MISSION AND FUNCTIONS

The mission of the UNT Educator Preparation Advisory Council is to serve as a coordinating unit for programs that lead to state certification for educators or provide for advanced study by certified educators who seek to improve their practice. The Educator Preparation Advisory Council reports to the College of Education Executive Committee, through the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation. Functions of the Educator Preparation Advisory Council include the following:

- Advise the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation.
- Establish, disseminate, and monitor the conceptual framework(s) of the UNT programs and policies that pertain to them or to clusters of programs.
- Assure that UNT programs are designed to meet appropriate institutional, state, and national standards and are evaluated through the unit assessment system.
- Provide a forum for consideration of data for improvement of the operation of the unit.
- Monitor curriculum changes that impact programs of the unit and approve proposed addition or deletion of programs.
- Consider and, as appropriate, advance to the university and partner school communities programs or policies that have the potential to improve the learning of P-12 students or to promote college and career readiness.

MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Educator Preparation Advisory Council include a faculty representative of each of the initial programs for teacher certification, advanced programs for teacher’s certification, and other professional educator certification programs offered at UNT, and ex officio members to include the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation, the Dean of the College of Education, the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research, the Director of the Office of Teacher Preparation, the Director of Clinical Practice, the Assistant Dean for Educator Certification and

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Undergraduate Programs, the Coordinator for Accreditation Research, the Director for Accreditation and Compliance, and the Foliotek Unit Administrator.

Educator Preparation Advisory Council is convened by the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation in the College of Education. The Council may designate committees or task forces to accomplish its business.

Meetings

Educator Preparation Advisory Council shall meet at least once per year. Minutes shall be kept of meetings and made available to faculty of the unit.

Sub-Committees

Educator Preparation Advisory Council has the following sub-committees:

- **Curriculum and Assessment Committee**
  - A standing committee that oversees annual program evaluation and the systematic plan for continuous improvement.
  - Comprised of the Associate Dean for Educator Preparation, Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Curriculum of the College of Arts and Sciences, representatives from initial andadvanced certification programs, Director of the Office of Teacher Preparation, Teacher Education & Administration chairperson, and a representative from each College of Education Department, Director of Clinical Practice, Coordinator for Accreditation Research, Director for Accreditation and Compliance, Foliotek Unit Administrator, and a representative from the Student Advising Office.

- **Clinical Practice Advisory Council**
  - A working committee that serves as the coordinating unit responsible for communication between UNT and its district partners.
  - Comprised of the Associate Dean of Educator Preparation, the Director of Clinical Practice, faculty members, members of Regions 10 and/or 11 Education Service Centers, representatives of partner school districts, business partners and/or professional community members, and the Foliotek Unit Administrator.