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SFA Educator Preparation Advisory Council

October 22nd, 2020

11:30-1:00 Zoom Meeting



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Educator Preparation Program

Challenging Minds, Changing Lives -
One Lumberjack at a Time



Celebrations/ Points of Pride/Questions Chatbox



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Welcome

- Introductions
- Approval of summary notes
- Dr. Abbott ---News & Updates
 - SFA
 - Educator Preparation
 - Perkins College of Education



Welcome

Intro-Significant Changes @SFA

- New leadership/new vision
- Austerity budget
- Course delivery modalities
- Course schedule modalities
- Fall 2020 pivot



Welcome

-Significant SFA Personnel Changes

- Voluntarily separation incentive program (VSIP)
 - 110 applicants

Provost & Vice President for AA

Vice president for UA

Dean of Research & Graduate Studies

Dean of Fine Arts

Dean of Liberal & Applied Arts

Controller

Registrar

- New faculty
- Open faculty/staff lines



Welcome

Significant Educator Preparation Changes

- Accreditation—CAEP self-study/site visit
- New degree (EdD in C&I) & new EdD delivery modality (online)
- New concentration – athletic director



Updates & Information

Dr. Brandon Fox

Department of Education Studies Chair



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EPP Advisory Council Purpose

- TO ASSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS INCLUDING SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS ARE INVOLVED IN PROGRAM EVALUATION, IMPROVEMENT, AND IDENTIFICATION OF MODELS OF EXCELLENCE.



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TEA Updates & Information During COVID-19



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Certification Information

As a Result of Governor's Waivers due to COVID-19

- In the 2020-2021 school year, there are approximately 14,000 teachers who had not completed testing requirements prior to the issuance of their certification
 - One-year Waiver Probationary Certificates issued to EPP finishers who were unable to complete testing requirements
 - **7,312** certificates issued to **5,918** Individuals
 - **SFASU recommended 95**
 - Intern Waiver Certificates issued to candidates enrolled in an EPP who were unable to complete testing requirements
 - **11,470** certificates issued to **8,118** Individuals
 - **SFASU recommended 1**

(Source: TEA presentation at CSOTTE conference Oct 2020)



Certification Information

(As a Result of Governor's Waivers due to COVID-19)

- First year teachers (completing requirements in 19-20) were issued certification based on the following:
 - Spring 2020 – as few as 35 days of clinical teaching
 - TEA requires 70 – SFA requires 75
- First year teachers (completing requirements in 20-21) will be issued certification based on the following:
 - Fall 2020 – as few as 30 hours of observations prior to clinical teaching **and** as few as 56 days of clinical teaching
 - TEA is allowing all observations to be electronic/video
 - Some candidates have only had virtual experiences with clinical teaching
- TEA-sponsored program to offer support to all educators and education students
 - Texas TLAC Online (TLAC-Teach Like a Champion)
 - <https://texastlaonline.org/>



Certification Information

- [Certification Assignment Flexibility for 2020-2021](#)
- Flexibility Options offered by TEA
 - Temporary Classroom Assignment Permit (TCAP)
 - Emergency Permit
 - Teacher Certification Waiver
 - School District Teaching Permit
 - District of Innovation Plan



SFA Clinical Teachers as Educational Aides

- Number of educational aides who completed clinical teaching through their education educational aide duties:
 - Spring 2020 – 24
 - Fall 2020 – 35
 - Spring 2021 – 30 as of 10/20/2020
- **Encourage your educational aides/paraprofessionals to enroll in one of our online certification programs!**
 - Core Subjects EC-6
 - All Areas of Middle Level Grades (4-8)
 - Special Education



Science of Teaching Reading

- Legislature mandates that all teachers pursuing a certification that includes grades prekindergarten through grade 6 demonstrate proficiency in the science of teaching reading.
- December 31, 2020
 - Last date for candidates to receive their certification in the following areas without needing the Science of Teaching Reading (STR) exam
 - Core Subjects: Early Childhood – Grades 6
 - Core Subjects: Grades 4-8
 - English Language Arts and Reading: Grades 4-8
 - ELAR/SST: Grades 4-8



Pearson's Steps To Address Testing Challenges

- Pearson owned testing centers have reopened
- Addition of new partner centers
- Extension of hours/days of operations at centers
 - Social distancing requirements are factored into capacity
- Pearson seat availability tool
 - <https://wsr.pearsonvue.com/testtaker/registration/SelectExamPage/ESTX?conversationId=4021184>



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SFA Online Professional Certifications

- [Principal as Instructional Leader](#)
- [Superintendent](#)
- [School Counselor](#)
- [Reading Specialist](#)
- [Educational Diagnostician](#)
- [Visual Impairment -Supplement](#)

Click the links above for information





edTPA

(Teacher Performance Assessment)

Karla Hamilton

Education Studies Director of Assessment
and edTPA Regional Coordinator



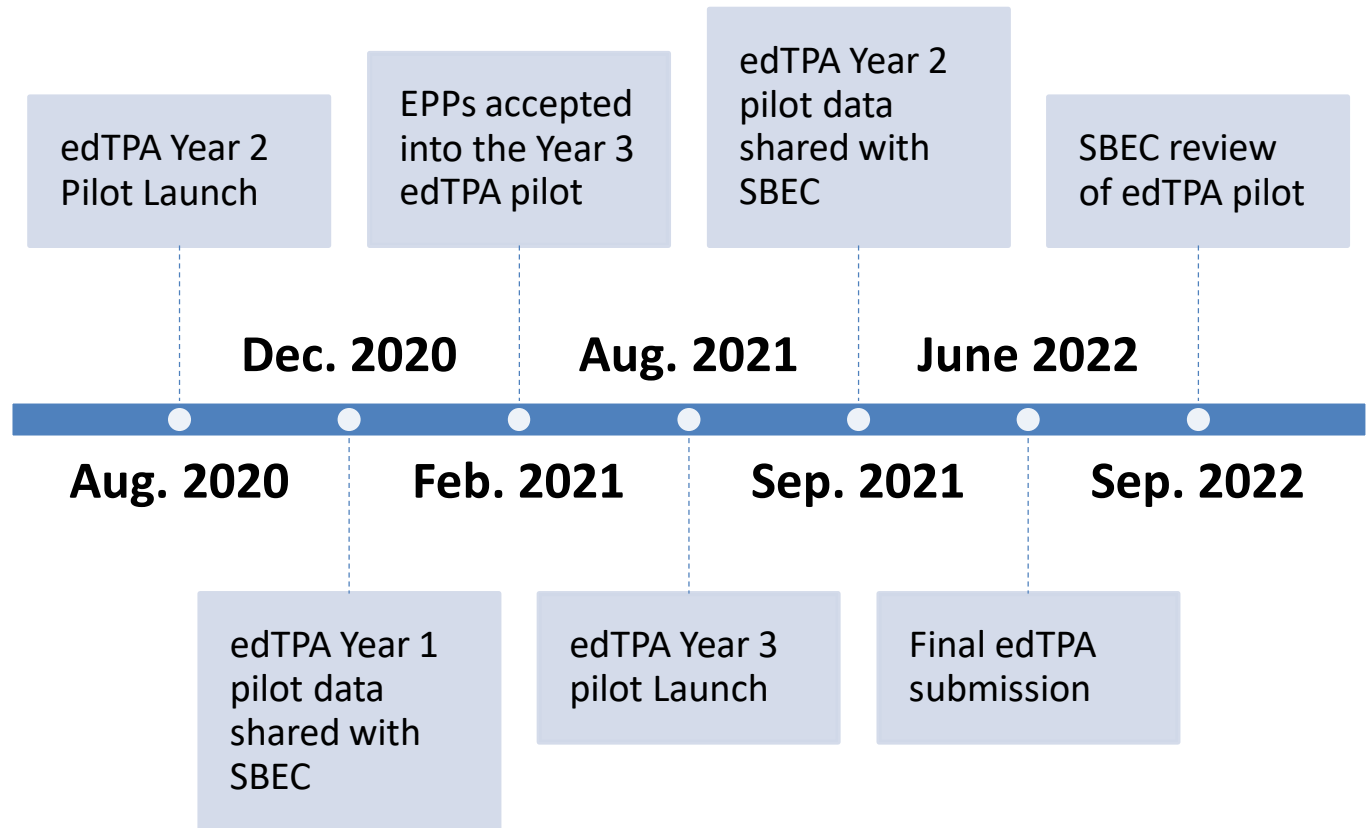
SFA EPP Participation in the TEA edTPA Pilot

- Year 1 – Two EC-6 submissions
- Year 2 – Approx. 120 EC-6 and MLG submissions expected this week and next
- Secondary and All-Level certification areas will submit Fall 2021
 - Training/Work sessions: Dr. Eric Torres and Regional edTPA Coordinator Karla Hamilton

Thank You ALL for your work & support!



edTPA Pilot



Clinical Teacher Placements, edTPA, and Info for Districts

- Placements are in the process of being sent to districts now.
 - Placement spreadsheet w/ student info
 - Requested due date for Spring 2021 placements of November 20
 - Affiliation Agreement
 - TEA letter from Mike Morath w/ video permission slip
 - What is edTPA? handout



District Partnership Agreements

- Partnership Agreements will be sent to the district principals after Thanksgiving break.
- edTPA documents include postcard handout



Cooperating Teacher Support

- A brief online training is sent to assigned cooperating teachers
 - Current training covers effective mentorship of clinical teachers
 - edTPA information is being added
 - LiveText information
- edTPA should not add any additional responsibilities to our cooperating teachers. They will simply continue to support the clinical teacher in this journey.



How's It Going and How Can We Help?

ZOOM Break Out Rooms

- What are you (K-12 partners) struggling with? What can the SFA EPP do to help/support?
- What is working in your setting that you could share w others?
- What are the implications for K-12 Schools and/or Educator Preparation as a whole?
- OR TOPIC of CHOICE



Important Dates

SFA Spring Teacher Job Fair-

March 20th, 9:30-12:00

<http://www.sfasu.edu/ccpd>

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COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATO R PREPARATION (CAEP)

 CAEP ANNUAL REPORT-04/20

 Self-Study Report-08/20

CAEP Formative Feedback Report-11/20

CAEP Site Visit- 4/18-20 of 2021

Save the date: 4/19

(Virtual)



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Items from the Floor



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Adjourn

Next Meeting:

February 18th 2021

THANK YOU!

