Dear Credential Candidates,

Welcome back for a new semester! According to our records, you may be completing Cycle One and/or Cycle Two of the CalTPA soon. To that end, we have put together the following short FAQ which answers some of the more common questions about this assessment.

**What is the CalTPA?**

- CalTPA is an approved summative assessment for multiple and single subject credential programs in California.
- CalTPA is split up into two Cycles, which can be submitted separately. Both must be passed.
- CalTPA was completely redeveloped by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing then launched for operational use as of fall 2018.
- CalTPA is high stakes, completion of a summative assessment of this nature is required at a state level for a multiple subject or single subject credential.

**How to be successful on a Cycle of the CalTPA?**

- Don’t procrastinate!
- Read the handbook + the RUBRICS. Be thorough and explicit in responding to each prompt in a manner which meets the details of the rubrics.
- Show your teaching skills. The CalTPA is an opportunity to showcase all of the high level teaching techniques you have learned in the credential program.
- Ask for help if confused.
  - If you have content questions consult faculty and CTs, they are here to help.
  - If you have technical questions contact Roy Dunlap by email, he is always available.

**Technical Questions and How to Submit:**

- **What is the cost of CalTPA?** CalTPA costs $150 per cycle.
- **Who scores the CalTPA?** CalTPA is scored by trained and calibrated California education professionals qualified in the content area being submitted.
- **Where is the CalTPA submitted?** Please visit the following website for the registration and payment process, templates, most recent information and materials for the CalTPA.
  - Video and document technical questions should be directed to Roy Dunlap.
- **What is the passing threshold for the CalTPA?** The passing score standards for the redeveloped CalTPA as of August 23, 2019 are as follows:
  - Cycle 1 (8 rubrics): A final cut score of **19 points with one score of 1 allowed.**
  - Cycle 2 (9 rubrics): A final cut score of **21 points with one score of 1 allowed.**
What happens if you don’t pass a Cycle of the CalTPA on your first attempt?

While high stakes, it is NOT the end of the world. You will be matched with a trained content area expert who will review your event and scores, then provide guidance on how to improve your teaching style. You will then pay again, register, complete, and submit your next attempt on that Cycle to CalTPA.

- What a non-passing score in a rubric means: The candidate showed some skill but did not explicitly show the teaching techniques needed to be in charge of a classroom. OR the element of the TPA did not meet performance standards as outlined by the rubrics.
- What a non-passing score in a rubric does NOT mean: That a candidate is unfit to be a teacher or does not have the skills to become a teacher. While the TPA is a high stakes assessment, it is not the only measure of your teaching.
- If you must resubmit, view it as an opportunity to hone your teaching skill and display the techniques you have learned in the credential program in order to meet the passing rubric levels.

If you have any questions or concerns or there is anything we can do to help, please contact your program coordinator, the School of Education office, or Roy Dunlap. We want you to be successful and are here to support you.

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