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Alternative, IHE-based Report AY 2020-21

Tennessee



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Institution Information

Key terms in this section are listed below. Click on the link to view the definition(s) in the glossary.

- [Academic year](#)
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List of Programs

List each program for an initial teaching credential below and indicate whether it is offered at the Undergraduate level (UG), Postgraduate level (PG), or both. [\(\\$205\(a\)\(C\)\)](#)

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- [Teacher Preparation Program](#)

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List of Programs

Note: This section is preloaded with the list of programs reported in the prior year's IPRC.

CIP Code	Teacher Preparation Programs	UG, PG, or Both	Update
13.01	General Education (alternative programs/programs providing pedagogy only)	PG	

Total number of teacher preparation programs:

1

Check the elements required for admission (entry) into and completion (exit) from the program. If programs are offered at the undergraduate level and postgraduate level, complete the table for both types of programs. [\(\\$205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(i\)\)](#)

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- [Full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience](#)
- [Adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience](#)
- [Cooperating Teachers/PreK-12 Staff Supervising Clinical Experience](#)
- [Supervised clinical experience](#)

Undergraduate Requirements

Note: This section is preloaded from the prior year's IPRC.

1. Are there initial teacher certification programs at the undergraduate level?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the undergraduate level. If no, leave the table below blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)) then click save at the bottom of the page.

Element	Admission	Completion
Transcript	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Fingerprint check	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Background check	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum GPA	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum ACT score	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum SAT score	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Minimum basic skills test score	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Recommendation(s)	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

Element	Admission	Completion
Essay or personal statement	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Interview	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Other Specify: 	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

2. What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program? (Leave blank if you indicated that a minimum GPA is not required in the table above.)

3. What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program? (Leave blank if you indicated that a minimum GPA is not required in the table above.)

4. Please provide any additional information about the information provided above:

Postgraduate Requirements

Note: This section is preloaded from the prior year’s IPRC.

1. Are there initial teacher certification programs at the postgraduate level?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, for each element listed below, indicate if it is required for admission into or exit from any of your teacher preparation program(s) at the postgraduate level. If no, leave the table below blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)) then click save at the bottom of the page.

Element	Admission	Completion
Transcript	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Fingerprint check	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Background check	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Minimum number of courses/credits/semester hours completed	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Minimum GPA	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Minimum GPA in content area coursework	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Minimum GPA in professional education coursework	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Minimum ACT score	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Minimum SAT score	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Minimum basic skills test score	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Subject area/academic content test or other subject matter verification	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No

Element	Admission	Completion
Recommendation(s)	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Essay or personal statement	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Interview	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
Other Specify: Dispositional evaluations	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No

2. What is the minimum GPA required for admission into the program? (Leave blank if you indicated that a minimum GPA is not required in the table above.)

3

3. What is the minimum GPA required for completing the program? (Leave blank if you indicated that a minimum GPA is not required in the table above.)

2.75

4. Please provide any additional information about the information provided above:

All candidates are required to demonstrate their content area expertise by achieving a state minimum score on an endorsement-specific Praxis or National Evaluation Series assessment prior to being admitted to our EPP on the job-embedded practitioner license. Therefore, we do not require a minimum GPA in content area coursework at this time. The Praxis or National Evaluation Series assessment also serves as an admissions assessment in lieu of the ACT, SAT, or Praxis Core, as these candidates must hold an undergraduate degree as outlined in Tennessee State Board of Education policy. At program completion, our licensing officer does review students' internal transcripts in order to submit them to the Tennessee Office of Educator Licensing. Candidates are responsible for submitting previous transcripts for the initial EPP application as well as to the state as licensing documentation. The minimum required GPAs at admission and completion differ due to their respective governing policies. The minimum admission GPA of 3.0 is dictated by graduate program admission criteria. However, the minimum completion GPA of 2.75 reflects the EPP licensure standard's minimum requirement. That being said, the vast majority of candidates exceed this minimum completion GPA.

Supervised Clinical Experience

Note: The clinical experience requirements in this section are preloaded from the prior year's IPRC. Teacher preparation providers will enter the number of participants each year.

Provide the following information about supervised clinical experience in 2020-21. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(iii\)](#), [§205\(a\)\(1\)\(C\)\(iv\)](#))

Are there programs with student teaching models?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, provide the next two responses. If no, leave them blank.

Programs with student teaching models (most traditional programs)	
Number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching	
Number of clock hours required for student teaching	

You have programs with the teacher of record model, but "clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to teaching as the teacher of record" is 0. Please correct the data, or confirm.

☒ I confirm that there are 0 hours required

Are there programs in which candidates are the teacher of record?

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, provide the next two responses. If no, leave them blank.

Programs in which candidates are the teacher of record in a classroom during the program (many alternative programs)

Number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to teaching as the teacher of record in a classroom

0

Years required of teaching as the teacher of record in a classroom

3

All Programs

Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE staff)

3.5

[Optional tool](#) for automatically calculating full-time equivalent faculty in the system

Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE staff)

7

Number of cooperating teachers/K-12 staff supervising clinical experience during this academic year

52

Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year

49

Please provide any additional information about or descriptions of the supervised clinical experiences:

As this is an alternative program pathway, candidates are immediately serving as a teacher of record as their clinical experience while simultaneously engaging in coursework. Therefore, there are no supervised clinical experience hours required prior to embarking upon this culminating experience. Alternatively-licensed, job-embedded candidates enroll in a mentoring seminar in each of the three semesters of their programs of study. Their first year in the program includes 100 hours of mentoring, and the second year includes 50 hours of mentoring. Candidates must obtain three full years of teaching experience to advance their initial practitioner license. If they do not do so within the three-year period after the license is activated, they may renew the practitioner license one time. If they do not meet the minimum 3 years of experience prior to the end of that renewal term, the license becomes inactive. For clarity, the number of students in supervised clinical experience reflects all candidates enrolled in mentoring seminars during the 2020-2021 academic year. Program completers comprise only a portion of this number, as candidates are engaged in clinical practice for 1.5 to 2 years prior to being classified as a completer. In accordance with Tennessee State Board of Education policy, each job-embedded candidate is required to have at least one school-based mentor. However, some P-12 mentors work with more than one candidate in a particular school, and some candidates have more than one mentor, all of which is reflected in the number above.

Enrollment and Program Completers

In each of the following categories, provide the total number of individuals enrolled in teacher preparation programs for an initial teaching credential and the subset of individuals enrolled who also completed the program during the academic year.

(§205(a)(1)(C)(ii))

THIS PAGE INCLUDES:

>> [Enrollment and Program Completers](#)

Key terms in this section are listed below. Click on the link to view the definition(s) in the glossary.

- [Enrolled Student](#)
- [Program Completer](#)

Enrollment and Program Completers

2020-21 Total	
Total Number of Individuals Enrolled	72
Subset of Program Completers	36

Gender	Total Enrolled	Subset of Program Completers
Male	27	16
Female	45	20
Non-Binary/Other	0	0
No Gender Reported	0	0
Race/Ethnicity	Total Enrolled	Subset of Program Completers
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Asian	0	0
Black or African American	29	11
Hispanic/Latino of any race	1	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
White	41	23

Race/Ethnicity	Total Enrolled	Subset of Program Completers
Two or more races	0	0
No Race/Ethnicity Reported	1	1

On this page, enter the number of program completers by the subject area in which they were prepared to teach, and by their academic majors. Note that an individual can be counted in more than one academic major and subject area. For example, if an individual is prepared to teach Elementary Education and Mathematics, that individual should be counted in both subject areas. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major or subject area, you may leave the cell blank. Please use the "Other" category sparingly, if there is no similar subject area or academic major listed. In these cases, you should use the text box to describe the subject area(s) and/or the academic major(s) counted in the "Other" category.

If your IHE offers both traditional and alternative programs, be sure to enter the program completers in the appropriate reports. For the traditional report, provide only the program completers in traditional programs within the IHE. For the alternative report, provide only the program completers for the alternative programs within the IHE.

After entering the teachers prepared data, save the page using the floating save box at the bottom of the page.

Key terms in this section are listed below. Click on the link to view the definition(s) in the glossary.

- [Academic Major](#)

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>> [Teachers Prepared by Subject Area](#)

>> [Teachers Prepared by Academic Major](#)

Teachers Prepared by Subject Area

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by subject area for academic year 2020-21.

For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Subject area" refers to the subject area(s) an individual has been prepared to teach. An individual can be counted in more than one subject area. If no individuals were prepared in a particular subject area, please leave that cell blank. [\(§205\(b\)\(1\)\(H\)\)](#)

What are CIP Codes?

☐ No teachers prepared in academic year 2020-21

If your program has no teachers prepared, check the box above and leave the table below blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

What are CIP codes? The Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity. CIP was originally developed by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in 1980, with revisions occurring in 1985, 1990, and 2000 (<https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>).

CIP Code	Subject Area	Number Prepared
13.10	Teacher Education - Special Education	3
13.1202	Teacher Education - Elementary Education	3

CIP Code	Subject Area	Number Prepared
13.1203	Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	2
13.1210	Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	
13.1301	Teacher Education - Agriculture	
13.1302	Teacher Education - Art	1
13.1303	Teacher Education - Business	5
13.1305	Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	8
13.1306	Teacher Education - Foreign Language	2
13.1307	Teacher Education - Health	
13.1308	Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
13.1309	Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
13.1311	Teacher Education - Mathematics	3
13.1312	Teacher Education - Music	
13.1314	Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
13.1315	Teacher Education - Reading	
13.1316	Teacher Education - Science Teacher Education/General Science	1
13.1317	Teacher Education - Social Science	
13.1318	Teacher Education - Social Studies	1
13.1320	Teacher Education - Trade and Industrial	
13.1321	Teacher Education - Computer Science	
13.1322	Teacher Education - Biology	3
13.1323	Teacher Education - Chemistry	1
13.1324	Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	1
13.1328	Teacher Education - History	2
13.1329	Teacher Education - Physics	
13.1331	Teacher Education - Speech	

CIP Code	Subject Area	Number Prepared
13.1337	Teacher Education - Earth Science	
13.14	Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	2
13.99	Education - Other Specify: 	

Teachers Prepared by Academic Major

Please provide the number of teachers prepared by academic major for academic year 2020-21. For the purposes of this section, number prepared means the number of program completers. "Academic major" refers to the actual major(s) declared by the program completer. An individual can be counted in more than one academic major. If no individuals were prepared in a particular academic major, please leave that cell blank. [\(\\$205\(b\)\(1\)\(H\)\)](#)

Please note that the list of majors includes several "Teacher Education" majors, as well as several noneducation majors. Please use care in entering your majors to ensure education-specific majors and non-education majors are counted correctly. For example, if an individual majored in Chemistry, that individual should be counted in the "Chemistry" academic major category rather than the "Teacher Education–Chemistry" category.

What are CIP Codes?

Does this teacher preparation provider grant degrees upon completion of its programs?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

☐ No teachers prepared in academic year 2020-21

If this provider does not grant participants a degree upon completion, or has no teachers prepared, leave the table below blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

CIP Code	Academic Major	Number Prepared
13.10	Teacher Education - Special Education	
13.1202	Teacher Education - Elementary Education	
13.1203	Teacher Education - Junior High/Intermediate/Middle School Education	
13.1210	Teacher Education - Early Childhood Education	
13.1301	Teacher Education - Agriculture	
13.1302	Teacher Education - Art	
13.1303	Teacher Education - Business	
13.1305	Teacher Education - English/Language Arts	
13.1306	Teacher Education - Foreign Language	
13.1307	Teacher Education - Health	

CIP Code	Academic Major	Number Prepared
13.1308	Teacher Education - Family and Consumer Sciences/Home Economics	
13.1309	Teacher Education - Technology Teacher Education/Industrial Arts	
13.1311	Teacher Education - Mathematics	
13.1312	Teacher Education - Music	
13.1314	Teacher Education - Physical Education and Coaching	
13.1315	Teacher Education - Reading	
13.1316	Teacher Education - General Science	
13.1317	Teacher Education - Social Science	
13.1318	Teacher Education - Social Studies	
13.1320	Teacher Education - Trade and Industrial	
13.1321	Teacher Education - Computer Science	
13.1322	Teacher Education - Biology	
13.1323	Teacher Education - Chemistry	
13.1324	Teacher Education - Drama and Dance	
13.1328	Teacher Education - History	
13.1329	Teacher Education - Physics	
13.1331	Teacher Education - Speech	
13.1337	Teacher Education - Earth Science	
13.14	Teacher Education - English as a Second Language	
13.99	Education - Other Specify: <input education.")"="" type="text" value="Education (All PB degree-seeking students major generally in "/>	31
01	Agriculture	
03	Natural Resources and Conservation	
05	Area, Ethnic, Cultural, and Gender Studies	
09	Communication or Journalism	

CIP Code	Academic Major	Number Prepared
11	Computer and Information Sciences	
12	Personal and Culinary Services	
14	Engineering	
16	Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	
19	Family and Consumer Sciences/Human Sciences	
21	Technology Education/Industrial Arts	
22	Legal Professions and Studies	
23	English Language/Literature	
24	Liberal Arts/Humanities	
25	Library Science	
26	Biological and Biomedical Sciences	
27	Mathematics and Statistics	
30	Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	
38	Philosophy and Religious Studies	
40	Physical Sciences	
41	Science Technologies/Technicians	
42	Psychology	
44	Public Administration and Social Service Professions	
45	Social Sciences	
46	Construction	
47	Mechanic and Repair Technologies	
50	Visual and Performing Arts	
51	Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences	
52	Business/Management/Marketing	
54	History	

CIP Code	Academic Major	Number Prepared
99	Other Specify: 	

Respond to the following assurances. Teacher preparation programs should be prepared to provide documentation and evidence, when requested, to support the following assurances. [\(\\$205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(iii\); \\$206\(b\)\)](#)

Program Assurances

Note: This section is preloaded from the prior year’s IPRC.

1. Program preparation responds to the identified needs of the local educational agencies or States where the program completers are likely to teach, based on past hiring and recruitment trends.

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Preparation is closely linked with the needs of schools and the instructional decisions new teachers face in the classroom.

☒ Yes

☐ No

3. Prospective special education teachers are prepared in core academic subjects and to instruct in core academic subjects.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Program does not prepare special education teachers

4. Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students with disabilities.

☒ Yes

☐ No

5. Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to limited English proficient students.

☒ Yes

☐ No

6. Prospective general education teachers are prepared to provide instruction to students from low-income families.

☒ Yes

☐ No

7. Prospective teachers are prepared to effectively teach in urban and rural schools, as applicable.

☒ Yes

☐ No

8. Describe your institution’s most successful strategies in meeting the assurances listed above:

Many of our alternative, job-embedded candidates are hired by Shelby County Schools, a large urban school system that relies heavily on alternatively-licensed teachers to fill their teaching vacancies in high-need areas. A close relationship/partnership with this school system exists for licensing purposes. Alternative special education teachers have already completed a bachelor’s degree which includes core academic subjects. They must pass a Praxis II test that assesses core knowledge before they can be hired on the job-embedded practitioner license. Thus, additional core subject coursework is not a part of Union’s alternative licensure program for special education. These candidates do, however, take methods courses that address instruction in core academic subjects. All teacher candidates are taught how to make adaptations in instruction and assessment for students with special needs and limited English and from low-income families; those adaptations are part of the standard lesson plan format of the institution. In

previous years, candidates were required to complete a teacher work sample that identified students in sub-groups and determined the teacher effect on student learning through pre- and post-testing, particularly within those sub-groups. Effective in Fall 2018, all teacher candidates in this program submit edTPA, which requires similar competencies.

Annual Goals: Mathematics

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route teacher preparation program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students.

[\(§205\(a\)\(1\) \(A\)\(i\), §205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\), §206\(a\)\)](#)

Note: Last year’s goal and the current year’s goal are preloaded from the prior year’s IPRC.

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- [Quantifiable Goals](#)

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Report Progress on Last Year’s Goal (2020-21)

1. Did your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2020-21?

If no, leave remaining questions for 2020-21 blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Describe your goal.

For 2020-2021, our goal was to increase program enrollment in the area of mathematics education by at least one candidate. We admitted one post-baccalaureate candidate seeking licensure in Middle Grades Mathematics 6-8, so we met our goal.

3. Did your program meet the goal?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

In this post-baccalaureate, job-embedded program, we have found that interest in mathematics education fluctuates widely based upon student affinity for the subject matter and local districts' hiring needs.

5. Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

We are in the very early stages of conversation about enhancing our primary partnership with our local school district regarding a pipeline of post-baccalaureate teaching candidates. We hope to have more to report in this area during the next academic year.

6. Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Review Current Year's Goal (2021-22)

7. Is your program preparing teachers in mathematics in 2021-22? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8. Describe your goal.

For 2021-2022, our goal is to increase program enrollment in the area of mathematics education by at least one candidate. At the time of the submission of this report, we have admitted two additional mathematics education candidates to the program during the 2021-2022 academic year.

Set Next Year's Goal (2022-23)

9. Will your program prepare teachers in mathematics in 2022-23? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Describe your goal.

For 2022-2023, our goal is to increase program enrollment in the area of mathematics education by at least one candidate.

Annual Goals: Science

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Report Progress on Last Year’s Goal (2020-21)

1. Did your program prepare teachers in science in 2020-21?

If no, leave remaining questions for 2020-21 blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Describe your goal.

For the 2020-2021 academic year, our goal was to increase program enrollment in the sciences by at least one candidate. We admitted one candidate seeking licensure in Biology 6-12 during this time period. Therefore, we met our goal.

3. Did your program meet the goal?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

In this post-baccalaureate, job-embedded program, we have found that interest in science education fluctuates widely based on students' affinity for the subject matter and local districts' hiring needs.

5. Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

We are in the very early stages of conversation about enhancing our primary partnership with our local school district regarding a pipeline of post-baccalaureate teaching candidates. We hope to have more to report in this area during the next academic year.

6. Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Review Current Year's Goal (2021-22)

7. Is your program preparing teachers in science in 2021-22? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8. Describe your goal.

For the 2021-2022 academic year, our goal is to increase program enrollment in the sciences by at least one candidate. To date, we have not admitted any additional science education candidates to this program.

Set Next Year's Goal (2022-23)

9. Will your program prepare teachers in science in 2022-23? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Describe your goal.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, our goal is to increase program enrollment in the sciences by at least one candidate.

Annual Goals: Special Education

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route teacher preparation program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students.

[\(§205\(a\)\(1\) \(A\)\(i\), §205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\), §206\(a\)\)](#)

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Report Progress on Last Year’s Goal (2020-21)

1. Did your program prepare teachers in special education in 2020-21?

If no, leave remaining questions for 2020-21 blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Describe your goal.

Our goal for 2020-2021 was to increase program enrollment in special education by at least one candidate. Unfortunately, we did not admit any new candidates interested in special education during this academic year.

3. Did your program meet the goal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

4. Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

5. Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

We have seen interest in special education fluctuate widely over the last several years. Notably, we are seeing practicing teachers become interested in adding the special education endorsement to their existing licenses. Most of the recent interest in initial special education licensure has come from our traditional undergraduate program. Our state is changing some endorsement offerings specifically related to early childhood education and special education, so we foresee this further impacting our special education enrollment numbers. At the present time, it is difficult to forecast what that impact might be. As noted in the preceding goal areas, we are in the very early stages of conversation about enhancing our primary partnership with our local school district regarding a pipeline of post-baccalaureate teaching candidates. As we know they desperately need special education teachers, we hope

to have more to report in this area during the next academic year.

6. Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Review Current Year's Goal (2021-22)

7. Is your program preparing teachers in special education in 2021-22? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8. Describe your goal.

Our goal for 2021-2022 is to increase program enrollment in special education by at least one candidate. At the time of the submission of this report, we have not admitted any additional post-baccalaureate candidates seeking special education licensure to this program.

Set Next Year's Goal (2022-23)

9. Will your program prepare teachers in special education in 2022-23? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Describe your goal.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, our goal is to increase program enrollment in special education by at least two candidates.

Annual Goals: Instruction of Limited English Proficient Students

Each institution of higher education (IHE) that conducts a traditional teacher preparation program (including programs that offer any ongoing professional development programs) or alternative route teacher preparation program, and that enrolls students receiving Federal assistance under this Act, shall set annual quantifiable goals for increasing the number of prospective teachers trained in teacher shortage areas designated by the Secretary or by the state educational agency, including mathematics, science, special education, and instruction of limited English proficient students.

[\(\\$205\(a\)\(1\) \(A\)\(i\), \\$205\(a\)\(1\)\(A\)\(ii\), \\$206\(a\)\)](#)

Note: Last year’s goal and the current year’s goal are preloaded from the prior year’s IPRC.

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- >> [Set Next Year’s Goal \(2022-23\)](#)

Key terms in this section are listed below. Click on the link to view the definition(s) in the glossary.

- [Quantifiable Goals](#)

Report Progress on Last Year’s Goal (2020-21)

1. Did your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2020-21?

If no, leave remaining questions for 2020-21 blank (or [clear responses already entered](#)).

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

2. Describe your goal.

Our goal for 2020-2021 was to increase program enrollment in Teaching English as a Second Language by at least one candidate. Prior to the close of the academic year, we admitted one additional post-baccalaureate candidate seeking licensure in this area. Therefore, we met our goal.

3. Did your program meet the goal?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

4. Description of strategies used to achieve goal, if applicable:

The increasing local need for ESL teachers, especially in our state-recognized partner district, Shelby County Schools, is driving increased enrollment in this program for our EPP.

5. Description of steps to improve performance in meeting goal or lessons learned in meeting goal, if applicable:

We are in the very early stages of conversation about enhancing our primary partnership with our local school district regarding a pipeline of post-baccalaureate teaching candidates. We hope to have more to report in this area during the next academic year.

6. Provide any additional comments, exceptions and explanations below:

Notably, we are seeing a large number of practicing teachers enroll in our EPP to add this endorsement to their existing licenses. In fact, Shelby County Schools has partnered with us to subsidize their teachers' programming through our EPP to accomplish this goal. Therefore, this is definitely impacting the number of new, initial licensure candidates that we are seeing in this area.

Review Current Year's Goal (2021-22)

7. Is your program preparing teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2021-22? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8. Describe your goal.

Our goal for 2021-2022 is to increase program enrollment in Teaching English as a Second Language by at least one candidate. At the time of the submission of this report, we have admitted three additional post-baccalaureate candidates to this program.

Set Next Year's Goal (2022-23)

9. Will your program prepare teachers in instruction of limited English proficient students in 2022-23? If no, leave the next question blank.

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Describe your goal.

For the 2022-2023 academic year, our goal is to increase program enrollment in English as a Second Language by at least one candidate.

Assessment Pass Rates

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- [Pass rate](#)
- [Scaled score](#)
- [Teacher credential assessment](#)

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Assessment Pass Rates

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5135 -ART CONTENT AND ANALYSIS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	3			
ETS5135 -ART CONTENT AND ANALYSIS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS0235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	2			
ETS0235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS0235 -BIOLOGY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS5101 -BUSINESS ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5101 -BUSINESS ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	5			
ETS5101 -BUSINESS ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5101 -BUSINESS ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	5			
ETS0245 -CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS0245 -CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	2			
ETS0245 -CHEMISTRY CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5911 -ECONOMICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
TPA0102 -EDTPA: BUSINESS EDUCATION Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0102 -EDTPA: BUSINESS EDUCATION Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			
TPA0001 -EDTPA: ELEMENTARY LITERACY Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	2			
TPA0001 -EDTPA: ELEMENTARY LITERACY Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	1			
TPA0002 -EDTPA: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0002 -EDTPA: ELEMENTARY MATHEMATICS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			
TPA0115 -EDTPA: ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0115 -EDTPA: ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
TPA0115 -EDTPA: ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	3			
TPA0021 -EDTPA: K-12 PERFORMING ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0021 -EDTPA: K-12 PERFORMING ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	1			
TPA0018 -EDTPA: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0018 -EDTPA: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			
TPA0016 -EDTPA: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD MATHEMATICS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson Other enrolled students	2			
TPA0016 -EDTPA: MIDDLE CHILDHOOD MATHEMATICS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			
TPA0003 -EDTPA: SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	4			
TPA0003 -EDTPA: SECONDARY ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	3			
TPA0004 -EDTPA: SECONDARY HISTORY-SOCIAL STUDIES Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	1			
TPA0004 -EDTPA: SECONDARY HISTORY-SOCIAL STUDIES Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	2			
TPA0005 -EDTPA: SECONDARY MATHEMATICS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	1			
TPA0006 -EDTPA: SECONDARY SCIENCE Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	3			
TPA0006 -EDTPA: SECONDARY SCIENCE Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	1			
TPA0012 -EDTPA: SPECIAL EDUCATION Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2020-21	2			

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TPA0012 -EDTPA: SPECIAL EDUCATION Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	2			
TPA0015 -EDTPA: VISUAL ARTS Evaluation Systems group of Pearson Other enrolled students	1			
TPA0020 -EDTPA: WORLD LANGUAGES Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2019-20	3			
TPA0020 -EDTPA: WORLD LANGUAGES Evaluation Systems group of Pearson All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS5024 -EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5024 -EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5018 -ELEM ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	3			
ETS5018 -ELEM ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	3			
ETS5018 -ELEM ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	3			
ETS5018 -ELEM ED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5017 -ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5017 -ELEM ED CURR INSTRUC ASSESSMENT Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5003 -ELEM ED MULTI SUBJ MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	8			
ETS5002 -ELEM ED MULTI SUBJ READING LANG ARTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	8			
ETS5005 -ELEM ED MULTI SUBJ SCIENCES Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	8			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5004 -ELEM ED MULTI SUBJ SOCIAL STUDIES Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	8			
ETS5038 -ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	6			
ETS5038 -ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	7			
ETS5038 -ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	4			
ETS5038 -ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS: CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	16	178	16	100
ETS5362 -ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	2			
ETS5362 -ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5362 -ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	2			
ETS5362 -ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5361 -ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (DISC) Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5174 -FRENCH WORLD LANGUAGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5921 -GEOGRAPHY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5931 -GOVERNMENT POLITICAL SCIENCE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5551 -HEALTH EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5551 -HEALTH EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5561 -MARKETING EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	2			
ETS5161 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	3			
ETS5161 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5161 -MATHEMATICS CONTENT KNOWLEDGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5047 -MIDDLE SCHOOL ENG LANG ARTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5047 -MIDDLE SCHOOL ENG LANG ARTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5047 -MIDDLE SCHOOL ENG LANG ARTS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5169 -MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4			
ETS5169 -MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			
ETS5169 -MIDDLE SCHOOL MATHEMATICS Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5440 -MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5440 -MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS5089 -MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5095 -PHYSICAL ED CONTENT AND DESIGN Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	2			
ETS5095 -PHYSICAL ED CONTENT AND DESIGN Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5623 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 5-9 Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5623 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 5-9 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	2			
ETS5623 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 5-9 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS5624 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 7-12 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	24	173	23	96
ETS5624 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING 7-12 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	35	175	34	97
ETS5622 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING K-6 Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	3			
ETS5622 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING K-6 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	4			
ETS5622 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING K-6 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	2			
ETS5622 -PRINC LEARNING AND TEACHING K-6 Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	8			
ETS5543 -SE CK AND MILD TO MODERATE APPL Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5543 -SE CK AND MILD TO MODERATE APPL Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	3			
ETS5543 -SE CK AND MILD TO MODERATE APPL Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	2			
ETS5543 -SE CK AND MILD TO MODERATE APPL Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5195 -SPANISH WORLD LANGUAGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	2			
ETS5195 -SPANISH WORLD LANGUAGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	1			

Assessment code - Assessment name Test Company Group	Number taking tests	Avg. scaled score	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
ETS5195 -SPANISH WORLD LANGUAGE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	4			
ETS5203 -TEACHING READING: ELEM EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	1			
ETS5203 -TEACHING READING: ELEM EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5203 -TEACHING READING: ELEM EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	7			
ETS5203 -TEACHING READING: ELEM EDUCATION Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	10	171	10	100
ETS5205 -TEACHING READING: ELEMENTARY Educational Testing Service (ETS) Other enrolled students	4			
ETS5205 -TEACHING READING: ELEMENTARY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	6			
ETS5205 -TEACHING READING: ELEMENTARY Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	1			
ETS5641 -THEATRE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	1			
ETS5641 -THEATRE Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	2			
ETS5941 -WORLD AND U.S. HISTORY CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2020-21	2			
ETS5941 -WORLD AND U.S. HISTORY CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2019-20	2			
ETS5941 -WORLD AND U.S. HISTORY CK Educational Testing Service (ETS) All program completers, 2018-19	3			

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- [Scaled score](#)
- [Teacher credential assessment](#)

Summary Pass Rates

Group	Number taking tests	Number passing tests	Pass rate (%)
All program completers, 2020-21	36	34	94
All program completers, 2019-20	23	22	96
All program completers, 2018-19	57	56	98

Low-Performing

Provide the following information about the approval or accreditation of your teacher preparation program. ([§205\(a\)\(1\)\(D\)](#), [§205\(a\)\(1\)\(E\)](#))

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Low-Performing

1. Is your teacher preparation program currently approved or accredited?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, please specify the organization(s) that approved or accredited your program:

- ☒ State
- ☒ CAEP
- ☐ AAQEP
- ☐ Other specify:

2. Is your teacher preparation program currently under a designation as "low-performing" by the state?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Use of Technology

On this page, review the questions regarding your program's use of technology, and update as needed.

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Use of Technology

1. Provide the following information about the use of technology in your teacher preparation program. Please note that choosing 'yes' indicates that your teacher preparation program would be able to provide evidence upon request. [\(\\$205\(a\)\(1\)\(F\)\)](#)

Does your program prepare teachers to:

a. integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction

☒ Yes

☐ No

b. use technology effectively to collect data to improve teaching and learning

☒ Yes

☐ No

c. use technology effectively to manage data to improve teaching and learning

☒ Yes

☐ No

d. use technology effectively to analyze data to improve teaching and learning

☒ Yes

☐ No

2. Provide a description of the evidence that your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to integrate technology effectively into curricula and instruction, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data in order to improve teaching and learning for the purpose of increasing student academic achievement. Include a description of the evidence your program uses to show that it prepares teachers to use the principles of universal design for learning, as applicable. Include planning activities and a timeline if any of the four elements listed above are not currently in place.

Alternative candidates complete one course that focuses on the multitude of technology usages that can be integrated into effective instruction. This course, entitled Technology-Rich Learning, is described as follows: "Focus for the course is the integration and utilization of current instructional technology with emphasis on student learning, including the integration of technology as a learning tool for elementary/secondary classrooms: mobile technology, Web-based teacher productivity tools, specific-use software, mobile apps, adaptive technology, presentation software, Internet, and future trends." Additionally, degree-seeking students receive related instruction centered around assessment in the required course of Educational Measurement and Evaluation. This course is described as follows: "A study of the measurement of learning, attitudes and feelings, products and performances, and social interaction. Difficulty and discrimination of test items as well as validity and reliability of tests are emphasized. Descriptive statistics for sets of data are introduced." When integrated into the overall program pathway, these courses ensure that candidates are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to leverage technology in ways that benefit student learning. In previous years, candidates were required to complete a teacher work sample that included a pre- and post-test over a unit of study. Part of that sample was to identify individual students with special education and limited English needs along with sub-groups within the class, then to analyze and report on the teacher effect data for both individuals and sub-groups. Effective Fall 2018, all licensure candidates submit edTPA, which requires similar competencies and requires proficiency with technology to capture documentation for the electronic portfolio.

Provide the following information about your teacher preparation program.

[\(§205\(a\)\(1\)\(G\)\)](#)

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Teacher Training

1. Provide a description of the activities that prepare general education teachers to:

a. Teach students with disabilities effectively

All general education teacher candidates take a class that provides information about the range of exceptionalities within the classroom and what types of adaptations are to be made for students with disabilities (SE 630: Learning in Diverse Classrooms). The standardized lesson plan format utilized throughout the program includes the nature of the disability and the specific accommodation(s) that will be made in instruction and assessment for students with each condition. As each of these candidates serves as a teacher of record in the classroom during preparation, the concepts learned in coursework are immediately applicable in clinical practice.

b. Participate as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.

As noted above, all candidates in this program serve as teachers of record during their preparatory program. As such, they are able to apply the information learned in the course described above immediately to their work as contributing members of the IEP team. While enrolled in the program, all candidates are assigned at least one P-12 mentor who is available to support the candidate as they navigate the various responsibilities associated with serving on the IEP team and the implementation of specific students' IEPs in their classrooms. Course instructors and university mentors support the candidate in this capacity as well.

c. Effectively teach students who are limited English proficient.

General education candidates are prepared to support students with limited English proficiency in a very similar manner to the strategies outlined above for students with disabilities. Throughout the program of study, candidates are reminded of the importance of building relationships with students, learning their individual needs, and implementing instruction to support all students. In this post-baccalaureate program, candidates engage in coursework in grade-appropriate teaching methods and supporting reading in the content area. Accommodations for English Language Learners are included in these courses. Additionally, candidates engage in a course supporting their cultural competency which focuses on teaching in a pluralistic society.

2. Does your program prepare special education teachers?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, provide a description of the activities that prepare *special education teachers* to:

a. Teach students with disabilities effectively

The focus of the entire special education program is how to teach students with disabilities effectively. This includes extensive coursework which focuses strategically on the adaptation of instruction and assessments to meet the individual needs of each student. The standardized lesson plan format utilized throughout the program includes a section to outline the nature of the disability and the specific accommodation(s) that will be made in instruction and assessment for students with each condition. As each of these candidates serves as a teacher of record in the classroom during

preparation, the concepts learned in coursework are immediately applicable in clinical practice.

b. Participate as a member of individualized education program teams, as defined in section 614(d)(1)(B) of the *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act*.

As noted above, all candidates in this program serve as teachers of record during their preparatory program. As such, they are able to apply the information learned in the course described above immediately to their work as leading members of the IEP team. While enrolled in the program, all candidates are assigned at least one P-12 mentor who is available to support the candidate as they navigate the various responsibilities associated with leading the IEP team and the design and subsequent implementation of specific students' IEPs in their classrooms. Course instructors and university mentors support the candidate in this capacity as well.

c. Effectively teach students who are limited English proficient.

Much of the knowledge and skills gained by special education candidates throughout their preparation directly translate in to the effective teaching of students who are limited English proficient. Specifically, these candidates take a specific course, Literacy for Special Populations, which includes addressing the needs of students with disabilities and English Language Learners.

Contextual Information

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Contextual Information

Please use this space to provide any additional information that describes your teacher preparation program(s). You may also attach information to this report card (see below). The U.S. Department of Education is especially interested in any evaluation plans or interim or final reports that may be available.

Union University is an independent, faith-based liberal arts university in Jackson, TN, with branch campuses in Germantown (outside Memphis) and Hendersonville (outside Nashville). The university offers undergraduate and graduate degrees, including the Master of Arts in Education, Master of Education, Master of Urban Education, Education Specialist, and the Doctor of Education. Union University's Educator Preparation Program has been approved by the TN Department of Education since the mid-1950's and nationally accredited since 2000 (CAEP; NCATE). Currently, Union offers alternative licensure programs in PreK-3, K-5, 6-8, special education, secondary education, teaching English as a second language, foreign language, and the arts. The Tennessee State Board of Education issues an annual report card for each state-approved Educator Preparation Program, and Union University has continually received ratings of meeting and/or exceeding expectations. Please see <https://teacherprepreportcard.tn.gov/teacher-prep/1826-T/overview> for the most recent report. In May 2020, the School of Education engaged in its first CAEP review, and the EPP was granted full reaccreditation through the organization in November 2020. It is important to note that candidates in this alternative, job-embedded licensure program can earn a degree along with their licensure coursework, but it is not required. This directly correlates to the discrepancy between the number of completers (N=36) and the number of teachers prepared by academic major (N=31) in a preceding section.

Supporting Files

No files have been provided.

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Report Card Certification

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Certification of submission

☒ I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information in this report is accurate and complete and conforms to the definitions and instructions used in the *Higher Education Opportunity Act, Title II: Reporting Reference and User Manual*.

NAME OF RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE FOR TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAM:

Mandy Cates

TITLE:

Director of Accreditation and Assessment

Certification of review of submission

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NAME OF REVIEWER:

John Foubert

TITLE:

Dean of the College of Education