

CalTPA and CalAPA Virtual Think Tanks

The Commission is pleased to announce the continuation of CalTPA and CalAPA Virtual Think Tanks for the 2019-2020 administration year. These popular virtual discussions provide the opportunity for preparation program faculty/staff and master, mentor, or supervising TK-12 teachers and administrators to discuss and share best practices in supporting teacher and leader candidates as they engage in these performance assessments. Sessions are co-facilitated by practitioners, CTC, and ES staff.

Date	CalTPA 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	CalAPA 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
November 1, 2019	Unveiling the New CalTPA Program Implementation Guide and Conversation	Obtaining Usable Quality Feedback and Identifying Possible Ways to Gain Stakeholder Buy-in.
January 31, 2020	Strategies for Planning Asset Based Instruction and Assessment in the multiple subject, single subject, and world languages classroom	Strategies for Developing an Aligned Problem of Practice and Tracking Implementation Results
February 28, 2020	What is Effective Student Self-Assessment?	Best Practices to Engage School Stakeholders in the CalAPA Cycles
March 27, 2020	Understanding Instruction and Assessment by supporting Candidates to Write Reflective Annotations	Instructional Coaching Basics
April 24, 2020	Creating Safe, Positive (Equitable and Just) Learning Environment for all Students	Understanding the California Standards for the Teaching Profession and How to Use Them to Guide Coaching
May 29, 2020	Moving beyond the Quiz to Performance-Based Assessment (Process, Product, or Performance)	Strategies for Having Evidence based “Courageous Conversations” to Guide Teacher Practice Through Coaching
June 26, 2020	Strategies for Choosing a Lesson or Learning Segment that Showcases a Full Range of Teaching and Learning	

VTT sessions are conducted via the Cisco WebEx platform. You will need a phone and a web browser to fully engage in the discussion. If you have already been participating, you do not need to sign up again. If you would like to start participating, [sign up here](#) to receive a monthly calendar invitation with details and login information.

CTC encourages those who support Education Specialist candidates to join the CalTPA VTTs. Plans are underway to develop a SpEd CalTPA beginning fall of 2019 with operational administration planned for 2022-23.

CalTPA and CalAPA Virtual Office Hours

The Commission is continuing to host weekly virtual office hours on Thursdays to provide preparation programs the opportunity to ask questions regarding the CalTPA and CalAPA. CalTPA office hours are held from 10:00 to 10:30 and CalAPA office hours are held from 11:00 to 11:30. [Sign up here](#) to receive a weekly calendar invitation with details and login information.