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Important Dates & Reminders

Due to the events from Hurricane Helene, all September assignments will be accepted at a later date. More information to come.

December 6, 2024: Last day of Residency I

- 135 hours completed and approved by mentor teachers
- All Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark requirements should be completed (observations, assessments, candidate performance assessment, etc).

Reminders:

- Candidates must submit each lesson plan 2 days prior to an observation to allow the mentor teacher time to review it.
- See the Observation and Evaluation Schedule to keep up-to-date with lesson plan and other assessment deadlines.
- Refer to the Residency Key Roles to make sure you are keeping up with residency candidate and mentor expectations.

Residency Spotlight

ETSU Occupational Licensure Teacher awarded Novice Teacher Of The Year

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Swinney A Tenn. Novice Teacher Of The Year



Jamy Swinney, left, is shown with Lizzette Reynolds, Tennessee Commissioner of Education.

GTC Instructor 1 Of 10 Recognized Across The State

Jamy Swinney, cosmetology teacher at Greene Technology Center (GTC), has been selected as one of 10 Tennessee Novice Teachers of the Year, GTC announced in a press release.

Swinney was recognized Aug. 23 at the 2024 Excellence in Education 65th Sapphire Anniversary Celebration in Nashville.

The Tennessee Department of Education announced the inaugural Novice Tennessee Teacher of

the Year awardees. This recognition was implemented to celebrate and recognize the wealth of excellent novice teachers in Tennessee. Winners from each CORE region and major municipalities were recognized, the press release explained.

As one of 10 honorees from across the state, Swinney will serve as an ambassador for new teachers in the state, offering guidance, mentorship, and advice to help shape the next generation of educators.

"I am deeply honored and grateful to have been recognized as one of the Novice Teachers of the Year," Swinney said. "I want to express my heartfelt thanks to my kind, talented, and patient students, who have supported me and inspired me every day. They

are the reason I love what I do. Being surrounded by exceptional educators at the Excellence in Education Celebration has given me new aspirations and goals to strive for."

Aaron Flanary, principal at GTC, said, "One of Jamy's greatest strengths lies in her ability to tailor her teaching methods to meet the diverse needs of her students. We applaud Jamy for not only the outstanding job she does in the classroom but also for receiving this award."

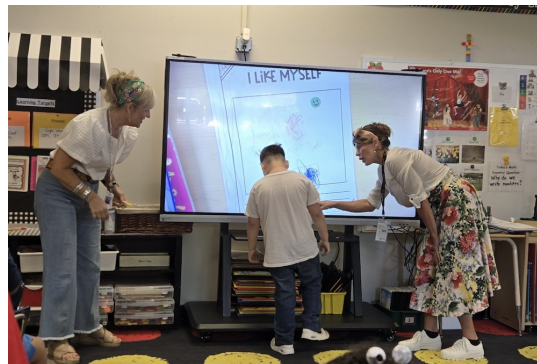
David McLain, director of Schools of Greene County Schools, stated, "In Greene County, we are very proud of Jamy. Due to her coming from a family of strong educators and marrying

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Congratulations Jamy Swinney!

Residency Spotlight

Clisty Trent, with her mentor teacher Tami Laxon, shared a lesson on loving ourselves and the standards of story elements in their kindergarten classroom at Andrew Jackson Elementary School in Kingsport City.



"She presented with such confidence, was very well spoken, and just all around....WOW. She hit on vocabulary development with cue cards before reading the story, "I Like Myself," and her questioning during the reading of the story was developmentally appropriate while having high expectations for these young learners. They discussed the front cover, back cover, main idea, big vocab words, and made several inferences throughout. After the story, the class made a list of things they liked about themselves, and one statement that really stuck out was when a little girl said she liked that she (herself) was caring."

Video Permission Forms

Video permission forms are required for any type of recording that residency candidates do in the classroom. This includes assignments, lesson plans, and edTPA.

Candidates are responsible for keeping record of all video permission forms for the entire residency year. The [Video Permission Roster](#) should be completed and uploaded to Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark by September 30.

Below are links to the English and Spanish versions of the Video Permission Letter.

[English Video Permission Letter](#)

[Spanish Video Permission Letter](#)

A digital version of both formats can be found on the [Residency Information](#) webpage under Handbook & Forms.

Substitute Teaching Guidelines

- Residency Candidates **are allowed to complete substitute teaching whenever they are available and accept a position. This is considered a part-time job for our candidates, and they are unable to count the hours paid for substitute teaching toward their Residency I hours.**
- Residency Candidates that are in specific programs such as the RITE and KAT programs will follow their specified guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines and requirements, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation using the contacts below or check in the [Residency Handbook](#).

Praxis Subject Assessments

In order to advance to Residency II, candidates will need to have taken all required Praxis exams for your program of study. All score reports need to be received by the Office of Educator Preparation no later than December 20 to advanced to Residency II.

Please check with ETS Praxis for the correct Praxis exams that are required in Tennessee using the link below:

- <https://www.ets.org/praxis/site.html>
 - Whether testing at home or at a testing center, be sure that both ETSU (**TEST CODE 1198**) and TN Dept. of Education (**TEST CODE 8190**) are listed as recipients, as they will **NOT** automatically send, and there will be an additional fee to send them to a recipient at a later date.
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Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark

Student Learning & Licensure (SL&L) by Watermark is a platform that allows residency candidates, instructors, mentors, and supervisors to create, share, and collaborate on educational curricula. Candidates can upload their work and other documents to share with their instructors and other stakeholders.

During the residency year, candidates, mentor teachers, and university supervisors will connect on this shared space, complete observations and assessments, and upload additional documents (reflection summaries, performance checklist, etc.) related to the candidates' residency placement. Candidates will also log their residency hours in SL&L by Watermark so their mentor teachers can approve and university supervisors can monitor.

Accessing Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark Login:

1. The log in site can be found on the ERTC's [website](#)
2. Use your ETSU username and password to log in to Student Learning & Licensure
3. If you cannot log in, you will need to reset your password [here](#).

All residency candidates should be logging their clinical hours on a weekly basis. Your mentor teacher will review and approve these hours at the end of each week. You should also follow the school protocol for signing in and out of the school each day. If you are going to be absent or tardy, you should at minimum, send one email notifying your ETSU supervisor and mentor

teacher and school office or principal.

Candidates should also upload the completed Residency Candidate Performance Checklist and Mentor and Candidate Discussion Summary and it has been reviewed and signed by both the candidate and mentor.

If you or your mentor teacher are having difficulty accessing SL&L by Watermark, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation immediately so the issue can be resolved. It is important that you are logging your hours and these are being approved by your mentor.

Communication

The Office of Educator Preparation continues to try to improve the communication efforts with residency candidates. We offer updates regularly in our monthly Residency Newsletter and on our website.

Office of Educator Preparation

- Warf Pickel, Room 305, Open Monday - Friday between 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

ETSU Residency Candidate website

- <https://www.etsu.edu/coe/educator-preparation/residency/residency-candidate-information.php>
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