



# Teacher Education Benchmarks 3 and 4

2024-2025

# Why Benchmarks?

- ▶ For students to be recommended to **The Texas Education Agency** for certification, Concordia University Texas has to keep evidence that you have met specific requirements.
- ▶ This is our process to ensure that we can recommend you upon graduation

# How do the Benchmarks Work?

- ▶ Benchmark 1: Full Admission into the College of Education
- ▶ Benchmark 2: Admission into the Teacher Education program (Get TEA ID number)
- ▶ Benchmark 3: Admission into the Second Practicum
- ▶ Benchmark 4: Admission into the Professional Semester (Clinical Teaching)

# Benchmark 3 Requirements for Admission to Practicum II

- ▶ Full Admission to Benchmark 2 – received, signed, submitted
- ▶ Practicum I Fieldwork Documentation
  - ▶ Contract
  - ▶ Log of hours completed, signed, submitted
  - ▶ Reflections
  - ▶ Coaching Observation Forms
- ▶ TExES PPR (Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Exam)
  - ▶ Released (complete tutorials; meet standard on proctored exam)
  - ▶ Registered, completed and Passed at Pearson site

# Benchmark 3 Requirements for Admission to Practicum II

- ▶ Content Practice Score 65%+
  - ▶ Single exam for Content Curriculum (4-8, 7-12 or K-12)
  - ▶ All subtests for Interdisciplinary Core Content (EC-6 or 4-8)
- ▶ Application Submitted
- ▶ Additional items Calculated at the end of the semester (before official approval to complete practicum II)
  - ▶ Formal admission to P II letter received, signed and submitted
  - ▶ Passed EDU 4101
  - ▶ GPA 2.75+
  - ▶ Dean's approval

# Benchmark 3 – FAQ's

**Q:** What if I do not meet the standards on my exams by the end of the semester and wish to continue in a certification program?

**A:** you will either be placed on a growth plan or unenrolled from practicum II. You will be able to reapply after completing the requirements.

**Q:** What if run out of attempts on 240 Tutoring?

**A:** You will need to purchase another platform. We have a 50% off code for Certify Teacher.

# Benchmark 4 Requirements for Admission to Clinical Teaching

- ▶ Full Admission to Benchmark 3 – received, signed, submitted
- ▶ Practicum II Fieldwork Documentation
  - ▶ Contract
  - ▶ Log of hours completed, signed, submitted
  - ▶ Reflections
  - ▶ Coaching Observation Forms
- ▶ First 15 Days reflections

# Benchmark 4 Requirements for Admission to Clinical Teaching

- ▶ TExES Content Exam Passed
  - ▶ Released (completed tutorials; met standard on proctored exam)
  - ▶ Registered, completed and Passed at Pearson site
- ▶ \*TExES STR (Science of Teaching Reading) Passed
  - ▶ \*Students whose certification includes teaching **reading** (EC-6 or 4-8) only
  - ▶ Released (completed tutorials; met standard on proctored exam)
  - ▶ Registered, completed and Passed at Pearson site



# Benchmark 4 – FAQ's

**Q:** What if I do not meet the requirements at the end of the semester and wish to continue in a certification program?

**A:** you will be put on a growth plan or unenrolled from Clinical Teaching (depending on the deficiencies). You will be able to reapply after completing the requirements.

**Q:** What if run out of attempts on 240 Tutoring?

**A:** You will need to purchase another platform. Email me regarding options. CTX 50% off code for Certify Teacher:  
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