

Teach for America Nashville

2015 Report Card on the Effectiveness of Education Preparation Providers (EPPs)

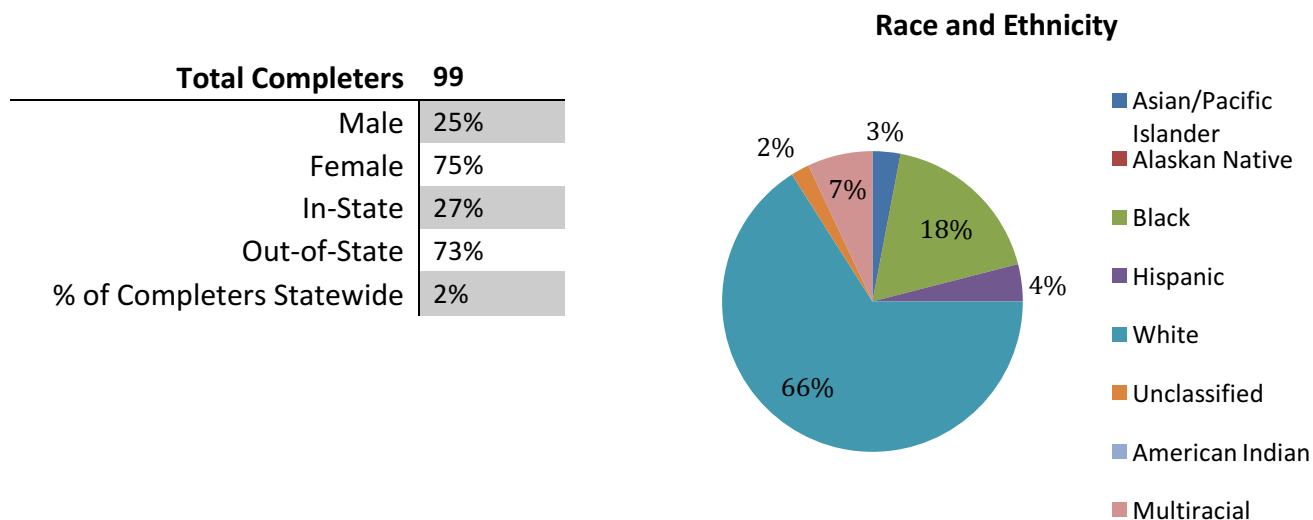


Teach for America began placing corps members in Greater Nashville in 2009. Corps members are required to pass content-specific Praxis exams and take courses at Lipscomb University specifically designed for TFA in order to receive a transitional teaching license. Corps members have the option of earning a master’s of education degree at Lipscomb University by taking additional courses while completing their two year teaching obligation.

Location: Nashville, TN

Institution Type:	Alternative Provider
Accreditation:	N/A
Most Frequent Endorsement Issued:	Middle

2013-2014 EPP Completer Demographics



Academic Credential	Completers	Most Frequent Academic Major
Bachelor’s Degree & License	0	
Master’s Degree & License	0	
Non-degree Licensure	99	

Initial License Type

Teacher preparation program completers generally receive one of two types of initial license: Apprentice or Transitional. The Apprentice license is a full license, valid for five years, and renewable. The Transitional license is a provisional license issued at the request of a local education agency. Transitionally licensed teachers complete licensure requirements while employed. The Transitional license is issued for one year and may only be renewed twice. Transitional license candidates must hold a Bachelor’s degree; however, the degree might have been conferred by an institution other than the educator preparation provider recommending the candidate for licensure. To receive either an Apprentice or Transitional license, an individual must hold a bachelor’s degree from a regionally-accredited university and have demonstrated competency in the subject matter for which the candidate is seeking licensure.

Initial License Type	Completers
Apprentice	0
Transitional	99
Total	99

2013-2014 EPP Completer Academic Information

Below is a summary of academic performance of completers prior to and during preparation. Standardized test averages and percentages reported are calculated based on the relevant degree-level tests. Only degree-seeking students are included. *Note: Data is not provided for measures where there are less than 5 completers.*

	Average All Completers		Range All Completers	Average Apprentice		Average Transitional		State Average All Completers	
	Average	N	Min-Max	Average	N	Average	N	Average	N
Final GPA								3.58	3813
Major GPA								3.64	1656
High School GPA								3.43	1968
ACT Composite								23.1	2056
ACT Reading								23.8	1897
ACT Science								22.5	1897
ACT English								23.8	1906
ACT Math								21.7	1906
SAT Cumulative								1141	258
SAT Math								570	247
SAT Verbal								567	248
GRE Composite								1078	250
GRE Math								561	268
GRE Verbal								510	269
MAT Score								403	249

2013-2014 EPP Completer Licensure Assessment Data

Candidates for a Tennessee teaching license are required to demonstrate basic academic competencies. Candidates generally fulfill this requirement through standardized test scores. The most common standardized tests utilized are the ACT/SAT or the Core Academic Skills for Educators (Core) Reading, Writing, and Math assessments. In addition, Tennessee requires all teacher candidates seeking licensure take the Principles of Learning and Teaching (PLT) exam and specific content area exams. *Note: The pass rate is not provided if there were less than 5 test takers.*

Core Academic Skills for Educators	Qualifying Score	Average Score	Pass Rate
Core Reading	156		
Core Writing	162		
Core Math	150		

Principles of Learning and Teaching	Number Taken	Number Passed	Pass Rate
Total Program Completers			
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Retention Data (Cohorts 2010-2013)

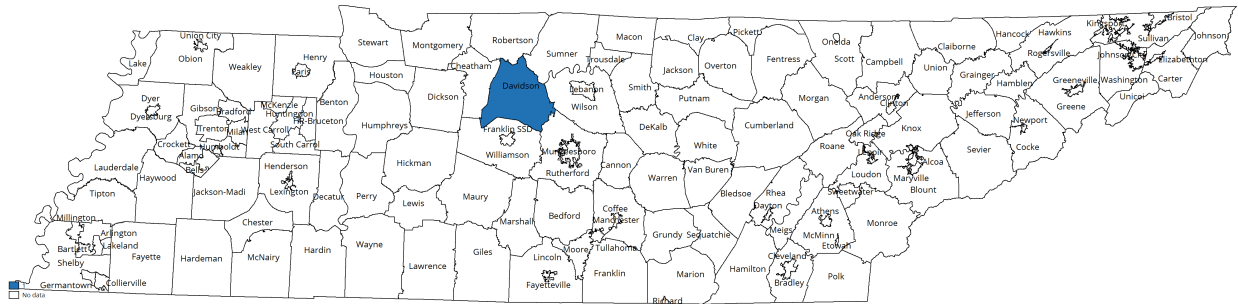
Placement and Retention data reflects the rates of completers for each cohort year listed. The data is based on the program completers in the Personnel Information Reporting System (PIRS). The years below refer to the number of years since the individuals have been eligible to teach. Therefore, the data helps to inform the rate at which an institution's graduates enter and remain in the teaching field in Tennessee public schools. Teaching three out of four years is included to account for the teachers who may leave the profession for a year but do return (e.g. for maternity leave or FMLA).

Cohort Year	Number of Completers	Teaching in Year 1	Teaching in Year 2	Teaching in Year 3	Teaching 3 out of 4 Years
2010-2011	99	80.8%	85.9%	56.5%	54.3%
2011-2012	102	84.3%	90.2%	66.3%	
2012-2013	105	83.8%	90.5%		
2013-2014	99	98.0%			

2013-2014 EPP Completer Placement Information

The following table and map show the number of completers placed by district in the 2014-2015 school year in Tennessee public schools.

Districts	Completers Placed
<i>Achievement School District</i>	1
<i>Davidson County</i>	96



Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) Analysis

TVAAS analysis compares the effectiveness of an EPP’s beginning completers (individuals with 1-3 years of experience) in terms of contribution to student achievement growth to other groups of teachers in the state. Analysis is based on one year estimates of t-value of teacher effects in the 2013-2014 school year. *Note: Data is not provided for measures where there are less than 5 completers.*

TVAAS Statewide Teacher Comparison: The average effectiveness of beginning teachers who completed a training program at this EPP as compared to the average effectiveness of teachers statewide in terms of contribution to student achievement growth.

TVAAS EPP Comparison: The average effectiveness of beginning teachers who completed a program at this EPP as compared to the mean of the average effectiveness for beginning teachers from all teacher EPPs in Tennessee in terms of contribution to student achievement growth.

Apprentice License Teachers

Subject	Statewide Comparison	EPP Comparison	Teachers	EPPs Statewide
TCAP Composite (grades 4-8)				32
• Math				27
• Reading/Language				30
• Science				23
EOC Composite (High School)				24
• Algebra I				9
• Algebra II				4
• Biology				4
• Chemistry				2
• English I				8
• English II				7
• English III				7

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Transitional License Teachers

Subject	Statewide Comparison	EPP Comparison	Teachers	EPPs Statewide
TCAP Composite (grades 4-8)	+	+	114	9
• Math			38	7
• Reading/Language	+	+	64	6
• Science	+	+	38	5
EOC Composite (High School)			45	13
• Algebra I			15	5
• Algebra II				3
• Biology			6	4
• Chemistry			9	4
• English I			6	3
• English II			8	3
• English III				1

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Apprentice and Transitional License Teachers

Subject	Statewide Comparison	EPP Comparison	Teachers	EPPs Statewide
TCAP Composite (grades 4-8)	+	+	114	35
• Math			38	30
• Reading/Language	+	+	64	33
• Science	+	+	38	28
EOC Composite (High School)			45	31
• Algebra I		+	15	16
• Algebra II				8
• Biology			6	9
• Chemistry			9	10
• English I			6	11
• English II			8	11
• English III				8

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Tennessee Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) Analysis

Statewide Distribution: The percentage of beginning teachers (1-3 years of experience) from this EPP who fall into either the lowest or highest effectiveness quintile. Quintiles are based upon the statewide distribution of the t-value of teacher effects in the 2013-2014 school year. *Note: Data is not provided for measures where there are less than 5 completers.*

Apprentice License Teachers

Subject	Below 20 th Percentile	Statistically Significant	Above 80 th Percentile	Statistically Significant	Teachers
TCAP Composite (grades 4-8)					
• Math					
• Reading/ Language					
• Science					
EOC Composite (High School)					
• Algebra I					
• Algebra II					
• Biology					
• Chemistry					
• English I					
• English II					
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Transitional License Teachers

Subject	Below 20 th Percentile	Statistically Significant	Above 80 th Percentile	Statistically Significant	Teachers
TCAP Composite (grades 4-8)	15.79		25.44		114
• Math	26.32		23.68		38
• Reading/ Language	17.19		31.25	+	64
• Science	10.53		36.84	+	38
EOC Composite (High School)	22.22		26.67		45
• Algebra I	13.33		40	+	15
• Algebra II					
• Biology	16.67		33.33		6
• Chemistry	11.11		33.33		9
• English I	50	-	50	+	6
• English II	37.5		25		8
• English III					

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• Biology	16.67		33.33		6
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• English I	50	-	50	+	6
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