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Subject	Process for Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject Teacher Preparation Programs to Change TPA Models

<p style="color:red; text-align:center">This PSA replaces PSA 17-07</p>

Summary

Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject Teacher Preparation Programs must implement a Commission-approved TPA with all credential candidates. At its August 2014 meeting, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing approved a fourth TPA model known as the "edTPA" for use in California. Programs moving from Performance Assessment for California Teachers (PACT) may transition to either the edTPA or the redeveloped California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA) for the 2018-19 year. This PSA provides information on the process a program needs to complete if the program elects to use a different TPA model than previously implemented.

Background

All Preliminary Multiple and Single Subject teacher preparation candidates who enrolled in a Commission-approved program beginning on or after July 1, 2008, must complete and pass a Commission-approved Teaching Performance Assessment (TPA) prior to being recommended for a Preliminary Teaching Credential. For a number of years, there were three Commission-approved TPAs: CalTPA, Fresno Assessment of Student Teachers (FAST), and PACT. PACT will be sunsetting before the beginning of the 2018-19 school year for new candidates. The TPAs were locally implemented and scored and all programs were required to meet Program Standards 16-19 regarding the implementation of the TPA.

The edTPA, the fourth TPA model approved by the Commission, is a national TPA model that allows for scoring through a national pool of trained scorers. The redeveloped CalTPA, beginning

in the fall of 2018, will also use a similar centralized scoring system with a local scoring option using qualified California educators as assessors.

Transition Plan

Programs planning to transition to edTPA or CalTPA in 2018-19, must submit a Transition Plan to the Commission by April 1st, 2018, for fall 2018 administration with candidates. If a candidate began the teacher preparation program prior to August 2018 and has begun a TPA, the candidate retains the right to complete that TPA. Ed Code §44252.1 allows a candidate to have up to two full years from enrollment in the educator preparation program to satisfy the requirements that were in place when the candidate enrolled.

The TPA Transition Plan must provide the following information:

1. Institution name

2. TPA coordinator name and contact information

3. Programs

4. TPA model to which you are transitioning

5. How the program(s) will ensure that faculty and staff are knowledgeable about the TPA model and able to prepare candidates for that model

6. Scoring approach the program will use: centralized or local scoring option

7. Estimated number of preliminary credential candidates for the 2018-2019 enrollment year

8. How candidates who will take the edTPA or CalTPA will receive information about that model and be advised by faculty and staff in preparation for completing that model.

9. How continuing candidates will be advised about completing the previous TPA model if they started that model but have not yet completed it by July 2018. If a candidate began the teacher preparation program prior to August 2018 and has begun a TPA, the candidate retains the right to complete that TPA. Ed Code §44252.1 allows a candidate to have up to two full years from enrollment in the educator preparation program to satisfy the requirements that were in place when the candidate enrolled.

10. Confirmation by the Dean or unit head of the institution that the program(s) are changing to a different TPA model and are committed to assuring that continuing students who have already begun the prior TPA model will be assisted to complete that original model up until two years past the last day of their initial program completion date. Candidates also have the right to transition to the revised or new TPA model.

IMPORTANT DUE DATES:

All programs are required to notify wbacer@ctc.ca.gov by February 1, 2018 with the name and email address of their TPA Coordinator.

Transition Plans are to be submitted to wbacer@ctc.ca.gov by April 1, 2018 for fall 2018 administration of either the edTPA or CalTPA.

References

August 2014 Commission Agenda Item 4B: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2014-08/2014-08-4B.pdf

edTPA: http://www.edtpa.com/Home.aspx

CalTPA: http://www.ctcpa.nesinc.com/index.asp

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