



# Teacher Education Benchmarks 3 and 4

2023-2024

## 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 80% or better on the Content practice exam and get released to take the TExES Content exam
  - ▶ Score 80% 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 )

## Benchmark 4 – 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 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. CTX 50% off code for Certify Teacher: **TORNADOS4728**