Benchmarks, Methods & Prep for Professional Semester

Concordia University Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Curriculum

Benchmarks

- Benchmarks 1 and 2 should already be complete –
- If you have not been accepted into the College of education (1) or the Teacher Ed Program (2), the Multidisciplinary Studies major may be your best option

Benchmarks

Benchmark 3 Preparation for the Professional semester – **Start now**, do not wait

- Application to the Professional semester
- **Fieldwork Logs/Evaluations**
- **Fieldwork Reflections**
- **Fieldwork Lesson Observations**
- **Dyslexia Certificate (free online training)**
- **Portfolio***
- Consent to Release form
  - **Requires passing Teacher Certify to get released****
- Acceptance letter
  - Requires passing TExES (Content and PPR)****

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Certification Preparation (Education) 🏠

- Home Page
- CTX Website
- Join your program here >
- Benchmark 1
- Benchmark 2
- Benchmark 3
- How to Prepare a Portfolio
- Work on Portfolio
- Submit your Portfolio
- Tools

- Check My Benchmarks
- Student: Self-Support
- Tutor.com Online Tutoring
- Blackboard Help

Home Page

My Announcements

No Course or Organization Announcements have been posted in the last 7 days.

more announcements...→

My Tasks

My Tasks:

No tasks due.

more tasks...→

What's New

Edit Notification Settings | Actions ⌄

No Notifications

To Do

What's Past Due

▶ All Items (0)

What's Due

Select Date: 09/13/2017

▼ Today (0)

Nothing Du

▶ Tomorrow (0)

▶ This Week (0)

▶ Future (0)

Last Updated:

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How to Prepare a Portfolio

Getting Started

1. Click on **Work on Portfolio** below OR Under the Navigation Menu (upper right hand corner where you see your name), click **Tools**, then click **Por**
2. On the My Portfolios page, click **Create Portfolio** (gray button near left)
3. Give the portfolio a *Title*
4. Click **Select a Template** (Professional Education Portfolio)
5. Click **Submit**
6. After you click submit, you will be given the option to take the tour.
   The tour will walk you through the basics.

Adding pages and artifacts

1. After creating a page, give it a title by clicking the pencil icon.
2. The first section in the page will be created for you.
3. Give the section a title by clicking the pencil icon next to a section title to edit it.
4. Each section has a content editor for creating written content.
   1. You can also associate one or more artifacts with each section.
   2. You add artifacts to a section and use the content editor to reflect on those artifacts.
   3. You can add artifacts from previous course assignments or submit your own.

Adding Personal Artifacts

1. On the My Artifacts page, click Add Personal Artifact.
2. Provide a title, description, and content for the artifact.
3. The description is visible only to the artifact owner.
4. Click Submit.

Adding Course Artifacts

1. On the My Artifacts page, click Add Personal Artifact.
2. Under Browse Criteria select a course.

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**Certify Teacher

- Test practice with embedded tutorials
- Certify Teacher [website](http://www2.certifyteacher.com) (http://www2.certifyteacher.com)
- Purchase two tests - NOW
  - Core Subjects EC-6 (#291) – Content Exam
  - Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 (#160) – PPR Exam
- Discount
  - Use Concordia email address
  - Code: TORNADOS4728
- Pass each one twice with 90% or better to get released to take TExES

**Certify Teacher

Process

- Select Exam Mode and take the test (up to 4 hrs.)
- Get score report immediately – will generate an individualized study plan
- Go to Study Mode to get only questions over content you missed
- Go to Exam History Page to track your progress
- Select Exam Mode again – repeat until you get 90% or better in ALL 5 subtests
  - ELAR
  - Math
  - Science
  - SS
  - Fine Arts/Health/PE

***TExES

Texas Examinations of Educator Standards

- State Certification Exams needed to graduate and be certified to teach
- Two tests required (computer – 5 hours)
  - TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (191) (267 MC questions)
  - TExES Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities EC-12 (#160) (100 MC questions)
- Take content exam when ready – don't wait if content classes are completed
- Take PPR during Teacher Ed Seminar – semester prior to student teaching or when methods classes are complete
- More practice – ETS [website](http://cms.texes-ets.org/texes/) (http://cms.texes-ets.org/texes/)