

April 23, 2020 COVID-19 Update on Guidance for Applicants Seeking Admission to Clinical Teaching

Dear Teacher Education Candidates,

The faculty of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction met in their regular faculty meeting on Friday, April 17th. We recognize the varied student efforts made toward reaching the standards put in place to help reach certification goals during these challenging times of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Please know that we stay committed to doing what is best for all students and we endeavor to hear and address concerns that may be impediments to success. Conversely, we are unwavering in our efforts to ensure continuous program improvements and adhere to the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the college and state agencies.

The following updates are provided to assist you with submitting your Admission to Clinical Teaching (ACT) packets and meeting the clinical teaching admission requirements.

ACT Process Updates

- **The deadline for submitting Admission to Clinical Teaching (ACT) packets has been extended until Monday, May 11, 2020.**
- **The ACT packets are now available in an electronic, fillable format,** and can be retrieved from your advisor. If you have already picked-up an ACT packet, these documents can also be completed with your advisor.
- **The AACT packets can be submitted WITHOUT the following requirements.**
 - ✓ TB Testing Documentation (Not required at this time)
 - ✓ Criminal Background Check Documentation (Not required at this time; however, the background check acknowledgment document must be read and signed)
- **Two (2) additional Certify Teacher Zoom Testing Sessions have been added** for candidates who have not yet met the required content exam score of 290.
- **Extended testing will be held on the following dates:**
 - ✓ **Friday, April 24, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**
 - ✓ **Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**
- Expect to receive your ZOOM invitation from the Office of Student Services and Certification. If you have questions regarding testing, contact the office at edcert@pvamu.edu.

Opportunities for Success Beyond May 11, 2020

For candidates who do not meet testing requirements by May 2, 2020, there will be an additional summer opportunity for you to work towards meeting clinical teaching admission requirements through the upcoming Panther Teaching Academy (PTA) Virtual Summer Experience. The PTA will begin on May 26, 2020, and will provide additional preparation opportunities.

More information about the Panther Teaching Academy Virtual Summer Experience (eligibility guidelines, dates, times, registration, etc.) will be forthcoming.