Overview of Teacher Education Programs and edTPA

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This Morning’s Goals

1. Provide an overview of the School of Education undergraduate teacher education programs

2. Discuss the programs with *the end in mind*

3. Share information re: edTPA – the teacher performance portfolio our candidates must complete during student teaching

4. Key observations from candidates’ edTPA performance – potential consideration for various courses of the undergraduate programs
Overview of School of Education Undergraduate Programs: 4 Years Progress

- **Certification into the School**
  - Freshman to 1st semester Junior
  - 2nd semester Freshman to 1st semester Junior

- **Freshman**
  - W200: Using Computers in Education
  - G203: Communication for Youth Serving Professionals

- **2nd semester Freshman to 1st semester Junior**

- **Junior to 1st Semester Senior**
  - **Professional Education**
  - Methods courses and field experiences in blocks
  - Educational Psychology courses (5 courses; P###)
  - A308 Legal and Ethical Issues for Teachers
  - E/M300: Elementary Education For Pluralistic Society/Teaching in Pluralistic Society
  - H205/340: Introduction to Education Thought/ Education & American Culture
  - K205/306: Introduction to Exceptional Children/ Teaching Students with Special Needs in Secondary Classrooms

- **Senior**
  - Student Teaching
  - Student Teaching Seminar

- More information: go.iu.edu/24vA

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON
What is edTPA?

- A performance-based, subject-specific assessment and support system used by teacher preparation programs throughout the United States developed at Stanford University.

- Used in over 40 states.

- At Indiana University, required completion during student teaching with support provided.

- edTPA at IU is scored by trained local scorers who provide instructive feedback to the candidates.
edTPA Elements

Snapshot of the work that teachers do every day in teaching and working with students

- **What one intends to do**: What are their plans ... All the elements one considers in planning
- **A snapshot**: video of their teaching and students' interactions
- **How did it go**: What did students learn ... What questions remain for students ... What feedback/subsequent instruction the candidate plans to provide
Context for Learning

First candidates provide a description of their classroom, school, community and students.

In other words, what will they consider about the students, classroom, school as they make plans for instruction?
Observations re: Context for Learning

1. Candidates’ deficient thinking/negative descriptions of learners rather than positive assets
2. Candidates’ focus on documented learning needs (IEP’s) rather than more broad learning needs
3. Description of available resources limited to classroom
Task 1 - Planning

Evidence
- Context for learning
- Lesson Plans (3-5)
- Copies of Materials & Assessments
- Commentary Regarding Planning

Indicators
- Planning for content understanding
- Planning to support varied student learning needs
- Using knowledge of students to inform teaching & learning
- Planning assessments to monitor/support student learning
Observations re: Task 1 - Planning

1. Deficient thinking about learners’ abilities and assets

2. Instruction and assessments directly associated with stated learning objectives

3. Plans account for varied student learning needs and reflect use of knowledge of learners

4. Ability to provide rationale/analysis of instructional choices – materials, activities, etc.
Task 2 - Instruction

**Evidence**

- Videos (1-2) of candidate teaching
- Commentary regarding videos & instruction

**Indicators**

- Demonstrating positive learning environment
- Engaging students in learning
- Deepening student learning
- Analyzing teaching effectiveness
Observations re: Task 2 - Instruction

1. Ability to model and to address *deepening student learning*

2. Ability to provide rationale/analysis of instructional choices, activities, their success
Task 3 - Assessment

**Evidence**
- Samples of student work
- Evidence of feedback to students
- Evaluation criteria used
- Commentary regarding assessments

**Indicators**
- Analysis of student learning
- Providing feedback to guide learning
- Student use of feedback
- Using assessment to inform instruction
Observations re: Task 3 - Assessment

1. Assessment alignment with stated learning objective(s)
2. Clear, specific evaluation criteria aligned with stated learning objective(s)
3. Ability to provide clear, specific, instructive feedback to learners
Ways to Say **GOOD JOB**

- You’ve got it made!
- You’ve got your brain in gear today.
- Great!
- Congratulations!
- Couldn’t have done it better myself.
- I’ve never seen anyone do it better.
- You’ve just about mastered that.
- That’s an interesting way of looking at it.
- That’s really nice.
- That’s coming along nicely.
- Keep up the good work.
- You did it that time!
- It looks like you’ve put a lot of work into this.
- Super-Duper!
- Out of sight.
- Now that’s what I call a fine job.
- Couldn’t have done it better myself.
- Keep working on it; you’re improving.
- Much better!
- That’s better than ever.
- That was first class work.
- You’re doing fine.
- That’s a real work of art.
- You certainly did well today.
- Way to go.
- I like that.
- That’s it.
- Marvelous!
- Cool!
- Tremendous!
- Fantastic!
- Excellent!
- You’ve got the hang of it!
- It’s a classic.
- Right on!
- Keep on trying!
- Very interesting.
- That’s coming along nicely.
- Terrific!
- Beautiful!
- You haven’t missed a thing.
Critical feedback

• Does not focus on personal characteristics
• Is constructive rather than negative
• Provides specific info on how to improve
• Focuses on processes and self-regulation
• Takes place during learning, not just after
• Alerts students to the goal of learning
Our candidates need to:

Think about context

Plan with the end in mind

Establish positive learning environment, engage students and deepen their learning

Align assessments with objectives, provide feedback, and inform their instruction based on assessments results
Understanding Undergraduate Program Progression *Planning with the end in Mind*

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Junior to 1st Semester Senior

Professional Education
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Summary

- Come to know your students
- Teaching represents an interactive relationship between the instructor & students
- Provide reasons/rationale for instructional/activity choices
- Consider the goals/purpose of writing assignments
  - Evaluative criteria
  - Specific feedback to each student
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EDUC J670 History of Curriculum Thought

- Analyze conflicting ideas about curriculum over time
- Explore historical sources
- Conduct original research
- Plus: Race, class, gender, language, identity, and more!

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