



CalTPA
California Teaching
Performance Assessment

Program Update Q & A

Below are answers to the questions posed in the chat window during the CalTPA Program Update Webinar on June 20, 2018.

What if we didn't participate in the field test? Can we still get the guide?

Yes, all the field test materials are available on www.ctcpa.nesinc.com.

I believe a password is still attached to the assessment guides on the website. What is the password?

The password is **CalTPAFT\$2017**. This same password may be used to access all materials on the website that require a password.

When is the earliest that our student teachers beginning in August may have access to review cycle information?

We will release initial preview materials in July. Final assessment materials, including cycles and rubrics, will be available in September, but field test materials may be used in the interim as a means for providing candidates a general idea of the overall assessment framework.

Is there a short "placement requirements" guide (or could one be created) that could be shared with our placement coordinators?

Please see [PSA 17-06 Clinical Practice and Supervision Requirements: Guidance for Teacher Preparation Programs](#) for more information and guidance on clinical practice placement.

Will the universities have one voucher number or one per student? Whether it's one or many will drastically change the workload for this position. We are currently altering our Credential Specialist position so it would be nice to have this information to factor into the role.

Programs intending to use vouchers will need to purchase two vouchers per candidate (one for each cycle). Programs will also need to determine if they are going to provide vouchers for re-takes and plan accordingly.

How much will the vouchers be?

\$150 each.

As current students complete their programs, they will still be completing the 4 tasks for their TPAs. Will anything change for them in having their TPAs assessed?

Candidates who enrolled in a teacher preparation program prior to July 1, 2018 have the option to complete their program's current TPA for up to two years from their initial enrollment date.

For additional questions on CalTPA policies, contact Amy Reising at areising@ctc.ca.gov or Wayne Bacer at wbacer@ctc.ca.gov. For assistance with CalAPA systems, contact es-caltpa@pearson.com.

What about candidates placed in bilingual classrooms? Can they write their work in Spanish? Will there be bilingual scorers?

For now, the CalTPA will support Multiple Subject bilingual submissions in Spanish only. This means that translations will not be required for Multiple Subject bilingual submissions in Spanish. Single Subject candidates in bilingual placements and Multiple Subject candidates in bilingual placements other than Spanish will need to provide translation for any video or written evidence that is not in English.

Can Pearson provide translated video permission forms?

The preference is for teacher preparation programs to use the district forms or school forms available.

Is there a Pearson contact or website to obtain/inquire about vouchers?

The voucher request process and forms are currently being developed and will be released soon. Meantime, you can contact es-caltpa@pearson.com if you have questions about vouchers.

For candidates completing clinical practice/student teaching in the fall, it appears they must submit their Cycle 2 the same date they receive Cycle 1 scores (November 15th) if the quarter/semester ends before December 26th. Would it be possible for Pearson to release scores from the first session any earlier, or perhaps push the second cycle submission deadline back a week?

Assessment results are released in batch on the specified report date for each submission window. For the initial 2018-19 academic year, the [CalTPA Submission and Reporting Dates](#) were constrained by an anticipated October launch of the submission platform and the stipulated three week scoring window. In future academic years, the submission schedule will include submission opportunities in every month.

Will there be a CalTPA workshop during the CCAC October conference when this is rolling out?

Two sessions are scheduled for CCAC. The first will be held Thursday afternoon, and then repeated on Friday morning.

Will the resubmission fee be \$150?

Yes.

What does Pearson plan to pay assessors?

This has yet to be determined.

May we have a direct link or doc/pdf that provides specific, concise information regarding CalTPA scorer training?

CalTPA Assessor training information and schedules will be sent to all qualified applicants as soon as they are available (late August/early September). Look for a new operational CalTPA Assessor application form to be posted on the [CalTPA Scoring web page](#) in early July. All previous field test assessors and new applicants will need to complete the new form.

Will the submission platform change from the field test?

The operational platform will be very similar to the field test.

Our fall semester ends December 14, we are concerned with getting scores back before the semester ends. Our students have to submit Cycle 1 on October 25th and Cycle 2 on November 15th.

The CalTPA was envisioned to be embedded over the duration of a preliminary preparation program such that candidates would have the opportunity to receive feedback from their first cycle before submitting their second cycle. While programs may elect to have their candidates complete and submit both cycles this fall over consecutive submission windows, it will not allow sufficient time for feedback to candidates, which could be problematic for candidates who don't meet the passing standard for each cycle.

Is there an official name for this new CalTPA we should be using?

CalTPA (a.k.a. the Commission's model teaching performance assessment).

Is it possible to view the field test platform to get an idea if we didn't complete the field test?

The field test platform is no longer active; however, the [CalTPA Prepare web page](#) has several resources under the **Using the ePortfolio System** section that may help to provide insight into how the platform looks and functions.