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edTPA Essentials

What's new—and why it matters

Educator Assessment

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Why is edTPA being redeveloped?

- To reflect today's teaching contexts and policy realities
- To allow for a more flexible, streamlined, rigorous assessment
- To reduce redundancy
- To respond to changing State legislation
  - Science of Reading (SoR) requirements
  - High-quality instructional materials (HQIM)
- To reshape instructional decision making

edTPA vs. edTPA Essentials

Feature	edTPA	edTPA Essentials
Number of Tasks	3 or 4 tasks	2 Tasks: Instructional Decision Making & Implementation, Assessment & Analyzing Student Learning
Number of Handbooks	32 Handbooks	5 Handbooks: Early Childhood; Multiple Subject; Single Subject; Special Education Multiple Subject; Special Education Single Subject.
Number of Rubrics	13,15, and 18 Rubrics	12 Rubrics (6 per task)
Rubric Alignment	Unaligned rubric progression expectations across all fields	Aligned rubric progression expectations across all fields
Continuity	Complete in a single class	Each task can be completed in a separate class
Added Features		High-quality instructional materials—HQIM, Universal Design for Learning—UDL, Muti-tiered system of support—MTSS
Cost	$300/paid at registration	$150/task (May be paid separately if tasks are completed separately)
Score	13 rubrics (32)/15 rubrics (37) 18 rubrics (440	12 rubrics (Task 1:—6 rubrics (10)/Task 2:--6 rubrics (10) Based on 2024-25 national data

Support and Standard Setting

- **The edTPA Essentials Program Guidebook and the edTPA Essentials assessment materials**
- **Purchase Right Start course**
- **Free, on-demand recordings highlighting major features and requirements of the assessment.**
- **Regular meetings for EPPs and LEAs hosted by Pearson**
- **Opportunities to provide feedback through surveys, meetings, and focus groups**
- **Standard setting study—early summer 2027 (Alabama candidate scores included)**