



Teacher Education Benchmarks 3 and 4

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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?

- ▶ You will complete one benchmark per year and each one provides you admission into the next level of your program
 - ▶ Benchmark 1: Admission into the College of Education
 - ▶ Benchmark 2: Admission into the Teacher Education program (and prerequisite to the first practicum)
 - ▶ Benchmark 3: Practicum Checkpoint
 - ▶ Benchmark 4: Admission into the Professional Semester (Clinical Teaching)

Benchmark 3 – Requirements the Practicum Checkpoint

- ▶ **By Week 4** – for Contingent Acceptance
 - ▶ Score 75% or better on the Content practice exam
 - ▶ Review your fieldwork contract with your cooperating teacher and get all requested signatures
 - ▶ Apply by week 4 while taking first Practicum

Benchmark 3 – Requirements the Practicum Checkpoint

- ▶ **By End of Semester** – for Full Acceptance
 - ▶ Score 85% or better on the Content practice exam and get released to take the TExES Content exam
 - ▶ Score 85% or better on the PPR practice exam and get released to take the TExES PPR exam
 - ▶ Submit signed log with required fieldwork hours
 - ▶ Complete required reflections
 - ▶ Deliver at least 2 successful observed lessons and submit coaching forms

Benchmark 3 - Paperwork

- ▶ **By week 4 of *your first practicum*...**
 - ▶ Upload score report for Content exam – minimum of 75%
 - ▶ Upload Fieldwork contract – signed by all parties
 - ▶ Submit Application
- ▶ **By end of semester**
 - ▶ Submit electronic Request for Release forms for PPR and Content
 - ▶ Upload signed Log of hours
 - ▶ Upload FW reflections (all one PDF)
 - ▶ Upload signed FW Observations (at least two)

Benchmark 3 – FAQ's

Q: What if I do not meet the standards on my exams by the end of the semester?

A: you will not be able to enroll in the next practicum

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

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

Benchmark 4 – Requirements Admission to the Professional Semester

- ▶ **By Week 4** – for Contingent Acceptance
 - ▶ Upload fieldwork contract(for **your** second practicum)
(after reviewing it with your cooperating teacher and getting all requested signatures)
 - ▶ Full Admittance to the Practicum Checkpoint (B3)
 - ▶ Complete all 5 TEA Trainings or be enrolled in EDU 4101
 - ▶ Apply by week 4 while taking **your** second Practicum

Benchmark 4 – Requirements for Admission to the Professional Semester

- ▶ **By End of Semester** – for Full Acceptance
 - ▶ Pass the TExES Content exam
 - ▶ Pass the TExES PPR exam
 - ▶ Submit signed log of required fieldwork hours
 - ▶ Complete and submit required fieldwork reflections
 - ▶ Complete and submit required First 15 Days reflections
 - ▶ Deliver required observed lessons and submit coaching forms
 - ▶ Be released for STR (if Core Content EC-6 or 4-8 or ELAR 4-8)

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A: you will not be able to enroll in Clinical Teaching until you do so

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

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