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GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO THE HANDBOOK FOR STUDENT TEACHERS, COOPERATING TEACHERS AND COLLEGE SUPERVISORS (REVISED: SUMMER 2016)

In spring 2014, the New York State Department of Education’s requirements for Initial Certification for all student teachers changed for those candidates graduating after May 1, 2014. There are new State tests (i.e. ALST, CSTand EAS) as well as the edTPA. See our Appendices in this Handbook for further information on these new examinations.

This Handbook is the third edition of our edTPA-related Handbook and combines information for all of our student teachers, cooperating teachers and college supervisors. It is not intended to be all inclusive and we will continue to distribute through email additional information (i.e. revised observation forms, evaluation rubrics, etc.) throughout each semester. These updates will also be made available on our CCNY School of Education website and via email messages. It is very important, therefore, that all student teachers, cooperating teachers and college supervisors give our Assistant Director, Noris Rodriguez (nrodriguez1@ccny.cuny.edu) and me (bbilig@ccny.cuny.edu) the personal email address that you read on a daily basis. [Note: All student teachers must read their Citymail emails on a regular basis as well because that is how the College and the School of Education will communicate with you about important matters including those related to graduation.]

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our faculty, college supervisors, and cooperating teachers as well as the principals of our partner schools for working with our School of Education during the past semester. Please feel free to email me (bbilig@ccny.cuny.edu) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

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ed TPA STUDENT TEACHING CALENDAR  
(Revised: Summer 2016 – Prepared by Dr. Bruce M. Billig)

[Note: The calendar below includes an outline of the fifteen week semester based upon our NYSED waiver that permits our student teachers to remain in one class. This will enable our student teachers to have the time needed to video record their edTPA lessons and complete the required Tasks and commentaries before they submit their edTPA to Pearson and their Taskstream account. This schedule is tentative and may be revised to accommodate needs for your k-12 class and/or school.]

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<td>Continue with co-teaching. Plan your own lessons with our CT for a small group and present them.</td>
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<td>Continue to expand upon your teaching responsibilities. Plan and implement whole class lessons; co-plan and co-teach with your cooperating teacher. Practice video recording of your lesson(s).</td>
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<td>Work on edTPA commentaries for your e-portfolio</td>
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<td>Consider submission of e-portfolio to Pearson and your Taskstream account for evaluation.</td>
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<td>Submit e-portfolio to Pearson and to your Taskstream account. It may take two-three weeks to receive your score from Pearson.</td>
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<td>Remain with first placement in case any of the edTPA Tasks need to be revised.</td>
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<td>Revise any responses as per the Pearson evaluation. Visit other classes if further edTPA revisions are not needed.</td>
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<td>Continue to work with other classes as planned with your cooperating teacher.</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>Last week of student teaching. All edTPA tasks should have been evaluated by Pearson. Student teaching may be extended if any video recording and artifacts need to be resubmitted. Complete online surveys as directed by your seminar instructor.</td>
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COOPERATING TEACHER

The CCNY School of Education thanks you for working with our student teacher this semester. The fact that you are willing to open your classroom to him/her clearly attests to your professionalism and your dedication to serving as a mentor and teacher educator. Our student teacher will depend on the rich opportunities that you will provide him/her as well as for help with his/her need to test out various teaching practices, create and teach his/her own lesson plans, videotape the required edTPA lessons, assess students’ learning and learn to become a reflective practitioner. We have included in this Handbook suggestions, guidelines and basic information for you to consider along with your own mentoring expertise. We will also ask you to complete our Mid-Semester Evaluation of the Student Teacher (that will be emailed to you) as well as an end of semester online evaluation (the link will be emailed to you). Completing these evaluations will give you the opportunity to sit down with your student teacher (and where possible, the college supervisor) to provide both formative and summative feedback to your student teacher and our Office of Clinical Practice.

It is very important that the student teacher is appropriately welcomed to your classroom and school. Our student teacher will need to feel supported as s/he adjusts to your classroom and school routines and norms, develops relationships with students and colleagues, and most importantly, establishes him/herself as a “lead teacher”. Here are some ways, retrieved from various resources, which you can use to help our student teacher seamlessly enter into your classroom and continue to grow as a student teacher:

1. When s/he joins your class, introduce your students to the new “co-teacher” (rather than as a student teacher in order to create a higher level of respect and classroom rapport). Be clear about your expectations for your students’ behavior and interactions with this “co-teacher” and answer any questions that they may have.

2. Encourage your student teacher (“co-teacher”) to learn the names and important background information of the students as quickly as possible.

3. Spend some time talking with your student teacher. Explain your background, experience, teaching style and the particular norms and conventions of practice that are the foundation of your teaching. Get to know each other by encouraging your student teacher to share his/her goals, fears, talents and teaching needs.

4. Introduce your student teacher to other faculty and personnel in the school.

5. Provide a work area for your student teacher and a space to store his/her personal belongings.

6. Review the rules, regulations and practices of the school (i.e. Staff Manual).

7. Add the student teacher’s name to the classroom door and other materials distributed to students.
8. Review the issues of confidentiality with the student teacher. Discuss unique and relevant characteristics of individual students, including effective strategies for mediating behavior problems and/or differentiating instruction to meet the needs of these students (i.e. English Language Learners and Students with Disabilities).

9. Share information about the curriculum, available instructional materials, and how you plan and pace your lessons. Discuss your long-range curriculum plans with the student teacher and review your resources (i.e. texts, manuals, and media). Provide suggestions for how the student teacher can plan the content for his/her initial lessons.

10. Cooperating teachers are the key mentors for our student teachers as they can model high-quality instruction and reflective practices that are consistent with contemporary research and standards of excellence. The student teacher should first observe you teaching each subject or class. As much as possible, make explicit to your student teacher: your instructional objectives; the theory, research or curriculum materials that are the basis of your lessons and how you made specific choices for the selection of materials, instructional/management strategies and modes of assessment for student learning. Have the student teacher participate in your problem solving discussions to determine the effectiveness of your teaching strategies and next steps.

11. Support the student teacher as s/he gradually assumes teaching responsibilities. For example, your student teacher may begin by working with an individual or small group before teaching a part of a lesson. This should progress to teaching an entire lesson and/or co-teaching with you (see Appendix for examples of co-teaching models). Before the end of the semester, it is expected that the cooperating teacher and student teacher will be working together as effective teaching partners. Note: Whenever the student teacher is in your classroom, the cooperating teacher (or another certified teacher) must be in the classroom as well.

12. Specific teaching responsibilities should be planned with your student teacher on a daily basis and in advance of an upcoming student teacher led lesson. Cooperating teachers should feel free to share their lesson plans with the student teacher. Student teacher should also share their lesson plans with the cooperating teacher prior to any upcoming teaching responsibility in sufficient time to receive appropriate suggestions and feedback. Lesson plans should also be reviewed by the cooperating teacher prior to their submission to the college supervisor for the next observation.

13. Assessment of student learning data and the subsequent reflective practices will need ongoing guidance by the cooperating teacher (see the assessment and reflective Tasks in the edTPA Handbook). Explain your methods of assessment and grading, how you keep records and the subsequent reports to parents.

14. Your student teacher should be invited to observe and participate (where feasible) in all school-related professional activities (i.e. staff meetings, Individualized Education Plan planning meetings, professional development workshops, and planning for and conferencing with parents).

15. Observe, without interruption where feasible, the student teacher’s professional practices (in and out of the classroom) and provide specific feedback and guidance. Cooperating teachers need to provide both appropriate positive reinforcement and specific feedback, including
suggestions for alternative approaches where appropriate. Always deliver constructive criticism in a professional manner and in private.

16. Encourage your student teacher to ask questions and to reflect on your practices as well as his/her own. Ongoing opportunities should be provided where the student teacher will feel comfortable discussing practices and seeking your advice. If your school has more than one CCNY student teacher, work together with other cooperating (with permission from your school’s leadership) to arrange for the student teachers (and where feasible, the cooperating teachers) to meet together and discuss their progress.

17. Your mentoring of your student teacher will include the collaborative completion of the Student Teacher’s Mid-Semester Evaluation Form ((you will receive an emailed copy that has the Danielson Components as in the Observation Form in the Appendix). You will also be asked to complete a final online assessment of your student teacher (the link will be emailed to you after the mid-semester).

18. Communication is very important. Please contact the student teacher’s college supervisor immediately if the student teacher’s behavior or performance has fallen below acceptable school standards. No later than mid-semester, any serious concerns about the student teacher’s progress should be discussed with the college supervisor. Your concerns will be reported to the Office of Clinical Practice Student Teacher Manager and Director of Clinical Practice who will also involve the appropriate Program Director and Chairperson in developing an improvement plan.

Any questions or concerns regarding the above items (or those not addressed in this Handbook) can be emailed to:
Noris Rodriguez, Student Teacher Manager: nrodriguez1@ccny.cuny.edu and
Dr. Bruce M. Billig, Director of the Office of Clinical Practice: bbillig@ccny.cuny.edu
Office number: 212-650-6915

Cooperating teachers should make every effort to gather information from the student teacher and establish lines of communication. Some examples include, but are not limited to:

1. Exchange phone numbers and email addresses and discuss how to best communicate with one another before and/or after school hours.

2. Review this Handbook and other CCNY School of Education documents together on a regular basis.

3. Try to schedule a meeting at least once a week where you can plan together and discuss what has been going on and plans for the next few days.

4. Try to meet with your student teacher’s college supervisor as soon as possible. Ideally, this meeting should be a three-way meeting where you, the student teacher and the supervisor can discuss goals, progress, and meeting the components of the edTPA. Exchange emails and cell #’s with the college supervisor.
5. Our college supervisors will be using an Observation Form that follows closely the Danielson components that your principal is also using to observe his/her teachers. Share your experiences with this observation process with your student teacher.

6. Our student teachers must complete a minimum of 300 hours during the semester. We recommend that s/he is with you for five days each week from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Please be aware that the student teacher may need to leave early on certain days due to courses on the CCNY campus. For example, we have Friday Student Teacher Workshops that begins at 3:30 or 4:30 PM on most Fridays and may involve the consideration of travel time from your school to the CCNY campus. You may ask the student teacher for a copy of his/her schedule and our Student Teaching Calendar or our EDUC 41900/1900 G Syllabus. Contact Noris Rodriguez (212-650-6915; nrodriguez1@ccny.cuny.edu), our Student Teacher Manager, or Dr. Bruce Billig, Director of the Office of Clinical Practice (212-650-5156; bbillig@ccny.cuny.edu) if you have any questions.

The Cooperating Teacher, the Student Teacher and the College Supervisor

As previously mentioned in this Handbook, student teaching is a more successful experience when there is good communication among all participants. When you meet with your student teacher’s college supervisor, exchange emails and phone numbers so you can stay in touch as needed. [Note: The college supervisor will observe your student teacher on four occasions during the semester.] Immediately raise any concerns about your student teacher’s behavior, professionalism, or ability to succeed in the classroom. The college supervisor will report your concerns to the Student Teacher Manager and the Director of the Office of Clinical Practice. They will follow up with the student teacher and college supervisor and report the outcome to the Program Director and Chairperson of the department.

Although the college supervisor’s role is focused on the student teacher, you may like to have feedback as well. Feel free to ask for it. For example, if you and your student teacher are co-teaching a lesson, the college supervisor can discuss it with the both of you. By modeling reflective practices (asking questions about your own teaching, welcoming feedback, demonstrating a commitment to continuous improvement), you will have a very positive effect on your student teacher and this practice may also be beneficial to you.

Additional Guidelines for the Student Teacher

Student teachers are required to attend their Student Teaching Orientation workshop before they begin student teaching. They will receive a copy of this Handbook, NYCDoE and CCNY calendars, our expectations, procedures for evaluation and meet their college supervisor.

The student teacher’s schedule will follow the schedule for the teachers in the placement site. During the Orientation workshop, our Student Teacher Manager will give each student teacher his/her own placement schedule with the report date based on her communication with the school’s administration.

Student teachers are required to maintain an active Taskstream account for the duration of student teaching. A Taskstream Direct Response Folio (DRF) will be used to house all student teaching documentation (i.e. college supervisor’s observation report,
edTPA folio submission, Self-reflections, etc.). Review guidelines on this process will also be provided during the Student Teaching Orientation workshop.

The student teacher should also obtain copies of the following items (not an all-inclusive list) during the first week:

- The school’s administrative structure
- The time school begins and ends each day
- The cooperating teacher’s daily schedule
- The school’s website
- The school’s Staff Manual
- The materials (i.e. textbook, curriculum, guides) that you will use during student teaching
- The cooperating teacher’s policies regarding lesson planning and classroom procedures. [Note: Share the edTPA lesson plan format with your cooperating teacher.]
- The cooperating teacher’s classroom rules for students

Models of Student Teaching

During the clinical practice experience of student teaching, we often find the use of two models: the traditional model and the co-teaching model.

In the traditional model, the student teacher slowly takes over the responsibilities of the cooperating teacher by eventually serving as the lead teacher during instruction. The cooperating teacher serves as a mentor throughout this process as the responsibilities slowly increase for the student teacher during this semester of clinical practice.

Co-teaching (based upon research conducted at St. Cloud University) is defined as two teachers (the cooperating teacher and the student teacher during clinical practice) working together in the cooperating teacher’s class where they share the planning, organization, delivery and assessment of instruction as well as the classroom’s instructional space. Co-teaching brings with it the benefits of modeling for the student teacher, mentoring and feedback as the student teacher develops his/her teaching skills. Other benefits of this model includes, but are not limited to:

- Reduction of the student/teacher ratio
- Enhancement of the ability of the two teachers to meet students’ needs in a large and diverse classroom
- More consistent classroom management
- Greater student participation and engagement
- Enhanced collaboration skills between the cooperating teacher and the student teacher
- Increased instructional options for all students
- Increased opportunity for the student teacher to receive assistance when needed
Co-teaching may take different forms. Each has the cooperating teacher and student teacher taking on different responsibilities. These include:

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<td>One teach, one observe</td>
<td>One teacher has primary instructional responsibility while the other gathers specific observational information on students or the (instructing) teacher. The key to this strategy is to focus the observation on specific behaviors. Both the student teacher and the cooperating teacher are able to take on either role.</td>
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<td>One teach, one assist</td>
<td>One teacher has primary instructional responsibility while the other assists students with their work, monitors behaviors or corrects assignments, often lending a voice to students or groups who hesitate to participate.</td>
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<td>Station teaching</td>
<td>Station teaching occurs when the co-teaching pairs divide the instructional content into parts. Each teacher instructs one of the groups. The groups then rotate or spend a designated amount of time at each station. Independent stations are often used along with the teacher-led stations.</td>
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<td>Parallel teaching</td>
<td>Parallel teaching occurs when the class is divided, with each teacher instructing half the students. However, both teachers are addressing the same instructional material, using the same instructional strategies and materials. The greatest benefit to this method is the reduction of the student-to-teacher ratio.</td>
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<td>Supplemental teaching</td>
<td>Supplemental teaching allows one teacher to work with students at their expected grade level while the other teacher works with those students who need the information or materials extended or remediated.</td>
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<td>Alternative (differentiated) teaching</td>
<td>This teaching strategy provides two approaches to teaching the same information. The learning outcome is the same for all students; however, the avenue for getting there is different.</td>
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<td>Team teaching</td>
<td>Team teaching incorporates an invisible flow of instruction with no prescribed division of authority. Using a team-teaching strategy, both teachers are actively involved in the lesson. From the students' perspective, there is no clearly defined leader – both teachers share the instruction, are free to interject information, and are available to assist students and answer questions.</td>
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(From *Changing the Face of Student Teaching Through Co-Teaching*. Bacharach, N., Heck, T.W. & Dahlberg, K., 2010.)
Additional Guidelines for the College Supervisor

The college supervisor is an experienced teacher and/or school administrator who has recently worked in the public schools or other programs and has been recommended by the Program Chairperson or Associate Dean.

The college supervisor:

- Is employed by the City College of New York’s School of Education for the purpose of supervising student teachers. S/he may be a member of the college’s faculty.
- Accepts the responsibility to guide one or more of our student teachers.
- Recognizes sound teaching practices and can articulate his/her philosophies, purposes and methods.
- Shows a desire to grow professionally and to promote the professional growth of his/her student teacher(s).
- Has a master’s degree in education with a concentration in the specific subject area or grade level of the student teacher; or in school administration and supervision; or in curriculum.
- Has at least five years of successful, full-time classroom teaching experience.
- Has at least three years of successful supervision of instruction or comparable experiences in a specific field.
- Understands the principles of planning, evaluation, supervision, curriculum development and the use of data to assess students’ learning.
- Has familiarity with the Danielson Model of Evaluation, the NYS Common Core Standards and the edTPA.

Suggested and Required Practices for the College Supervisor

Before student teaching begins:

- During the mandated Student Teacher Orientation workshop that is held before the beginning of student teaching each semester, meet with the student teacher(s) to clarify your communication procedures and to develop a rapport.
- Make certain that your student teacher(s) have the necessary information to contact you. Use your CCNY email address.
- Make certain that you have an active Taskstream account (speak with Dr. Leonard Lewis).

Supervision of your student teacher(s):

- During your first visit to your student teacher, try to reserve some time to also meet with the cooperating teacher. You should have an opportunity to explain how you would like to work together as a team. Use this visit to observe your student teachers interactions with the students in small group instruction and offer feedback and your expectations for the second visit.
- Plan your three remaining visits to observe the student teacher and to confer with both the student teacher and the cooperating teacher at each visit (where feasible). Have the student
teacher assist you with the coordination of the visit date and time with the cooperating teacher.

- When you visit a school, notify the principal’s office of your presence and purpose.
- Try to confer with the principal or assistant principal as often as possible concerning the progress of the student teacher.
- The written evaluation that you will enter into Taskstream (not later than several days before the next visit) should contain notations of both strengths and areas for improvement. Make specific recommendations (with examples) for instructional strategies that are aimed at the improvement of the noted weaknesses. Email your student teacher when you have entered your observation into Taskstream so that s/he may review it for your expectations for the next visit.
- During each visit, review the lesson plans, teaching units, instructional materials, and/or assessments that the student teacher had made. Provide comments where appropriate. Inform your student teacher that you expect him/her to email the lesson plan to you for your review two to three days before the observation. Document your comments and email them to the student teacher before you visit for that lesson’s observation.
- You may be contacted by either the student teacher or cooperating teacher if a problem arises that they cannot resolve. Inform the Student Teacher Manager or the Director of the Office of Clinical Practice so we are aware of an unresolved situation. We would also like to know the situations that you were able to resolve. There may be a rare situation where the student teacher is unable to meet the performance standards of student teaching or realizes that he/she does not wish to continue to pursue a career in teaching. The decision to discontinue or terminate the student teaching experience for any reason must be discussed with the college supervisor, the Director of the Office of Clinical Practice and the Student Teaching Manager, the Program Director and Department Chair and the Associate Dean of the School of Education.
- The final grade for student teaching will be determined by the college supervisor (in consultation with the cooperating teacher) and emailed to the Director of the Office of Clinical Practice for entry into CUNYfirst as per the grading guidelines and due dates.
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Guidelines for Supporting Candidates Completing the edTPA  
(From SCALE: Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity, 2010)

edTPA is a summative, subject-specific portfolio-based assessment of teaching performance, completed during a preparation program within a clinical field experience. edTPA is designed to assess a teaching candidates’ readiness for licensure.

Given the placement of edTPA within an educational program, professional conversations about teaching and learning associated with the outcomes assessed in edTPA are encouraged. Consistent with research on student learning (Black and William, 1998), programs are encouraged to help candidates examine the outcomes of the assessment in meaningful ways and discuss how they will demonstrate their performance in relation to those outcomes. An ideal way to clarify what edTPA requires AND prepare candidates to teach well is to closely examine the rubrics. Take time to examine the language, structure and progression of the edTPA rubrics during formative experiences throughout your program.

Candidates are learning how to teach and are being guided by more experienced teachers, often in co-teaching contexts. Educators offering support should discourage any attempts by candidates to fabricate evidence or plagiarize work. Many, if not most, candidates will use or adapt curriculum materials developed by others. Candidates should cite the source of adapted materials, including materials received from experienced teachers.

Professional responsibilities for candidates as they develop evidence for edTPA, including protecting confidentiality, citing sources of materials, etc. are outlined in the edTPA handbook.

Strategies for Formative Support

Formative support may be offered during academic terms prior to the completion of edTPA in a clinical experience or may extend early in the term edTPA is formally developed and submitted.

Acceptable forms of formative support include:

- Providing explanations of terminology and concepts covered by edTPA
- Identifying connections between assignments completed during coursework and tasks in edTPA
- Assigning parallel tasks during coursework, e.g., analyzing a videotape of teaching and learning, constructing a unit of instruction, assessing student work.
- Distributing edTPA support documents such as Making Good Choices
- Arranging technical and logistical support for video recording and uploading documents into electronic platforms
• Providing and discussing **samples** of previously completed edTPA portfolio materials (with appropriate permissions granted).

• Using the **rubrics** for evaluating embedded signature assessments, course assignments or other formative assessments in the program prior to final edTPA completion

• Using rubric constructs or **rubric language to debrief observations** made by field supervisors or cooperating teachers as part of the clinical supervision process

• Offering candidate **seminars** focusing on the skills and abilities identified in the edTPA, such as an Academic Language seminar

• Offering the above types of assistance through clinical teaching seminars or through a separate course (methods, foundations, or other modules focused on edTPA components).

**Acceptable and Unacceptable Forms of Support**

*The chart below pertains to any work related to the **summative** edTPA portfolio that is to be formally submitted for official scoring (by Pearson) and/or local evaluation if used consequentialy.*

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<td>Asking Open-Ended or Probing Questions</td>
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<td>Offering alternative responses to commentary prompts Suggesting changes to be made in an edTPA draft or final version. Using edTPA rubrics to provide formal feedback &amp;/or scores for official edTPA instruction/lessons.</td>
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<td>Debrief observations made by field supervisors or cooperating teachers as part of the clinical supervision process</td>
<td>Discussions with candidates aimed at improving teaching competence aligned with program values and rubric constructs.</td>
<td>Leading comments, in relation to an edTPA draft that is perceived to be weak, aimed at helping a candidate pass edTPA.</td>
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**Security, Video, and the edTPA**

**Question:** What policies are in place to ensure the confidentiality and security of edTPA candidate materials and assessment data, including access to and use of video recordings?

**Answer:**

Pearson and Stanford University have prepared the document, *Confidentiality and Security of edTPA Field Test Materials and Assessment Data* to outline comprehensive security and confidentiality policies for candidates, faculty, and Pearson employees.

**Question:** What if a candidate's classroom contains students who may not be filmed (witness protection program, religious objections, etc.)?

**Answer:**

The classroom and filming angle may be set up to exclude these students from the video without excluding them from instruction.

**Question:** How may the video clips submitted with a candidate's portfolio be structured?

**Answer:**

Candidates don't have to spend time editing the video - what we're asking them to provide is a continuous, 15-20 minute excerpt to show their performance in the classroom. Research supports that a 15-20 minute video is highly correlated with what you'd find in a longer video. Candidates also choose the video that best represents their teaching performance and can select the portion of recorded classroom teaching that is most appropriate for edTPA submission.
The Teaching Performance Assessment (edTPA): Background and Overview
(from Plainview Old-Bethpage School District, Aug 28, 2012)

A. Introduction. The edTPA is a new and authentic assessment of prospective teachers developed by Stanford University in collaboration with the Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium. The Consortium currently consists of 25 states and over 160 institutions of higher education that have worked together to develop this assessment and pilot it across the country. edTPA is the culmination of many years of work by members of the teaching profession who have designed and refined assessments that capture the act of teaching. These efforts began with the National Board Certification portfolio for recognizing accomplished teaching in the early 1990s, the INTASC assessments of beginning teachers implemented in Connecticut and elsewhere, and the Oregon Teacher Work Sampling System and the Performance Assessment for California Teachers, designed for pre-service teachers.

edTPA was launched as a result of the growing determination by educators to create a nationally available assessment for new entrants to teaching—designed by teachers and teacher educators to reflect the real work of teaching, to support the learning of candidates, and to give useful feedback to programs that prepare teachers.

edTPA, is a pre-service assessment process designed by educators. As with teaching, edTPA is not easy. It requires teacher candidates to demonstrate the skills necessary to meet the daily challenges of classroom teaching: planning around student learning standards, adapting plans for students based on their specific needs, implementing and assessing instruction, developing academic language, evaluating student learning, and reflecting on how to improve student outcomes by continually refining teaching plans and strategies. By focusing on the act of teaching, edTPA complements existing entry-level assessments that focus on basic skills or subject-matter knowledge.

B. Assignment. To complete the edTPA, teacher candidates will submit artifacts and commentaries as evidence of how they planned and implemented instruction to deepen student learning in their certification area. Artifacts include lesson plans, copies of instructional and assessment materials, video clips of teaching, and student work samples. The commentaries describe the artifacts, explain the rationale behind their use, and analyze and reflect on what candidates learned about their teaching practices and students' learning. In each commentary, the edTPA provides prompts to provide evidence of what is known and understood about students and their learning. Note that although writing proficiency will not be scored directly, commentaries must be clearly written and well-focused.

C. Assessment. The evidence submitted will be judged on five dimensions of teaching: Planning, Instruction, Assessment, Analyzing Teaching and Academic Language. Evidence for the planning, instruction, assessment, and analyzing teaching dimensions will come from the corresponding tasks. Evidence for the academic language dimension will come from the planning and either the instruction or assessment tasks. The descriptors in the five rubric levels address a wide range of performance representing the knowledge and skills of a novice not ready to teach (Level 1) to advanced practices of a highly accomplished beginner (Level 5).
D. Submissions.
**Planning Instruction and Assessment.** Submit context for learning information (rationale, main ideas, goals, and alignment with relevant Common Core Standards); lesson plans, instructional material (activity sheets/PowerPoint, media, etc.), and assessment tools; and planning commentary.

**Instructing and Engaging Students in Learning.** Submit two (2) video clips that do not exceed 10 minutes each and instructional commentary.

**Assessing Student Learning.** Submit assessments. Three (3) student work samples, evidence of in-depth teacher feedback for two “focus” students, and assessment commentary which includes future strategies based on the assessments.

**Analyzing Teaching.** Your response to questions about teaching practice and two or three revisions to the original lesson plan. Cite evidence in the video clip and in the student work samples and analyzes the effectiveness of teacher language supports.

E. **Professional Responsibilities.** You are responsible to protect confidentiality, acquire permission, cite sources, align instruction with state and national standards, and collaborate with others while developing your own teaching practices.

### TPA Implementation Curriculum Plan

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the individuals’ learning needs and objectives?
- What opportunities were provided for students to apply the feedback?

3. Using Assessment to Inform Instruction
- Based on your analysis of student performance in the assessment, describe next steps for instruction for the whole class and individualized steps for the 2 focus students.
- Explain how these next steps follow from your analysis of the student performances.

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**FAQ’s - General Information – edTPA**

*(From SCALE: Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning & Equity)*

**Question: What is edTPA?**

**Answer:**

edTPA is a pre-service assessment process designed by educators to answer the essential question: "Is a new teacher ready for the job?" edTPA includes a review of a teacher candidate's authentic teaching materials as the culmination of a teaching and learning process that documents and demonstrates each candidate's ability to effectively teach his/her subject matter to all students.

**Question: Who created edTPA?**

**Answer:**

Stanford University faculty and staff at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) developed edTPA, formerly the Teacher Performance Assessment. They received substantive advice and feedback from teachers and teacher educators and drew from experience gained from over 25 years of developing performance-based assessments of teaching (including the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) Standards portfolio, and the Performance Assessment for California Teachers). The design and review team was comprised of more than
100 university faculty, national subject-matter organization representatives (e.g., NCTM, NCTE, NSTA, etc.), and K-12 teachers.

**Question: What is edTPA designed to achieve?**

**Answer:**

edTPA is intended to be used for teacher licensure and to support state and national program accreditation.

By focusing on the act of teaching, edTPA complements existing entry-level assessments that focus on basic skills or subject-matter knowledge. This is the first time teacher preparation programs will have access to a multiple-measure assessment system aligned to state and national standards to guide the development of curriculum and practice around the common goal of making sure new teachers are able to teach each student effectively and improve student achievement. edTPA is comparable to entry-level licensing exams that demand applications of skills in other professions, such as, the medical licensing exams, the architecture exam, or the bar exam in law. As a nationally available teacher performance assessment, edTPA:

- Will help candidates develop the confidence and skills they need to be successful in urban, suburban and rural schools.
- Provides a uniform and evidence-based process that can be used across states to confirm that aspiring teachers demonstrate their readiness for the classroom.
- Measures candidates' ability to differentiate instruction for diverse learners, including English language learners and special education students.
- Provides meaningful and consistent data that can be used to improve teacher education programs and renew program curriculum.
- Creates a body of evidence of teacher performance.

**Question: How is edTPA constructed and used?**

**Answer:**

Evidence of a candidate's ability to teach is drawn from a subject-specific learning segment of 3-5 lessons from a unit of instruction taught to one class of students. Materials assessed as part of the edTPA process include video clips of instruction, lesson plans, student work samples, analysis of student learning, and reflective commentaries.

Based on the submitted evidence, which is reviewed by trained scorers, faculty and candidates can discuss the impact of candidates' teaching performance on student learning and determine ways to improve teaching.

Faculty can analyze evidence of candidate performance to guide decision-making about program revision. State education agencies may use edTPA scores for licensure and accreditation.
Question: What are the standards upon which edTPA is based?

Answer:

edTPA is aligned with the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards, and various professional standards, depending on the subject area, including Common Core State Standards and Specialized Professional Association (SPA) standards.

Question: Does edTPA take the place of faculty observation of candidates' clinical experience?

Answer:

No. Teacher educators in states that use edTPA will continue to observe and assess their students, and design their program and coursework as they always have. edTPA was not designed to take the place of faculty observation. Indeed, faculty observation is critical to the success of the implementation of a multiple-measures assessment system.

Faculty observations, along with assessments embedded across the preparation curriculum, ensure candidates gain the skills and knowledge to demonstrate their readiness for the classroom. Well-prepared candidates with the dispositions to teach are expected to perform well on their capstone assessment, edTPA.

Question: What subjects will be available for edTPA?

Answer:

The following subjects will be available for assessment under edTPA:

- Early Childhood
- Elementary Literacy
- Elementary Mathematics
- Middle Childhood (English-Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Studies, and Science)
- Performing Arts (Music, Dance, Theater)
- Physical Education
- Secondary English-Language Arts
- Secondary Mathematics
- Secondary History/Social Studies
- Secondary Science, World Language
- Special Education (Inclusive Settings.)*
- Visual Arts

* Available January 2013
Question: Who is participating in edTPA?

Answer:

Current members of the Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium (TPAC) include Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. In addition, Western Governors University is also a member of TPAC and offers online accredited teacher preparation programs across the United States.

Partner Roles in edTPA

Question: What is AACTE's role in edTPA?

Answer: The American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) supports the development and implementation of edTPA and is helping to share information about edTPA with its member institutions.

Question: What is Stanford University's role in edTPA?

Answer:

Stanford University is the author and exclusive owner of edTPA and responsible for ongoing development of the assessment, and implementation support resources for participating states and institutions of higher education. Stanford University is also responsible for the design and development of the online scoring training, including selecting and coding subject-specific benchmarks and other training materials.

Question: Will the Pearson platform replace other electronic portfolio vendors for edTPA?

Answer:

No. Electronic platform providers are working very closely with Pearson so that candidates can construct and submit their edTPA materials for scoring to the Pearson platform via the platform used at each campus. Four platform vendors (TaskStream, Livetext, Chalk & Wire, and Tk20) were integrated for the spring 2012 field test and additional vendors are expected to be integrated by the time edTPA becomes operational. Candidates at campuses without a commercially available electronic platform will be able to submit their materials through the Pearson platform.

Question: What is Pearson's role in the implementation and rollout of edTPA?

Answer:
Demand for edTPA grew so rapidly that support was needed to deliver it to campuses and states that asked for it. So through a procurement procedure, Stanford chose Pearson because Pearson has the capacity, experience, and infrastructure to offer edTPA at scale quickly, so that students don't have to wait to see the benefits in the classroom. As an operational partner, Pearson will deliver the assessment materials, online technology, program resources, and other support to teacher candidates that's required for multi-state use of edTPA program.

**Question:** How will Pearson continue to support edTPA once it becomes operational?

**Answer:**

Pearson will continue to support edTPA once it becomes operational, through web-based services, including information, registration, an edTPA submission platform, and an edTPA scoring platform; scoring of edTPA submissions and results reporting; and recruitment and qualification of scorers.

**Question:** Who will actually own edTPA upon completion of field-testing and final development work?

**Answer:**

Stanford University is the exclusive author and owner of edTPA.

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**Submitting and Scoring the edTPA**

**Question:** Who scores portfolios?

**Answer:**

edTPA scorers include teacher educators from the programs participating in edTPA, as well as other qualified teacher education faculty, clinical supervisors of student teachers, K-12 teachers, administrators, and National Board Certified Teachers.

All scorers are recruited and selected because of their documented experience both with beginning teachers and subject-matter content. Their efforts help to support the assessment and an evidence-based process that can make objective, comparable, and valid predictions of teaching skills and readiness for the classroom.

The criteria for selecting scorers are rigorous. Details can be found in Pearson's [scoring recruitment guidelines](#). These educators are also carefully monitored during scoring activities to maintain high quality. edTPA scorers are compensated for their effort to improve the performance and preparation of incoming teachers. They are paid for training as well as for each assessment scored.

**Question:** Is feedback given to candidates? If so, how?

**Answer:**
Institutions of Higher Education are encouraged to review each teacher candidate's portfolio materials prior to final submission. The Faculty Feedback feature in the Pearson submission platform (and other vendor platforms) permits a faculty member to view a candidate's commentaries and video clips, and respond with feedback in accordance with acceptable support guidelines.

**Question: What are the expected pass rates for edTPA?**

**Answer:**

The rigor of edTPA - or that of any assessment - cannot be determined by pass rates alone. For example, a high pass rate might be the result of effective screening and rigorous preparation - while a low pass rate may reflect a lack of candidate preparedness rather than the difficulty of an assessment.

Like other professional licensing examinations in fields such as medicine and nursing, edTPA's goal is two-fold:

1) ensure that candidates who pass have met the standards of knowledge and skill required of effective practitioners, and

2) encourage preparation programs to emphasize these elements in their training.

The results of the field test indicate that edTPA is a rigorous assessment that is aligned to state and national teaching standards. It is the final step at the end of a long process of rigorous preparation and evaluation, in which most candidates have already passed a basic skills test and a subject-matter test and will have been evaluated by their professors and classroom teacher mentors in real school settings.

Following additional analysis of the field test, a recommended passing standard that uses a professionally acceptable and credible standard-setting approach will be provided as a guide for states. As is the case with current licensing exams, each state adopting edTPA can elect to set its own passing score to determine who is permitted to practice in that state. This state-level process will determine the ultimate percentages of teacher candidates who pass the assessment.

**Question: How can teacher preparation programs utilize their candidates' results from edTPA?**

**Answer:** edTPA is designed to help teacher preparation programs increase their focus on practice by providing a set of standards developed by teacher educators and teachers and based on the best practices that support student learning. As a result, the edTPA process will challenge some institutions and alternative route programs to improve their teacher candidate and preparation programs. It will also provide valid research-based performance data for ongoing program revision. Candidate score profiles, artifacts, and commentaries provide a rich data source for programs to examine how they are preparing quality teachers to respond effectively to varied student learning needs.
Consent to Photograph, Film or Videotape a Student for Non-Profit Use
(e.g. educational, public service, or health awareness purposes)

Student's Name: ________________________________________ Date: ___________

NYC Public School: _____________________________________________________

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes of the student named above by ____________________________________________________.

I also grant to ___________________________ the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media. I also hereby release the New York City Department of Education and its agents and employees from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if student is under 18): __________________________
Date: ______________

Address of Parent/Guardian:

_____________________________________________________________

OR

Signature of student (if 18 or older): ________________________________
Date: ______________

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NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION’S STUDENT TEACHER HANDBOOK

The following are excerpts from the November 2013 edition of the NYC Department of Education’s Handbook:

“This handbook is designed for student teachers, cooperating teachers, and principals to provide comprehensive information about student teaching in New York City. Please refer to it for New York City Department of Education student teaching requirements, responsibilities, and guidelines. It will be updated continuously as new information becomes available.

A successful pre-service student teaching experience is a critical component in preparing aspiring teachers to become effective full-time classroom instructors. Student teachers in New York City public schools have the opportunity to gain practical hands-on experience with a diverse student population in a dynamic, urban classroom environment. By working with experienced cooperating teachers, student teachers can learn the instructional strategies, assessment practices, and classroom management skills that result in positive student outcomes.

Student Teachers

Requirements
• Online registration
All education students planning to student teach in a NYC public school must register with the NYC Department of Education via our online registration system. Registration is not required for charter school or private school student teaching placements or for field observation work.

Visit http://nyc.teacherssupportnetwork.com/studentteacher to create a user account and complete your online registration. Please note, even if you have already created a user account to begin our full-time teacher application you must still create a new user account to complete your student teacher registration.

Please submit both personal information as well as your student teacher placement information as part of the registration process. If you do not know your placement information when you first create your user account, you can log back in at a later date to add your placement information. Once you have fully completed all the required registration information, you should print your registration confirmation letter from the site. Your host school principal or his/her representative will ask to see your registration confirmation letter.

Please enter an active email address when registering as we frequently communicate with registered student teachers about the full-time application and hiring process as well as other important information.

• Fingerprinting.
You must have your fingerprints on file with the NYC Department of Education prior to the
start of your student teaching. If you have not been fingerprinted by the NYC Department of Education or the New York State Department of Education, please visit our student teacher registration site at http://nyc.teacherssupportnetwork.com/studentteacher. Once you have created a user account, login to your account and the information on fingerprinting requirements will be visible in the top right corner of your student teacher profile.

- Chancellor’s Regulations
  Please familiarize yourself with the following Chancellor’s regulations prior to student teaching in a New York City public school. You are expected to follow the requirements within each of these regulations.

  - A420 – Pupil Behavior and Discipline – Corporal Punishment
  - A421 – Verbal Abuse
  - A750 – Child Abuse
  - C105 - Background Investigations of Pedagogical and Administrative Applicants and
  - Procedures in Cases of the Arrest of Employees

Cooperating Teachers

Being selected as a cooperating teacher means you possess the skill and experience to play a critical role in the professional development of a student teacher. The New York City Department of Education recognizes and fully supports your efforts to share model teaching practices and continuous feedback with your student teacher. It is an honor to be chosen as a cooperating teacher as you help shape a new generation of future teachers. We thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Recommendations
- You should have at least three years of teaching experience in the subject area in which your student teacher is earning their certification.

Guidelines
- You should be aware and take advantage of any incentives and/or training that may be available to you from the university that your student teacher attends. These incentives can come in a variety of formats such as:

  - University course credit (non-transferable)
  - CCNY: Tuition Waivers for Cooperating Teachers – See below...

Tuition Waivers
We would like to express our appreciation for the services provided to our student teacher candidates. The cooperating teacher with major responsibilities for supervising one or more student teachers is eligible for a Tuition Waiver for one three-credit teacher education graduate course at any CUNY school under the following conditions:

1. Is entitled to three graduate credits after having served as a cooperating teacher with major responsibilities for supervising one student teacher in one semester.
2. For example, a cooperating teacher must have two student teachers for a period of 7 ½ weeks with each student or worked with one student teacher for 15 weeks in a semester in order to be eligible for a Tuition Waiver.
3. The City College School of Education does not assume that every cooperating teacher wishes to receive a Tuition Waiver. Consequently, the cooperating teacher will need to submit a Tuition Waiver Request Form (See sample in
appendix J on the CCNY SoE Website – Office of Clinical Practice, Handbook for Cooperating Teachers) in order to receive a Tuition Waiver. The Tuition Waiver Request Form can be obtained by: asking the college supervisor for an application, contacting the Office of Clinical Practice at 212-650-6915 or requesting the form by email at educfield@ccny.cuny.edu.

4. The Tuition Waiver may only be used within the subsequent three academic sessions (including the summer session). For example, if you served as a cooperating teacher during the spring semester you will be able to use the Tuition Waiver during the following summer, fall or spring semesters.

5. A Tuition Waiver may be transferable among the school personnel (e.g. another teacher in the same school) and it must be approved in writing by the principal of the school and submitted to the OCP. The original Tuition Waiver must be returned to the OCP.

6. A Tuition Waiver may only be extended for one semester at the beginning of the last semester in which you could have used the waiver. The waiver can be extended for up to two semesters. However, a Tuition Waiver cannot be extended once the original Tuition Waiver has expired. The original Tuition Waiver must be returned to the OCP.

7. Lost or misplaced Tuition Waivers will not be replaced.

8. All requests for extensions for a Tuition Waiver must be submitted in writing and must be approved/signed by the principal of the school. If the waiver extension is approved by the Office of Clinical Practice, a new Tuition Waiver will be sent to Cooperating Teacher’s home address. The original Tuition Waiver must be returned to the OCP.

For further information about Tuition Waivers contact Noris Rodriguez at: nnrodriuez1@ccny.cuny.edu.”

You may also contact Dr. Bruce M. Billig, Director of the Office of Clinical Practice at: 212-650-5156 or bbillig@ccny.cuny.edu.

• You should be well versed in the Charlotte Danielson's Framework or the teaching competency framework being used at your school as well as the Common Core Learning Standards and use these standards to help guide your daily practice and to provide feedback to your student teacher.

You are encouraged to read all materials and handbooks provided to you by your student teacher’s university to provide more details regarding specific roles and responsibilities. If this information has not been provided to you, please contact the university field placement office.

Responsibilities

• Understand the importance of hosting a student teacher and allow the student teacher to assume the varying roles of classroom teachers - from observation to work with small groups to fully leading the class.

• Familiarize the student teacher with the classroom, the school facilities, the staff, and the policies of the school through activities that include, but are not limited to: tour of the building, introduction to the principal, other administrative staff, and support personnel, library resources, print resources, technology resources, instructional materials, parent handbooks, student tardy and attendance policy, school grading procedures, and school calendar.

• Impart to the student teacher the importance of keeping accurate records and maintaining student privacy guidelines.

• Model and provide various strategies for effective instruction and classroom management.

Principals

Requirements

• All education students planning to student teach in a NYC public school must register with the NYC Department of Education via our online registration system.
• Registration is not required for charter school or private school student teaching placements.

• Registration is not required for field observations.

• Once a student teacher has fully completed their online registration, they will receive a printed registration confirmation letter. Student teachers are required to hand this confirmation letter into your office prior to the start of their student teaching.

• In addition to the receiving the registration confirmation letter, you should also expect to receive a letter of introduction from the student teacher’s university covering the following information:
  □ Student teacher name
  □ Certification area
  □ Duration of placement – 1 semester/2 semesters
  □ Weekly schedule
  □ Supervisor’s name/contact info
  □ Grade level
  □ Start date/end date

• All student teachers must be fingerprinted prior to the start of their student teaching. You can access the Employee Information System (EIS) for fingerprinting confirmation.

  □ Although not required, if you would like your field observation students to be fingerprinted, please provide a written request on school letterhead to the Office of Personnel Investigations, 65 Court Street, Room 102, Brooklyn, NY, 11201.

Recommendations

• Prior to accepting a student teacher into your school, you should receive written notification from the college/university field placement office.

• Student teachers should be included in school functions and gain experience in areas such as:
  □ Parent conferences
  □ Professional development activities
  □ After school activities

• Every effort should be made to match your student teacher with a cooperating teacher in the same certification area with a minimum of 3 years of experience within that certification area. To the greatest extent possible;

  □ Observe and provide feedback to the student teacher.
  □ Evaluate the student teacher as a potential candidate for hire

• Provide time for your cooperating teacher to meet with his/her student teacher within the regular school schedule.

• In choosing a cooperating teacher, you should select individuals who are:

  □ Proven to be effective in impacting student achievement
  □ Reflective practitioners committed to their own development and that of the teaching profession
Able to work effectively with adult learners
Understanding that the work of the cooperating teacher is use their
knowledge of teaching practices and teaching content to coach, guide and
support

- Provide for the smooth transition of the student teacher to full-time teaching by
encouraging the student to engage in a variety of activities, such as:

  - one-to-one tutoring
  - small group instruction
  - lead short discussions
  - team teaching
  - preparation of instructional materials and development of bulletin
    boards and instructional displays
  - evaluation of student work and feedback to students on next steps
  - supervision of students doing independent work
  - reflection/evaluation of own teaching strategies

- Observe the student teacher frequently and offer verbal and/or written feedback after
each observation.
- Facilitate observation of other effective teachers in same or related grade/subject
  area.
- Encourage the student teacher to be creative and innovative based on the particular
  needs and interests of the students.
- Communicate daily with the student teacher, providing feedback on strengths and
  weaknesses and next steps.
- Actively include the student teacher in non-teaching functions such as staff meetings
  parent conferences, in-service activities, etc.
- Participate in formal and informal evaluations with university personnel
- Communicate frequently with the university supervisor to support and evaluate the
  student teacher’s performance, reporting any concerns or problems about the student
  teacher immediately.
- Cooperating teachers are legally responsible for their classroom and should not
  leave an uncertified student teacher alone with students at any time.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Registration**

1. How do I register to become a student teacher?
All student teachers must register with the Department of Education via our online
registration system. Registration must be completed in order to be placed in a host
school. To complete the student teacher registration, please visit
http://nyc.teacherssupportnetwork.com/studentteacher. You will be asked to create a
user account before filling out the registration form.
2. I am having difficulty completing my online registration.
Read the instructions carefully that appear on the site. If you still are having
difficulty, contact technical support at 1-877-D0-TEACH (1-877-368-3224) or email
nycsupport@teachsupportnetwork.com

3. I have already registered but can’t log back in or I am getting an error message that
my social security number is already in use.
Contact technical support at 1-877-D0-TEACH (1-877-368-3224) or
email nycsupport@teachsupportnetwork.com

4. I forgot my password.
Click on “Forgot Password” and enter the information required to reset your password.

5. I would like to add my host school information to my student teacher profile but I
cannot find my host school in the drop down menu.
Only New York City public schools are listed in the drop down menus for each borough.
It is possible that although your school is located in New York City, it is a charter or
private school and not a NYC Department of Education public school. Check with your
placement school about its designation. You should not register if you are not student
teaching in a New York City public school.

If you inadvertently registered, you must notify your college and they in turn will notify
the Office of Teacher Recruitment and Quality to remove you from our registration
system.

Fingerprinting

1. Do I need to be fingerprinted to student teach?
Yes, every NYC public school student teacher must be fingerprinted in order to be
placed in a school.

2. I was fingerprinted at the: NYC Department of Health, at a NYC police precinct, a
NYC agency, etc...do I have to be printed again?
Yes, you do need to be fingerprinted again. Other city agencies do not typically share
fingerprint information with the Department of Education. However, we do have
reciprocity with New York State.

3. I was fingerprinted by New York State, but I am told my prints are not in the New York
City system. Although we have reciprocity between New York City and New York State, you
must fill out the appropriate OSPRA form to have your fingerprints released.

□ *If you were fingerprinted for New York State you will need to fill out the

□ *If you were fingerprinted by NYC Department of Education you need to fill
4. I am a substitute teacher or paraprofessional with a file number. Do I have to be fingerprinted again? No. However, be sure to indicate the information that is requested on your student teaching online registration form.

5. I am an international student teacher, what do I have to do? Follow the directions indicated on the self-registration site as they pertain directly to international students.

6. Do I get an ID card? No. Student teachers do not receive ID cards. These are only issued to fulltime teachers, paraprofessionals and full-time pay rolled employees of the New York City Department of Education.

7. How will I know when my fingerprints have cleared? You must contact our customer service hotline, HR Connect, at 718-935-4000. Please allow one week for processing.

8. My university coordinator or my host school principal wants to know if I have fingerprints on file with the NYC Department of Education. University personnel should contact HR Connect at 718-935-4000. School principals have the ability to access this information via the EIS (Employee Information System) database.
STUDENT TEACHING OBSERVATION FOR REPORTS 1-3

Part I Background Information

Name of Student Teacher ______________________________

Date of Observation ______________________ Observation # _______

School ________________________________ Grade Level ______

College Supervisor ______________________

Cooperating Teacher ______________________

Part II Summary of Teaching and Learning Activities

A. Learning Experience(s)

Literacy _____ Social Studies _____ Mathematics _____ Interdisciplinary _____

Other ________________________________

B. Objectives of Lesson:

C. Instructional Activities Observed--Including the use of technology in planning and/or instruction (Optional narrative)

PART III

A. Student Teacher’s Strengths

B. Suggestions for further Focus and Improvement (Identify one or two components within the three domains that candidate should target for the next lesson. What particular strategies or instructional approaches can she or he employ to improve in these areas?)

Overall Grade for Lesson: ______________________
### Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

**Directions:** After reading lesson plans and conducting post-observation conference, circle one performance level for each component based on holistic assessment of critical indicators.

Key: 1 = Baseline (candidate meets few or none of critical indicators); 2 = Approaching Target (candidate meets some critical indicators); 3 = Target (candidate meets most critical indicators); 4 = Exceeds Target (candidate meets all critical indicators)

#### Component 1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy

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<td>Materials prepared or gathered for lesson demonstrate candidate’s knowledge of content and content resources;</td>
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<td>Candidate’s planning demonstrates understanding of key content and concepts in the subject;</td>
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<td>Candidate’s planning demonstrates understanding of key pedagogical concepts and instructional practices in subject-area;</td>
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<td>Candidate’s planning demonstrates understanding of how lesson’s content and concepts relate to other content and concepts in the subject.</td>
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#### Component 1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Student

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<td>Candidate uses resources and materials in lesson that are appropriately challenging;</td>
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<td>Candidate considers student’s prior academic experiences, skills, and knowledge when planning lessons;</td>
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<td>Candidate gathers relevant contextual information about students as part of planning process (e.g. cultural/linguistic diversity, learning styles, developmental considerations, community makeup);</td>
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<td>Candidate draws on students’ interests, cultural backgrounds, strengths, and needs to inform his/her planning;</td>
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<td>When possible, candidate identifies and plans accommodations for students in class who may require different strategies/support (e.g., students with IEPs, ELL’s, struggling readers, gifted students).</td>
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#### Component 1c: Selecting Instructional Goals

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<td>Candidate includes goals for developing academic language essential to mastering content or skill objectives;</td>
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<td>The instructional goals articulate exactly what students will be expected to learn, not what they will do;</td>
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<td>Candidate chooses goals that are significant for learning in the discipline (or adequately assess the significance of goals chosen for them);</td>
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<td>Candidate sets instructional goals that are aligned to prior and future lesson goals and the broader goals of the learning unit;</td>
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<td>When appropriate, outcomes are differentiated, in whatever way is needed, for individual students.</td>
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#### Component 1d: Designing Coherent Instruction

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<td>Resources and materials used in lesson align with learning outcomes;</td>
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<td>The candidate matches instructional activities to learning outcomes;</td>
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<td>The sequence of learning activities and time allotments support learning outcomes;</td>
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<td>Instructional activities provide opportunity for higher-level thinking and permit student choice when appropriate;</td>
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<td>The candidate organizes instructional student groups thoughtfully to maximize learning and build on student strengths.</td>
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#### Component 1e: Designing Student Assessments

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<td>Planned assessments include performance expectations with clearly written criteria;</td>
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<td>Planned assessments correspond with instructional outcomes;</td>
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<td>Plan includes modified assessments for individual students when appropriate;</td>
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<td>Plan includes formative assessments designed to inform minute-to-minute decision-making by the teacher during instruction.</td>
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### Domain 2: The Classroom Environment

**Directions:** After observing lesson and conducting post-
observation conference, circle one performance level for each component based on holistic assessment of critical indicators.

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### Component 2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport

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<td>Candidate promotes respectful talk, active listening, and turn taking;</td>
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<td>Candidate models and promotes politeness and encouragement of students’ efforts;</td>
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<td>Candidate demonstrates knowledge and caring about students’ background and lives outside of the classroom;</td>
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<td>Candidate’s body language expresses caring, builds rapport with students, and make them feel supported;</td>
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<td>Candidate’s movement and physical proximity communicates awareness and interest in students’ performance;</td>
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<td>Candidate demonstrates fairness, appropriate to the diverse needs of the students in the class.</td>
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### Component 2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning

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<td>Candidate demonstrates passion for subject and value of what is being learned;</td>
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<td>Candidate seeks to create a “community of learners” where students display/support intellectual curiosity and risk-taking;</td>
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<td>Candidate expects and recognizes effort and persistence on the part of students;</td>
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<td>Candidate expects high quality work and provides models and criteria for producing it;</td>
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<td>Candidate encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning by independently assessing the quality of their thinking and work and initiating improvement.</td>
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### Component 2c: Managing Classroom Procedures

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<td>Candidate has instructional materials ready and readily available to students so they can access and return them efficiently;</td>
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<td>Candidate monitors time and helps students monitor it independently;</td>
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<td>Candidate provides students with advance notice before transitions so they have time to shift gears;</td>
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<td>Candidate prepares students for independent/group work through thorough explanation and review of procedures;</td>
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<td>Candidate has meaningful supplemental work ready for students who finish tasks early.</td>
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### Component 2d: Managing Student Behavior

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<td>Candidate clearly and assertively communicates expectations;</td>
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<td>Candidate consistently monitors level of attention and engagement across classroom;</td>
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<td>Candidate monitors and responds to the behavior of all students;</td>
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<td>Candidate employ strategies to effectively refocus attention when necessary;</td>
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<td>Candidate deals with disruptions and off-task behavior quickly, directly, privately when possible, and with the minimum it takes to get the students back on track;</td>
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<td>Candidate employs behavior management strategies that are appropriate for the circumstances and student.</td>
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### Component 2e: Organizing Physical Space

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<td>Candidate monitors all activities in the classroom to ensure the safety of students;</td>
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<td>Candidate ensures that physical space is organized so that all students can see, hear, and participate in learning activities;</td>
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<td>Candidate has considered how to maximize or when possible change physical space so as to align it with the instructional objectives of the lesson;</td>
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<td>Candidate implements procedures to create a safe environment that include procedures for the care, use and storage of equipment and materials.</td>
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**Domain 3: Instruction** Directions: After observing lesson and conducting post-observation conference, circle one
performance level for each component based on holistic assessment of critical indicators. Key: 1 = Baseline (candidate meets few or none of critical indicators); 2 = Approaching Target (candidate meets some critical indicators); 3 = Target (candidate meets most critical indicators); 4 = Exceeds Target (candidate meets all critical indicators)

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<td>• Candidate’s purpose for the lesson is clear, including where the lesson is situated within broader learning, and/or how it is linked to students’ interests;</td>
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<td>• Candidate provides clear directions and procedures specific to lesson activities, and anticipates possible misunderstandings;</td>
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<td>• Candidate’s explanation of content is appropriate, absent of errors, and connects with students’ knowledge and experience;</td>
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<td>• Candidate’s spoken language is correct, expressive and uses phrases and terms that expand student’s vocabulary while supporting students understanding of concepts and content.</td>
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<td>• Candidate structures questions to engage various types of thinking (recall, summary inference) including ones of high cognitive challenge (synthesis, evaluation) and provides adequate time for students to respond;</td>
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<td>• Candidate effectively uses students’ responses and ideas;</td>
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<td>• Candidate invites students to formulate questions when appropriate;</td>
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<td>• Candidate creates a genuine discussion among students, stepping aside when appropriate;</td>
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<td>• Candidate seeks to engage all students in the discussion.</td>
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<td>• Candidate strives to generate enthusiasm for and interest in learning topics and tasks;</td>
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<td>• Candidate limits teacher-talk to ensure that students spend ample time in lessons actively practicing and applying skills and knowledge;</td>
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<td>• Candidate takes steps to motivate students to work on all tasks and persist even when the tasks are challenging;</td>
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<td>• Candidate paces lesson to ensure maximum engagement: neither dragging nor rushed, with time for closure and student reflection.</td>
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<td>• Candidate pays close attention to evidence of student understanding;</td>
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<td>• Candidate utilizes purposeful questions and tasks to elicit evidence of student understanding;</td>
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<td>• Candidate circulates to monitor student learning and to offer feedback;</td>
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<td>• Candidate takes steps to understand students’ process of learning, not just the extent of their learning;</td>
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<td>• Candidate takes steps towards having students assess their own learning.</td>
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<td>• In reflecting on lesson, the candidate accurately assesses strengths and weaknesses of planning and instruction and offers alternative actions for improving them;</td>
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<td>• Candidate seize on “teachable moments” during lesson;</td>
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<td>• Candidate adjusts instruction in response to evidence of student understanding (or lack of it);</td>
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<td>• In reflecting on lesson, the candidate accurately assesses strengths and weaknesses of classroom environment and offers alternative actions for improving it.</td>
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RESOURCES

A. NYS Teacher Certification Exams: Homepage- http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/
  Updates on the New Certification Exams: http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annProgramupdate.asp
  edTPA in NYS: http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annTPA.asp

B. NYS DoE Certification Website: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/

C. TPAC online: http://tpaconlline.ning.com/

E. AACTE edTPA website: http://edtpa.aacte.org


G. edTPA Support Materials for Students: www.edTPA.com

H. CCNY - School of Education

edTPA

On this page (see: www.ccny.cuny.edu/education/edtpa.cfm) you will find information which will help you through the edTPA process:

Resources for Students & Faculty

  This is a support guide for students to help them to develop the artifacts and commentaries for their edTPA portfolios.
- Using edTPA
- NYS Ed Department Guidance on NYS Certification Exams
- edTPA Resources
- NYS Teacher Certification Examinations. edTPA for NY State
- NYC Department of Education CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, OR VIDEOTAPE A STUDENT FOR NON-PROFIT USE (e.g. educational, public service, or health awareness purposes)
- Multimedia Center of the School of Education
  Resource, technical advice and assistants with videotaping, cutting, video recorders (camcorders, cameras, iPods, iPads, SmartPhones) for the video component of edTPA. (edTPA PowerPoint in pdf)
- Teaching Channel Resources:
  Using Video to Improve Practice: Do It Yourself!
  A teacher reflects on her use on videotaping in the classroom.
  Using Video to Improve Practice: Video 101
  A teacher speaks about videotaping tips in the classroom.
Resources for Faculty

All instructors and supervisors have been entered into the edtpa.aacte.org site from which you can access handbooks, resources, frequently asked questions, webinars and discussion groups moderated by official AACTE staff. You can get official answers from SCALE on your edTPA related questions at that website too. If you have problems accessing the site please contact our edTPA coordinator Dr. Bruce Billig via email bbillig@ccny.cuny.edu.

- Getting Ready for edTPA (3 part webinar series)
- Guidelines for Supporting Candidates Completing edTPA
- Guidelines for edTPA Retake Decision-Making and Support
- Supporting Candidates with Video Documents
- Video Case Studies on edTPA
- CCNY edTPA Forum
  In this forum faculty and staff of the School of Education at The City College of New York communicate about their edTPA implementation and support each other in this initiative. This forum is for faculty and staff only.

- engageNY: Common Core Curriculum & Assessment, Teacher/Leader Effectiveness, Data Driven Instruction, Video Library, Professional Development & Network Teams, Parent & Family Resources
To: Principals, University Student Teacher Coordinators

From: New York City Department of Education – Office of Teacher Recruitment and Quality

Subject: Guidance on NY State Videotaping Requirements for Teacher Candidates

Date: January 2, 2014

This memo serves as a resource for both principals and teacher candidates in regards to new videotaping requirements for teacher candidates. The memo follows up on two previous Principals’ Weekly announcements (5/21/13 and 10/22/13) on this topic.

Background
- In May 2013, New York State Education Department (NYSED) Commissioner John King announced changes to certification requirements for teacher candidates.
- The NYSED has introduced a practice-based assessment called edTPA (Teacher Performance Assessment), a national, subject-specific portfolio-based assessment of teaching performance that is completed by teacher candidates to demonstrate their readiness for full-time classroom teaching assignments.
- A key artifact of the edTPA is a video of a single class. Candidates must submit a video of 15-20 minutes of uninterrupted instruction, alongside his/her documentation of lesson planning and evidence of student assessment.

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<td>Principals and administrators should support both traditional certification teacher candidates in meeting the new requirement video component.</td>
<td>Teacher candidates should meet with their cooperating/mentor teacher to discuss the requirements of edTPA and when they intend to videotape their classroom instruction.</td>
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Parental consent for this kind of activity is covered as part of the general media consent form that many schools distribute to families each year.

- If you have already distributed the media consent form, you do not need to take any other steps to allow videotaping.
- If you have not distributed media consent forms, they can be found at: http://schools.nyc.gov/Offices/mediarelations/consent_forms/default.htm (translations available).

If a parent or guardian does not allow filming of a particular student, the classroom and filming angle may be set up to exclude these students from the video without excluding them from instruction.

For additional questions, please write to studentteachercoordinator@schools.nyc.gov.

It is understandable that school leaders and teacher candidates may have questions about teacher candidates video-recording in classrooms. Included below are some Frequently Asked Questions.
Frequently Asked Questions Regarding edTPA:

1. Which teacher candidates do these changes apply to, and when do the new requirements go into effect?
   - These changes apply to both teachers who are applying for both traditional certification (e.g., student teachers) and alternative certification (e.g., New York City Teaching Fellows).
   - Most teacher candidates who apply for initial certification on or after May 1, 2014, or candidates who applied for certification on or before April 30, 2014 but did not meet all the requirements for an initial certificate will be required to pass the edTPA. Details can be found at: http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/certificate/certexamsl2012.html

2. When is the best time during student teaching to complete the edTPA?
   - The timeline for submitting the edTPA may vary based on the structure of a program’s student teaching placement and candidate readiness. It is recommended that candidates submit their assessment for scoring early enough in their student teaching placement to allow time for resubmission if necessary.

3. What is the expectation of the candidate who is teaching in a collaborative or co-taught class?
   - The candidate can work in a collaborative or co-taught class but is expected to take the lead in the work for edTPA. All written documentation and videos for the assessment should be authored by the candidate.

4. How long is the segment? What must be taped?
   - Candidates should record whole lessons and then select one or two continuous, unedited clips from that lesson.
   - Teacher candidates have access to prompts and rubrics that describe the teaching and learning to be revealed in the clips, as well as guidelines about length of clips and whether multiple clips come from one or more lessons in the learning segment; this varies by subject area.

5. What will the video footage be used for?
   - This footage will be used solely for the purpose of professional development and will be submitted via a private and secure portal to the NYSED.

6. Who created edTPA? Who supports it?
   - Stanford University faculty and staff at the Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning, and Equity (SCALE) developed edTPA, formerly the Teacher Performance Assessment.
   - Involvement with edTPA is endorsed by the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) and the Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium (TPAC), comprised of 25 states and more than 160 teacher preparation programs which are participating in edTPA activities.

7. Where can I find more information about edTPA?
   - Information about edTPA in New York State can be found at: http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/NY_annTPA.asp
SUMMARY OF THE STUDENT TEACHERS’ FEEDBACK REGARDING THEIR COOPERATING TEACHERS

Note: The following are representative examples of our student teachers’ feedback to the question, “Please describe one positive example of your cooperating teacher’s support of you during your student teaching”, as reported in our May 2014 survey:

Extremely patient with me

Very helpful with the edTPA tasks

Taught me how to use her classroom management strategies

Reviewed my lesson plans, rubrics, skill tracking sheets and helped me prep for each lesson

Supported me throughout my edTPA by allowing me to take control of the classroom; She also reviewed my lesson plans and assessments

Gave me extensive feedback whenever I taught a lesson

Helped me to create differentiated lesson plans

My CT showed me how to implement technology into my lessons

My CT permitted me to design and implement entire lessons

My CT was very open to my ideas for lessons that I wanted to teach

My CT helped me with the edTPA videotaping by recording me whenever I used the camera

I was treated as one of the teachers, not like a student teacher

After I taught a lesson, she always gave me feedback on what went well and offered suggestions on how I can improve upon my teaching skills

Encouraged me to take leadership of two classes and was fully available for discussing my teaching techniques, providing feedback and giving me positive support for trying new lessons

Gave me examples of some of her lessons that were very helpful

Helped me to design a lesson for one of my observations that was very effective

Very supportive of when I felt ready to begin teaching; did not rush me to teach the entire class right away

My CT helped me to modify instruction for struggling learners

During the first week I co-taught with my CT and after that the class was all mine
My CT supported me by allowing me to develop my own teaching style rather than forcing me to teach how he teaches; he also allowed me to develop my classroom management skills by not constantly intervening.

My CT helped me by sharing strategies for working with English Language Learners and Students With Disabilities.

**SUMMARY OF THE STUDENT TEACHERS’ FEEDBACK REGARDING THEIR COLLEGE SUPERVISORS**

Note: The following are representative examples of our student teachers’ feedback to the question, “Please describe one example when your supervisor supported you during this student teaching experience”, as reported in our May 2014 survey.

I had a very good rapport with my CS. She gave me supportive advise in our post-observation Meetings.

My CS reviewed my lesson plans and shared her insights that led to my improved instruction.

My CS helped me with my edTPA questions.

My CS gave me suggestions as to how to assess my students’ understanding of my lessons. She gave me suggestions for improving my classroom management.

My CS was in constant communication with me through text messages and emails, even during school breaks and weekends.

My CS helped me to better manage my time, especially with the stress of completing the edTPA.

He modeled scenarios for me to improve my teaching skills.

My CS would often call me and talk through a lesson before or after an observation to ensure that I was comfortable and happy with my work; this helped my confidence and my decisions that I made in different lessons.

My CS was always kind and encouraging and always gave me suggestions on how to improve myself as a teacher.

My CS helped me to incorporate information and teaching strategies from educational theorists into my practice.

My CS gave me copious notes and feedback, all of it constructive, insightful and helpful. We would meet an hour before class and talk about the lesson; after the lesson, we would discuss what went right and where I needed to improve.

My CS gave me suggestions on the use of technology, the use of manipulatives to motivate students and how to better facilitate group work.