

LPTP Monthly Update - February 2010

Hello Teachers,

I hope that you are all having a wonderful Carnival Season. Please read below for some very important information regarding the PAS portfolio. Also, for those of you who have yet to take the PLT exam, a heads up that there is an upcoming Praxis PLT registration deadline for the March 13, 2010 test date. I have attached the Praxis Testing Schedule to this email so please take the time to look it over and find the test date that works best for you.

Go Saints!
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1. Wanted: CSL Referrals

As we begin the search for excellent teachers to serve as Content Seminar Leaders during the 2010-2009 school year, we are turning to you for some help!

If you know someone who you think would make a great CSL, please email his/her name, school, and contact info (if you have it - if not, we'll just do some detective work) to me at lptp@nttp.org. Also, please let me know if you would prefer to make your recommendation anonymously, and I will be sure not mention to the potential CSL that you provided us with the referral.

2. PAS Portfolio Deadline: Tuesday, June 1, 2010!

This year's PAS Portfolio deadline is... (wait for it) ... **Tuesday, June 1, 2010!**

Normally we have the PAS due in late May, but this year we decided to give you until after Memorial Day Weekend to turn in your PAS Portfolios. Later this spring, we will be providing you with more logistics of submitting your PAS Portfolio.

Don't forget that LPTP does not grant extensions on the PAS Portfolio under any circumstance. Portfolios will not be accepted after the deadline!

3. PAS Portfolio Tip of the Month: Classroom Video and Analysis

As you know, one of the components of the PAS is a classroom video. This video needs to be of one of the lessons from the week of lesson plans that you have selected for the Instructional Unit.

It is ultimately your responsibility to find a camera to use for the PAS video. In the past PTs have been able to secure video cameras from their schools, families, and friends. Additionally, this year, LPTP has provided video cameras for each of our partner programs, so be sure to reach out to them as well!

Some video tips:

- **Choose a lesson that showcases both teacher and student actions.** You want the assessors to get a clear picture of what your classroom is like and how you interact with your students.
- **Your video does not have to be perfect.** Assessors understand that you are a beginning teacher and not a veteran teacher, so they do not expect a perfect lesson or a perfectly behaved class.
- **Thoroughly complete your Lesson Analysis.** Your Lesson Analysis is incredibly important! If the lesson depicted in your video does not go as well as you had hoped, the Lesson Analysis is where you can point out areas of improvement and how you addressed these areas after the lesson.
- **If you read this line, email lptp@tntp.org** to enter your name in our raffle to win a gift certificate to Community Coffee House! Please put RAFFLE in the subject line and your name and contact information in the email.

! **IMPORTANT: Your classroom video should be submitted on DVD only as VHS tapes and USB drives will not be accepted. Remember to test your DVD in a DVD player (and not in a laptop!) to ensure that it works and that our assessors will be able to watch your lesson.**

4. LPTP Website: www.lptp.org

As some of you may have noticed – and I know that some of you did because you pointed it out! – the PAS and PT Handbooks that were available on the website were from the 2008-2009 school year. Thank you so much for bringing this to our attention! **LPTP has now updated the handbooks to the 2009-2010 versions.**

5. Praxis PLT Exam Registration

If you want to have your **Level 1 Teaching Certificate** for the start of the 2010-2011 school year and still need to take the Praxis PLT (see chart below for test codes and passing scores) you will want to do so on or before the 4/24/10 test date. Even if you pass all other LPTP requirements, you can not obtain full certification without having taken and passed the PLT exam!

Please note that LPTP does not require you to take the PLT by this date, however, we do strongly encourage all of our teachers to pursue full certification and the PLT is a critical step in the process!

Test Date: 3/13/10

Registration Deadline: 2/11/10

Test Date: 4/24/10

Registration Deadline: 3/25/10

To sign up, go to www.ets.org and click on the "Praxis" link under "Tests."

For your convenience, I have inserted the PLT/SPED chart below.

SPED teachers: Don't forget that you need to sign up for TWO tests!

Certification Area	Test Name(s)	Test Number(s)	Passing Score
Special Education, Mild/Moderate, 1-12	Education of Exceptional Student: Core Content Knowledge	0353	143
	AND Special Education: Mild Moderate	0542	141
Early Childhood Education, PK-3	PLT ECH	0521	172
Elementary, 1-5	PLT K-6	0522	161
Middle School Math, English, Science, Social Studies, 4-8	PLT 5-9	0523	154
Foreign Language, K- 12, Secondary Subjects, 6-12	PLT 7-12	0524	161