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Dear Student:

You may have heard about LiveText and are wondering what it is and why you are required to have an account. As a student enrolled in a TCNJ professional program, you are automatically subscribed to LiveText, an electronic portfolio and assessment system. The program is used in the School for two purposes:

1. to submit your edTPA portfolio as required by the state to qualify for teaching certification, and
2. to gather data about student learning to maintain accreditation by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

edTPA Portfolio Submission

As of Fall 2017, students seeking initial teaching certification in New Jersey must submit a detailed portfolio to meet the state's performance assessment requirement. This portfolio-based assessment (known as edTPA) is submitted to Pearson via the LiveText Integrated Platform during your culminating clinical experience and documents your student teaching performance. You will be given ample notice and support for completing this requirement. The first step in edTPA submission is to complete your LiveText registration; further details are provided under the Registration heading.

CAEP Accreditation

One or more of the courses in your professional program will require you to submit assignments in LiveText. The purpose of this submission and the rubric-based assessments is to collect data for CAEP accreditation assessments. The College uses this data to continuously improve the quality of its programs and maintain its prestige and national accreditation as the State of New Jersey requires of all teacher education programs. Furthermore, this accreditation enhances the value of your TCNJ degree in the marketplace.

Additional benefits

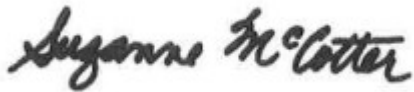
For five years, you will have a secure location to create, maintain, and share personalized portfolios that spotlight key assignments, standards, and work samples that you have completed in your program. LiveText offers resources and tools, such as lesson plan and rubric templates, to support your portfolio development. When it is time to interview, you can share the electronic portfolio with school administrators.

Registration

For these reasons, you are required to maintain a LiveText account. Every student in a professional program at TCNJ is assessed a one-time fee of \$139 which is paid via your tuition bill. Payment and registration subscribes you to an account for a five year period. When you are enrolled in a course with a CAEP assessment, you will receive an email from LiveText containing your unique registration link. Click the link to complete the registration process. Detailed instructions for registering for LiveText can be found here: <https://education.tcnj.edu/about-the-school/accreditation/livetext-faq/>

If you still have questions regarding LiveText, please consult with Corey Drake, School of Education LiveText Coordinator, at 609-771-2381 or drakec1@tcnj.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne McCotter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Suzanne McCotter, Ph.D.

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