Prepare Tomorrow’s Teachers with edTPA

Designed for the profession by the profession, edTPA was developed by teachers and teacher educators from across the nation in collaboration with faculty and staff from Stanford University.

- Existing reward structures in higher education need to change – they continue to value publishing over working with educators in schools and districts.

- All teachers should be “profession-ready” from the day they are responsible for student learning.

- Profession-ready means a teaching candidate has:
  - Had opportunities to develop and learn teaching and basic classroom management skills.
  - Demonstrated the ability to plan and deliver instruction to students with different learning styles, and also to assess and support student learning.
  - Worked with accomplished educators to understand the value of collaboration and reflection.
  - Learned firsthand the importance of home-school connections.

- Candidates who are placed in classrooms and expected to learn how to teach on the job are not profession-ready.

- While teachers continue to learn and grow after entering the profession, no candidate should ever be called a “teacher” without demonstrating the ability to improve student learning.

- edTPA has the potential to bridge teacher preparation and practice by dramatically changing the way pre-service candidates are prepared.

- A subject-specific assessment of pedagogy available in 27 fields that became fully operational in September 2013, edTPA requires pre-service candidates to document and demonstrate that they can plan, teach, and assess major learning outcomes.

- edTPA is scored by teacher educators and accomplished teachers with expertise in the subject matter or developmental level, as well as teaching and mentoring experience in the field.

- Seven states have adopted policies that require all teacher candidates to complete or pass edTPA as a condition of licensure or program completion: Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Washington, and Wisconsin.

- In other states, colleges and universities are voluntarily opting to use edTPA to review and adjust their preparation programs.