



Educator Preparation & State Licensure Programs
 School of Education
College of Nursing, Education & Health Sciences

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Attn: Shepherd University School of Education, CNEHS, EPPAC/EPPC Members, Teacher Candidates/Residents
 RE: EdTPA Requirements For Fall 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

In concert with the Shepherd University Transition to TPA plan in place with the West Virginia Department of Education, we have made the determination that the following procedures and requirements will be retained during the Fall Semester of 2020 for students completing their teacher education degree path at Shepherd University.

1. ***PASSING the edTPA has been in place as a state and program requirement for graduation and a recommendation for certification since the fall semester of the 2018-2019 school year. Only students successfully completing the Shepherd University program of study, including successfully passing the edTPA, will be recommended for graduation and certification with the state.***
2. ***Initial edTPA submissions should be completed and submitted during the first 7 weeks of the student teaching placement. Any delays including score reporting beyond the student teaching semester will cause an inability to graduate on time. This is essential that the edTPA is completed before a recommendation for graduation or certification can be made. If the edTPA is not passed by the end of the semester, graduation will be delayed by at least one semester.***
3. ***Due to disruptions caused by COVID-19, passing cut scores for the edTPA during Fall 2020 will remain the same as last year:***

Elementary Education Specialization	World Languages Specialization	All Other Specialization Areas
Cut Score: 42/90	Cut Score: 30/65	Cut Score: 35/75

4. ***From the outset, be sure to submit your best work and complete work. Incomplete or unscored edTPA submissions must be resubmitted by the student at the student's expense. Shepherd University will not cover the cost of resubmissions.***
5. ***Final Note: Students who have not successfully completed the edTPA by the end of the semester will receive an incomplete grade for student teaching until the passing scores are received. Passing scores received after the end of the semester will delay graduation plans.***

Most sincerely,

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