

DESE MoPTA for Faculty

New Questions/Information – 9/28/15

Q: Can we use electronic signatures on the professional competency profile?

A: Yes, you may do this if you wish. You will have to make sure that you choose the PDF option, capture the signature on a piece of paper, scan and save the signature and then insert this into your document.

Q: Will candidates be emailed scores for each task or will they need to login the MoPTA website to access their scores?

A: Score reports will be available online only, via your online account. All teacher candidates working with the same submission window will receive their scores at the same time.

Q: When scoring task 1, where do I enter the score?

A: The EPP instructor and cooperating teacher are to provide feedback. Since Task 1 is formative, it will not be scored online by raters and will not be part of your cumulative score for this performance assessment. However, this task is necessary and required for the candidate to move on to Tasks 2, 3, and 4.

Q: “1” is a very low standard. My students were trying very hard on Task 1 until they found out that they only needed a 1. Is this going to skew the norms very low?

A: No, the EPP instructor and cooperating teacher provide feedback for this task. Developing the responses to Task 1 sets the tone for the rest of the MoPTA. What the teacher candidate learns while completing Task 1 will affect the approach he/she takes in the completion of the other 3 tasks.

Q: How do we handle candidate health issues that arise during this process?

A: Candidate health issues need to be brought to the attention of our office ASAP and we will work with ETS and these will be handled on an individual basis.