

## Frequently Asked Questions for FA2020 Clinical Teaching

**Q.** What if I was not able to attend the Town Hall, is there any way to find out what they said about the possible changes for clinical teaching due to the COVID-19?

**A.** The Town Hall video can be found through this [link](#).

**Q.** If we have been denied for clinical teaching, do we have to make a new application?

**A.** Teacher candidates that have been denied in previous semesters must submit an application for Fall 2020 clinical teaching.

**Q.** What if we taking summer II classes? and grades are due late August? would I be able to still do clinical teaching?

**A.** Once Summer II grades post, the OEPA will conduct a final evaluation of the application to determine if program requirements are met. Feedback is provided via the TK20 application.

**Q.** I have already passed my core exam and I am waiting for my PPR scores. I am just wondering if I can still get into student teaching if grades are due August 16, 2020.

**A.** Once Summer II grades post, the OEPA will conduct a final evaluation of the application to determine if program requirements are met. Feedback is provided via the TK20 application. Test preparation requirements must be met for any exams pending to be passed.

**Q.** Is there a guide to submit our readiness for clinical teaching?

**A.** Yes, please submit a test request form found on the OEPA webpage ([link](#)). Once completed, you will receive an email with the test readiness requirements and instructions on how to submit your test readiness evidence.

**Q.** If we are approved to test for the TExES exam and/or the PPR exam, we must have passing scores by August 31st to be accepted into Clinical teaching?

**A.** No. Candidates that demonstrate test readiness will be approved to start clinical teaching in fall 2020. Teacher candidates may proceed with scheduled exams at their discretion.

**Q.** Do we need to apply again for clinical teaching, if we applied prior and scores were pending?

**A.** Teacher candidates need only to apply once for Fall 2020 clinical teaching. The OEPA will use that application to provide feedback and send notices.

**Q.** I am only missing my content exam, does that mean that I am set for clinical teaching?

**A.** While candidates pending to pass one or more TExES exams will have the opportunity to do clinical teaching without having passed their exams, they must first demonstrate and submit evidence of test readiness in TK20 for the pending exam.

**Q.** What if you only need the math section and I have already passed everything else?

**A.** Test approval for the sections needed should be obtained for admission to clinical teaching.

**Q.** Since I did not take any classes this semester, do I still need to do the Field Experience hours for this semester?

**A.** Clinical teaching candidates are required to complete a minimum of 30 field-based experience hours in order to be eligible for clinical teaching.

**Q.** If we do not re-test until August, will we still be admitted to clinical teaching?

**A.** Yes, as long as you submit evidence of test readiness in TK20. As a reminder, you must complete and submit a [TExES Testing Request Application](#) in TK20.

**Q.** The Deadline for Readiness to test requirements on July 31st, 2020. In case I am unsuccessful on any part of the exam, will I have to meet the Readiness to test requirements before July 31st for another attempt?

**A.** No. Candidates that demonstrate test readiness will be approved to start clinical teaching in fall 2020. Teacher candidates may proceed with scheduled exams at their discretion.

**Q.** If we are currently approved to take the TExES exam we are required to test by August 31 in order to be accepted into Clinical Teaching?

**A.** No. Admission into clinical teaching is based on candidates' submission of test readiness in TK20. The test approval is valid through August 31, 2020.

**Q.** Does this new exam from EC-6 include people graduating with All-Level as well?

**A.** Science for Teaching Reading (293) will impact Core Subject (291) and English Language Arts 4-8 (117) exams only.

**Q.** If we already passed both certification exams, none of this pertains to us. Correct?

**A.** While testing requirements have already been met, clinical teaching candidates need to be sure they meet all other program requirements (i.e. GPA and coursework) before formal admission into clinical teaching program. It is also important to remember that in order to meet final program requirements, clinical teachers must meet clinical teaching program during the semester they are completing clinical teaching.

**Q.** For EC-6, if we have all certification exams passed before December 2020, is it possible to get recommended for certification sooner than Dec 31st?

**A.** Candidates must complete all program requirements including Clinical Teaching first.

**Q.** Does this mean we can still graduate, without being certified?

**A.** Yes, upon completion of clinical teaching program requirements and verification that all coursework has been met, Fall 2020 clinical teachers can still graduate without being certified.

**Q.** Is there an alternative route to graduate now, without clinical teaching?

**A.** Please visit with your program coordinator or department chair for information.

**Q.** Is clinical teaching a requirement for being recommended for certification.

**A.** Yes, clinical teaching is required to become recommended for certification.

**Q.** For the 2nd Core Attempt, I know we must take a Representative Exam through blackboard, but I just want to make sure that only need to complete the pending section, correct one? Is that the only one we have to take or do we need to complete all sections?

**A.** Correct, you only need to take the sections of the representative exam that correspond to the domains not passed.

**Q.** How do we submit the scores of certify teacher?

**A.** Log in to TK20, complete a [TExES Testing Request Application](#), attached Certify Teacher scores and submit.

**Q.** When will there be information about the upcoming workshop?

**A.** Information on workshops will be announced as soon as the workshops schedule is finalized. Please contact the OEPA office for more information.

**Q.** I know for the Core Exam if you are on your 2nd attempt you have to complete the preparation log, but there's a section where it requires the Presenter's signature. How do we go about acquiring that signature?

**A.** The OEPA keeps track of workshop attendance. You may request a confirmation email notice from OEPA so you may upload with your preparation log

**Q.** If we are not taking classes in the Fall, are they dropping us from the education program?

**A.** Students who have had a one-year break in UTRGV enrollment are required to reapply into the university. Please refer to [UTRGV's readmission policy](#). Continued admission and/or readmission into the teacher education program will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Q.** Will elementary students be going back to school in the fall?

**A.** We will be following TEA guidance and school district calendars and protocols. Currently, we are awaiting this information.

**Q.** Will there be an alternative if schools do not open?

**A.** We collaborate with school districts on a daily basis. Next steps will be forthcoming as soon as we have more information from school districts on their calendars and guidance from TEA.

**Q.** Who could we talk to see if our field hours are completed?

**A.** Please send an email to Office of Educator Preparation and Accountability (OEPA) at [oepea@utrgv.edu](mailto:oepea@utrgv.edu)

**Q.** To be certified or to apply, where would I apply?

**A.** More information will be forthcoming as we proceed through the clinical teaching program throughout the semester.

**Q.** What if I am in the EdTPA?

**A.** If you are being considered for edTPA, please stay in close communication with your edTPA advisor and the OEPA.

**Q.** If I am in Art Education and the exam is not on Certify Teacher, what would I need to do?

**A.** Please contact your program coordinator for a list of required educational activities.

**Q.** Which is the student teaching course? I see several and do not know which one to register on.

**A.** EC-6 Elementary teacher candidates (EC-6) must register for a section in EDCI 4637.

**Q.** BTLPT and bilingual supplemental do NOT need to be passed before clinical teaching or before graduation.

**A.** Specialization exams can be taken at the discretion of the teacher candidate and need to be approved by the program/department.