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## ATTENTION: CWU TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM ALUMNI 2013-2021

Seven years ago, the edTPA was implemented statewide as an assessment of teaching practices to replace the Washington State Pedagogy Performance Assessment. The edTPA was viewed as a better assessment because it is evidence-based and is nationally standardized. Dr. Mark Oursland, Professor in Mathematics and STEM in the STEM Department explains that “this standardized structure came a huge price in money, time, and educational flexibility.” “The edTPA has become an obstacle to learning effective teaching practices from valued K-12 mentor teacher partners. It has shifted an emphasis on working with veteran teachers to learn best practices to collecting evidence for an inequitable high stakes assessment,” Dr. Ian Loverro, Chair in the Department of Education, Curriculum, Supervision, & Educational Leadership department.

“Our current [applicant] pools for open teaching positions are scarce. Currently we have three second year teachers that have not passed their EDTPA and are teaching on a conditional certification. These teachers have done an amazing job and are some of our best at relating to students, and they have demonstrated the ability to implement high leverage pedagogical strategies in their classroom. Our mentoring program and intentional professional development are very helpful in helping them to continue to develop as teachers!” **Mr. Colton Monti, Principal at Selah High School, a CWU partner district**

With the passing of HB1028, the Teacher Certification Program will be able to open the door to re-evaluate the certification requirements for over 800 alumni. The Teacher Certification program is already reviewing records for any candidate who student taught in the 2013-2014 Academic Year to current. The Teacher Certification Program will begin recommending qualifying alumni to OSPI immediately.

“The elimination of the edTPA means that I can focus on the 25 second grade students that rely on me each day. It means I can help them with the challenges they have faced while experiencing schooling during a worldwide pandemic.” **Taylor Russell, Winter 2021 Student Teacher**

"This new law will allow many teacher candidates who we know are going to be excellent, caring, and culturally responsive teachers to teach children who deserve them." **Dr. Yukari Amos, Chair in the Department of Education, Teaching, and Learning**

If you currently have an Emergency Teaching Certificate and the edTPA is your only missing certification requirement, then your Emergency Teaching Certificate will not be renewed, and the Residency Teaching Certificate will be issued in its place!

If you have been recommended to OSPI because of this change in state law, you will receive an e-mail with the subject line “**OSPI Recommendation for Residency Teaching Certificate**” with directions on how to claim your certificate. These e-mails will go to your CWU alumni e-mail account as well as any alternative e-mail address that can be found in CWU and OSPI.

If you have not heard from the Teacher Certification Program by June 1, 2021 please feel free to reach out to [teachercertification@cwu.edu](mailto:teachercertification@cwu.edu) for information on your certification status.

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