

## edTPA FAQs

(Some may be specific to Physical Education but *still relevant to all*)

1. How many classes/units does edTPA require:
  - a. One class (or 25 students from a larger class); one unit
  - b. “Unit” needs to be 3-5 connected lessons
  - c. Each lesson needs to be connected to the other, with a “central focus” (explained in your handbook)
2. How long should each commentary be?
  - a. There is only a limit set on the maximum number of pages; however, each response to the prompts should be THOROUGH and WELL WRITTEN
3. Is the writing (grammar, spelling etc.) important?
  - a. Portfolios are not graded on quality of writing; however, better quality of writing will improve clarity of responses and commentary
4. What happens if I don’t get permission to videotape all students?
  - a. Must make sure all students who are not to be videotaped are not in the shot; **or**
  - b. Can use editing software to blur faces
5. What happens if I just don’t get a permission to videotape form returned but the student can be videotaped?
  - a. Not getting the form is the same as the parent/guardian denying permission to videotape
6. Can I edit the video?
  - a. Task 2 video – check your handbook, but generally one or two clips, no more than 20 minutes total. Sub titles can be added (if audio is not clear); other than that clips should not be edited – they should each be one take
  - b. Task 3 video – can be several different clips for each video file – no more than 5 minutes total each.
7. Do I have to include data in my assessment commentary?
  - a. Yes for physical education – this should be inserted into the Task 3/Assessment Commentary. *For everyone else, it is strongly encouraged!*
8. How do I choose my 3 focus students?
  - a. For PE, there does not have to be a student with special needs, however one of the focus students should have some psychomotor challenges/be a low achiever. *Everyone should check your handbook for guidance.*
9. What are the biggest problems with edTPA?
  - a. Video – rotating the camera during filming – turns video on its side-Use landscape throughout;
  - b. Video – not enough video evidence with focus students
  - c. Video – downloading and compressing – NOTE – as of Fall 2017, this is now to be done using the lab in James Hall using Rowan equipment and technical supervision
  - d. Assessment – Insufficient data collected, or data is too vague/general.
  - e. Research/Theory- not cited
10. When do I know I’m finished?
  - a. Look at the checklist
  - b. Have your supervisor check for completeness before submitting