

Dear School of Education Student,

Greetings to each of you! I hope you are having a healthy and productive semester. I am writing to announce the School of Education's upcoming transition to a new student assessment system, called **Tk20**, for students in selected programs.

First and foremost, Tk20 provides a toolkit that helps you showcase your educational experience, growth, proficiencies, and accomplishments. Also, Tk20 connects your experience to ongoing professional development as an alumnus/a and provides continued access after graduation.

Specifically, the Tk20 system enables you to:

1. Upload or create required files and assignments (text, video, and audio) online that will be available for access and use beyond graduation. Faculty and cooperating professionals are able to assess your work in the system and provide annotated feedback directly on document and video files. This feature allows you to present documented performance data and information to prospective employers, who are increasingly interested in data-supported evidence of an individual's current and potential performance.
2. Easily access a fully documented record of your internship or field experience and any artifacts or evaluations associated with your work in these areas of practice.
3. Complete program and field experience evaluations in the Tk20 platform to provide feedback to faculty and cooperating professionals in schools and agencies.
4. Create multimedia electronic portfolios, documenting your work for presentation to faculty and prospective employers. This may be of great benefit to you as you seek your first job or if you are working on professional advancement by enabling you to build your electronic career portfolio over time.
5. Help support our institutional and program-level accountability and reporting to stakeholders and accreditors.

Beginning this fall, Tk20 will be implemented with all counselor education students. In spring 2016, the Tk20 system will be required for all students newly admitted to initial licensure and advanced preparation licensure programs.

A one-time \$100 student subscription fee\* is required for use of Tk20. Please review the attached table to determine if the subscription requirement applies to you and your program. Students admitted for the spring 2016 semester for the programs indicated are required to purchase a seven-year Tk20 subscription, which will be assessed as part of the university tuition and fees billing system.

If you have any questions about the Tk20 system or the one-time user fee, please contact Dr. Angie Wetzels or Mr. David Spivey in the Office of Assessment ([soeassess@vcu.edu](mailto:soeassess@vcu.edu)).

Thank you, in advance, for your support as we implement Tk20 to support continuous improvement of programs in the School of Education, and best wishes for the semester.

\*\$100 is the student subscription fee beginning in Summer 2016 and has been revised since the original announcement was distributed.

### Tk20 Student Subscription Requirements by Program

Program Name	Students matriculating prior to January 1, 2016	Students matriculating*† after January 1, 2016
<b>Initial Licensure Programs</b>		
MT - Early/Elementary	Exempt	Subscription required
MT - Secondary English	Exempt	Subscription required
MT - Secondary History/Social Studies	Exempt	Subscription required
MT - Secondary Mathematics	Exempt	Subscription required
MT - Secondary Science	Exempt	Subscription required
MT - Secondary History/Social Studies	Exempt	Subscription required
MED - Special Education: Early Childhood	Exempt	Subscription required
MED - Special Education: General Education	Exempt	Subscription required
<b>Advanced Programs</b>		
MED – Educational Leadership: Administration & Supervision	Exempt	Subscription required
PMC – Educational Leadership	Exempt	Subscription required
MED - Reading	Exempt	Subscription required
PMC - Reading Specialist	Exempt	Subscription required
MED - Counselor Education: School Counseling	Reduced rate subscription required	Subscription required
<b>Other Programs</b>		
MED - Counselor Education: College Student Development	Reduced rate subscription required	Subscription required
PhD - Counselor Education	Reduced rate subscription required	Subscription required

\*Initial Licensure students will be required to purchase their license at admission to teacher preparation.

†Advanced program students and students in the MED in Counselor Education College Student Development track and PhD in Counselor Education programs will be required to purchase their license upon matriculation to their first course in the program.