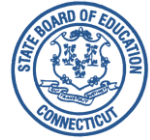




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



TO: Deans, Directors and Certification Officers of Educator Preparation Provider Programs

FROM: Dr. Shuana K. Tucker, Chief Talent Officer *Shuana K. Tucker*

DATE: November 19, 2020

SUBJECT: edTPA Flexibility for the 2020-21 Academic Year

On August 11, 2020, the State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the recommendation from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) to implement a waiver of the edTPA cut score for all Connecticut Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) program candidates completing and submitting for scoring an edTPA portfolio during the period September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, and directed the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

The CSDE recognizes that the continued pandemic has significantly impacted student teaching placements for the 2020-2021 academic year. Additionally, uncertainty related to access for student teaching in virtual synchronous vs. asynchronous instructional settings continue to raise concerns regarding a candidate's ability to successfully submit a completed edTPA portfolio to Pearson for scoring. Therefore, the CSDE has issued the following flexibilities for edTPA for the academic year 2020-2021:

- Student teaching candidates will not be required to submit an edTPA portfolio to Pearson (testing company) for scoring during the 2020-21 academic year. Each Connecticut EPP may still require that candidates submit portfolios to Pearson for scoring, but this is to be determined by each EPP. Per the Connecticut State Board of Education (SBE), the edTPA cut score is waived for the 2020-21 academic year for any candidate submitting an edTPA portfolio to Pearson for scoring.
- In order to maintain continuity and support candidate training and preparation through the edTPA process, all student teaching candidates must submit edTPA Task 1 and Task 3 for locally determined (EPP) review and evaluation. It is up to each EPP to determine how the EPP will evaluate candidate edTPA submission materials. The CSDE will require each EPP to submit a brief summary to the CSDE describing how the EPP will evaluate candidate edTPA work and materials (process forthcoming).
- All EPPs will be required to attest to each candidate's submission and successful evaluation of edTPA portfolio task requirements on the candidate's ED170A form.

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