UPDATE
FOR
MAY/AUGUST 2020 GRADUATES
AND
TEACHER EDUCATION CANDIDATES

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Keeping You Informed
The Office of Teacher Education and Licensure will be releasing updates to you, our Teacher Education May/August 2020 graduates and candidates when definitive information is known on Teacher Education Program Admission and Licensure matters that have been impacted by COVID-19. As of today, the following apply.

Pass/Fail and GPA Requirements
Teacher Education Program Admission (Gate A)
Teacher Education Retention for Student Teaching (Gate B)
Licensure (Gate C)

There are THREE GPA categories that are calculated for Admission (Gate A), Retention (Gate B) and Licensure (Gate C): Overall GPA, Content GPA, and Professional Education GPA. The minimum for each type of GPA varies by program. When communicating with your academic or faculty advisor regarding Pass/Fail options, be sure to also calculate your GPA in each category to ensure that you remain above the minimum.

CPR Requirement for Licensure
Announcement from the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE)

The Governor’s Executive Order released on April 2, 2020 applies to license renewal, NOT initial licenses. You are working toward your Initial Instructional License.

Thus, as soon-to-be graduates who may still need CPR training for licensure, sign-up for a blended course (American Heart Association and American Red Cross both offer this option; other approved CPR providers with blended training can be found at https://www.doe.in.gov/licensing/cpr-heimlich-maneuver-aed-certification) and complete the online portion of the training. Once in-person/onsite training resumes you will be in position to sign-up for just the hands-on skill practice component.
Pearson Tests and Testing Centers
Impact on Purdue Teacher Education Candidates

1. Pearson’s suspension of tests is scheduled until at least April 16th with revised information to be released soon. Please check Pearson’s website often for up-to-date information.

2. To our knowledge, there are no current online testing alternatives being proposed by the IDOE or Pearson. This is due to the IDOE’s contractual arrangement with Pearson that candidates sit for these tests, in person, at designated centers. Thus, as candidates you remain obligated to the testing centers.

3. School districts recognize that a delay in test accessibility translates to a delay in obtaining an initial license in Indiana and across the nation. The Office of Teacher Education and Licensure will continue to provide to the hiring school district letters of eligibility for candidates whose license may be pending.

4. Individual school districts, within and outside of Indiana, are anticipating that initial licenses could be delayed because of limited access to licensure exams. Be assured that districts are working on contingencies should these issues not be resolved before the start of the next school year. In the meantime, keep applying for positions, studying for your exams, and checking the Pearson website for updates.

5. The content testing accessibility concerns and its impact on acceptance into Fall 2020 Student Teaching are scheduled to be discussed at the Teacher Education Council (TEC) Executive Committee on April 8, 2020. Should any action be taken at this meeting, more information will be released to the affected candidates.

Licensure Meeting – April 27, 2020 at 5:30 pm

The Spring Licensure Meeting for May and August 2020 graduates is scheduled for April 27, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. This date has been published for several months. This meeting will occur LIVE via WebEx and also recorded.

Additional details regarding this meeting and how to connect remotely will be sent the week of April 6, 2020.