

TO: SUU Mentor Teachers

RE: Changes in State Licensing Requirements

You may, or may not, know about the changes in licensing requirements for the State of Utah. The USBE now requires students seeking a Professional License to pass a performance assessment. SUU has chosen to go with the Praxis Professional Assessment for Teachers (PPAT) provided by ETS as our assessment tool.

As students complete their student teaching, they will also be completing this performance assessment as their capstone project. This is their project and on them to complete...however, there are some nuances you need to be aware of.

- 1) Students need to complete a “getting to know you” activity with the class (secondary: a class) early in their experience. They will use this information to help design their lesson plans in order to reach “all” learners. This may be a short activity or an interest inventory survey.
- 2) Students will prepare a mini unit to teach and reflect on. They must record themselves teaching one of those lessons to help provide evidence of what they claim in their reflections. The USBE has cleared the parent permission slip with all superintendents in the State...but you need to be aware that the student will need parent permission to complete this recording. (*If a parent does not provide permission—their student can be placed where the camera does not “see” during the recording.*)

More information is available on the ETS website, if you are interested.

<https://www.ets.org/ppa/test-takers/teachers/prepare/>

In addition, you can ask your student teacher’s supervisor of the Field Services Director. (laureengraves@suu.edu)

Thank you!