

# Special Announcement

**On Sept. 21, the State Board of Education voted to add language to the [Educator Preparation Policy 5.105](#), allowing this flexibility during the 2020-21 school year.**

**The policy language states:**

*To maximize flexibility during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the following individuals may submit qualifying scores on the Praxis PLT assessment appropriate for their grade band in lieu of edTPA:*

1. *Individuals holding a one-year provisional practitioner license set to expire August 31, 2021, issued pursuant to emergency rule 0520-02-03-.15, and;*
2. *Individuals scheduled to complete a State Board approved teacher preparation program during the 2020-21 school year who have otherwise completed all other licensure requirements for graduation.*
  - a. *To be eligible for this flexibility, educator preparation providers recommending candidates in this group for licensure shall submit to the Department of Education verification that the individual was unable to complete the edTPA due to health-related reasons and/or significant logistical challenges.*

**Please note the decision to allow candidates to submit qualifying scores on the Praxis PLT in lieu of edTPA should be made by the dean or director and not by the candidate.**

**Submit below form in PDF Format to TESS Office via email: [teachercertification@tnstate.edu](mailto:teachercertification@tnstate.edu) No photos accepted**

**Select Form here: [Substitution Request Form PLT for edTPA](#)**

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