

## **Innovative Educator Preparation Commendations**

### **Response to submitted questions**

*Updated 10/1/2020*

As noted in the call, all application materials must be submitted together via email to [innovative\\_epp@tea.texas.gov](mailto:innovative_epp@tea.texas.gov). Incomplete applications will not be considered. Materials submitted following the initial submission will not be considered. This process does not provide for iterative reviews. All documentation must be submitted in .pdf or .docx form. Links to documentation will not be accepted. Submit only final versions. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2020.

The questions below were submitted to [innovative\\_epp@tea.texas.gov](mailto:innovative_epp@tea.texas.gov) by September 25, 2020. Per the call, this was the deadline for clarifying questions. Responses are included below.

#### **Question**

*Thank you for including information about the Innovative Educator Preparation Commendations Call for Application Materials in the last TEA EPP Newsletter. In the call, a list of application materials is included:*

*Application Requirements A complete set of materials includes the following:*

- 1. Completed Category 4: Innovative Educator Preparation Program Recognition Checklist*
- 2. Executive Summary: a description of the program's innovative practices in authentic, practice-based educator preparation*
- 3. Explanation of related programmatic values and goals {updated 8-27-20}*
- 4. Description of the implementation of current practices as part of a continuous improvement effort*
- 5. Documentation demonstrating success including measurable outcomes and outputs a. Outcomes must be specific and measurable. Include data. b. Outcomes should indicate fulfillment of purpose and program. c. Outcomes should note long-term impact.*
- 6. Supporting information from candidates, LEAs, and other EPP partners*
- 7. Peer-reviewed research identifying the EPP practices as best practices in the field*

*I wanted to clarify whether this list counts as the application itself, or whether there is a separate, official application form.*

#### **Response**

There is not a separate application form; the items on the list constitute the application.

#### **Question**

*Does the Innovative Educator Preparation Commendations apply to an M.Ed. in Special Education with Educational Diagnostician Certification? Our M.Ed. in SPED (Ed. Diagnostician) gives a graduate a Texas Educational Diagnostician state certification.*

#### **Response**

The call does not specify teacher certification classes only, so applications that include non-teacher classes may be considered. Importantly, EPP commendations are awarded at the EPP level, rather than at the level of individual certificate classes or categories offered by the EPP.