

### Title III

## Teacher Education Advisement and Partnership Center (TEAP-C)

### Message from the Director

[The Teacher Education Advisement and Partnership Center \(TEAP-C\)](#), part of the Department of Professional Education and Music, welcomes you. TEAP-C provides support to both pre-admitted and admitted students in the Educator Preparation Program (EPP) as they pursue their teaching degree and license. Some of the services offered by TEAP-C include:

- Preparing pre-admitted education candidates to understand and meet eligibility requirements for admission into the EPP in Professional Education.
- Provide informational sessions for requirements in all teacher licensure and non-licensure programs provided in Professional Education.
- Facilitate student professional development sessions to enhance preservice teacher disposition and assist with test-taking skills, study questions, and practice testing for the Ohio Assessment for Educators (OAE) state exams in professional knowledge, content, and foundations of reading.
- Develop partnerships with Ohio, distance PK-12 schools, and community colleges to provide information for the EPP at Central State University, to increase retention for first-year college students, and provide career opportunities to students in the EPP pursuing Professional Education degrees and licensure.



Through TEAP-C resources, students can successfully develop and prepare for the teaching profession, maximize their skills learned, and succeed as novice teachers.

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Director, TEAP-C

## Section I: Advising



The Teacher Education Advisement and Partnership Center (TEAP-C) assists in all Professional Education programs to ensure academic success. TEAP-C supports Central State University's Strategic Plan for Academic Excellence by offering student support in advising, guidance in the admissions process to the EPP, assisting pre-service teachers in meeting program requirements, providing study resources and preparation for the OAE, and developing partnerships to support students' career success. These initiatives help Central State University retain students and provide them with quality services.

TEAP-C supports preservice teachers from admissions to the EPP through graduation by providing intrusive advising, ensuring students' academic success as they pursue Professional Education licensure degrees.

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Program Manager, TEAP-C



## Section II: Partnership

TEAP-C has developed partnerships with Ohio and out-of-state PK-12 school districts and community colleges to provide professional development opportunities for pre-service teachers, including workshops on interviewing skills, resume writing, and dispositions. Students' mental health is key to academic success. Therefore, TEAP-C partnered with Dr. Henry Benton from the University of Notre Dame to provide Grounded Growth, a two-day workshop series that addresses student burnout, supports systems, and fosters emotional exploration. Additionally, TEAP-C provides opportunities for local Ohio middle and high school students to learn more about TEAP-C, the teaching profession, and Professional Education degree programs through the TEAP-C Professional Education: Educator Preparation Summit for four years. The 4th Annual Summit had 8 schools register, and 242 students attended, the highest number of attendees from the prior three summits, indicating interest in TEAP-C initiatives, Professional Education degree programs, and CSU. Additionally, the keynote speakers for the 4th annual summit were Daneé Pinckney, 2025 Ohio Teacher of the Year, and Justin Stone, 2025 District 3 Teacher of the Year. Likewise, TEAP-C partnered with Sinclair Community College to create an articulation agreement for the Early Childhood Education degree program to streamline more students from associates degree to a bachelor's of science degree and a teaching license in Early Childhood Education at CSU.





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