Teaching. Teacher candidates apply and are formally admitted to their final semester course, full-time Clinical Teaching. For Elementary Education (EC-6) students, clinical teaching is EDCI 4637; Secondary (7-12) and All-Level Programs (EC-12) students take EDUC 4611; and UTCH Middle School (4-8) and Secondary (7-12) students take either UTCH 4101 or UTCH 4601.

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PDI completed by teacher candidate, cooperating teacher, and field supervisor in one of the following:

- EDCI 4637 (EC-6)
- EDUC 4611 (7-12 or EC-12)
- UTCH 4101 or UTCH 4601 (4-8 or 7-12)

Step 5: Completion of the Program. The PDI is completed and uploaded by Teacher Candidates, Cooperating Teachers and Field Supervisors using Tk20 software during Clinical Teaching. They will have a two-week period to complete and upload the PDI between Week 13 and 14 each fall and spring semester.