



PROGRAM SPONSOR ALERT

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Subject: Passing Score Standards for the CCTC's Redeveloped California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA)

Summary

This Program Sponsor Alert is to inform Commission-approved educator preparation programs of the passing score standards for the redeveloped California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA) that were adopted at the June 2019 Commission meeting.

Background

The Commission redeveloped the CalTPA, its approved TPA model, during 2016-18. The Commission redeveloped the CalTPA for several key reasons, including alignment with the expectations of the state-adopted Common Core State Standards and the Next Generation Science Standards, and the needs of the Commission's Accreditation Data System (ADS) for an outcomes-based set of quality indicators to assure that the data produced on the CalTPA as well as other Commission-developed assessments was consistent and reliable. To increase scoring reliability, the redeveloped CalTPA is now centrally managed and scored and requires using content-specific assessors to ensure that detailed, analytic, feedback based on the individual teaching performance expectations (TPEs) is provided to candidates and programs in a timely manner to guide both candidate development and program improvement.

Following the field test, the redeveloped CalTPA became operational in fall 2018. For purposes of standard setting, all candidates who had complete cycle submissions submitted and scored through April 25, 2019 were included in the data analysis.

The standard setting study for the CalTPA was conducted over a two-day period, May 8-9, 2019, with pre-conference preparatory activities for the content expert panel taking place prior to the meeting.

Impact of the Passing Score Standard for the CalTPA

The passing score standards for the redeveloped CalTPA as of August 23, 2019 are as follows:

- Cycle 1 (8 rubrics): A final cut score of **19 points with one score of 1 allowed.**
- Cycle 2 (9 rubrics): A final cut score of **21 points with one score of 1 allowed.**

The passing standard for the CalTPA for the 2019-20 year will become effective as of the August 23, 2019 submission window.

Data will be analyzed during the next two years of CalTPA administration and staff will, in two years, bring back a report to the Commission for reconsideration of the passing standard, including the requirement that a candidate cannot score a 1 on a rubric and meet the passing standard.

References

[Proposed Adoption of Passing Score Standards for the Redeveloped California Teaching Performance Assessment](#) – June 2019

[Update on the Redevelopment of the California Teaching Performance Assessment \(CalTPA\)](#)
August 2018

[Approval of Teaching Performance Assessment \(TPA\) Models for Continued Use in California Teacher Preparation Programs](#) – August 2018

Contact Information

The Professional Services Division provides a full list of topic- and program- specific dedicated email addresses at the following link: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/PSD-contact.html>.