

## Teacher Performance Assessment Overview

### What is the edTPA?

The Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA) is a requirement of the Minnesota Board of Teaching for teachers seeking initial licensure; it is completed during student teaching. The student teacher must describe, analyze, and evaluate the teaching of a 3-5 lesson unit in his or her content area. (Elementary student teachers must choose between literacy and math.)

The edTPA consists primarily of a series of teaching events which document teaching and learning in 3- to 5-day learning segments for one class of students. Student teachers must provide artifacts of teaching (lesson plans, video clips of instruction, student work samples, daily reflections) and reflective commentaries that explain the professional judgments underlying the artifacts. Components of the final project include planning instruction and assessment, instructing and engaging students in learning, assessing student learning, and final reflection. Various portions of the edTPA will be due throughout the student teaching session.

### How will the edTPA be assessed?

The student teachers will submit their completed edTPA to the state for scoring. At this time, their score will not affect their ability to gain Minnesota teacher licensure.

### What is the cooperating teacher's role?

The student teachers will work primarily with their university supervisors to complete the various components of the edTPA. However, the cooperating teacher will need to assist the student teacher in selecting a unit for the edTPA. The student teachers will also need to gather detailed information about the background of the classroom students. Additionally, the actual teaching of the unit will need to be recorded; the student teacher may need assistance with parental consent and videotaping.

While the Student Teaching Handbook suggests that student teachers should teach full-time for two weeks, the students may be given release time during the week of the edTPA event in order to allow time to focus on the edTPA. This time would most likely be the hour immediately before the recorded event.

### What if I still have questions?

The student teacher will be given specific information on the edTPA requirements. If you have questions at any time, please contact Greg Hayton, our edTPA liaison, at 612.343.4782 or [jghayton@northcentral.edu](mailto:jghayton@northcentral.edu).

