

Ohio ED PREP



Information Update

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NEWS & NOTES

Employer Survey

The Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) will no longer be distributing the Employer Survey due to consistently low response rates. Institutions that wish to use the survey and its validity study may do so. If you would like to request a copy of the survey items, please email EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov.

ODHE Ed Prep needs your expertise!

A number of endorsement programs need new or revised standards. We are still looking for committee members for the committees listed below. Please reach out to colleagues in your institution (arts and sciences welcome!) who have expertise to lend. CVs for interested faculty, along with a note listing the committee in which that faculty member is interested, should be emailed to EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov.

- Drama/Theater (*new endorsement expected upon rule approval*)
- Media Arts (*new endorsement expected upon rule approval*)
- Middle Childhood Generalist
- Reading Across the Curriculum (*three-hour course requirement standards*)

New Computer Science Endorsement Pending Rule Revision

A new endorsement in computer science is under review by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In anticipation of this approval, institutions are invited to propose new endorsements at both the undergraduate and graduate level. Information on program requirements and the proposal process may be found on the [Ed Prep Institutions](#) webpage.

Guidance on Paid Student Teaching Experiences

Student teachers who are on a substitute teaching license, alternative license, or paraprofessional license may stay in the classroom in which they work. The EPP should establish a Memorandum of Understanding with the school or district that clearly outlines the following:

1. The school/district recognizes that the employee will be completing school requirements during working hours.
2. The school/district will supply a mentor teacher who can periodically observe and provide feedback, just as a cooperating teacher would.
3. The EPP will provide an institution employee to serve as the field supervisor for the candidate, and will conduct observations and feedback that are provided to all student teaching candidates.

Things to Consider

Post-baccalaureate and master's level initial licensure programs – your candidates are potentially eligible for a substitute license! Please consider setting up an arrangement with your partnering districts that would allow your candidates to serve as a substitute teacher during their clinical experiences. This will allow them to serve as the substitute should their mentor teacher be out, as well as set them up to take over the classroom should the mentor teacher require an extended absence, providing continuity for the children, helping to address the severe shortage of substitutes, and providing some income to the candidate. See the guidance on paid student teaching experiences for more information on the process.

EdTPA in Ohio status

The request to allow Chancellor-approved, nationally scored performance-based assessments to take the place of the OAE Assessment of Professional Knowledge exam was approved at the May Educator Standards Board Meeting. The request will now move forward for review by the State Board of Education at its October meeting.

ODE UPDATES

ABConduct Tip Sheets

ABConduct Tip Sheets for educators are published through the Office of Professional Conduct to assist educators in navigating ethics in teaching. Visit [this page on the ODE website](#) for more information.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Program Review Deadlines (*[Be sure to read the online information.](#)*)

- Fall Program Review: Due October 15
- Spring Program Review: Due March 15

Fall Survey Distribution Lists

Fall Student Teacher, Principal Intern, and Principal Mentor survey distribution lists – Use the format and procedure found in the Ed Prep Beginner's Guide Send to EdPrep@highered.ohio.gov between September 16 and October 1. Fall surveys will be distributed October 9 with reminders automatically sent October 30 and December 2. Surveys will close December 9..

RESOURCES

ODHE Ed Prep Website: Everything you need to know about Educator Preparation in Ohio can be found [on the OhioHigherEd website](#).

ODHE Educator Preparation Listserv: Anyone interested in receiving notices about educator preparation program review and approval in Ohio is invited to join the ODHE Educator Preparation listserv. Email Jessica Mercerhill at jmercerhill@highered.ohio.gov to be added.

ODHE Program Finder: ODHE maintains an [online searchable database](#) of Chancellor-approved Educator Preparation Providers.

ODE Human Capital Resource Center: The [Human Capital Resource Center](#) is a website designed to assist people interested in becoming educators, as well as current educators speaking with potential educators, to explore the many options. It also provides easy to use information on how to navigate the systems to become an educator..

Free Opioid Resources: Materials from The Ohio State University Opioid Conference held last summer, “The Opioid Crisis: How Educators Can Respond,” are now posted online. EPPs may use these materials at no cost by visiting <https://opioidsconference.osu.edu/post-conference-resources/>.

Free Training Modules and Podcasts for Educator Preparation Faculty and Candidates: The [Ohio Leadership Advisory Council \(OLAC\)](#) has a variety of free webinars and modules online, as well as a calendar of events.

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