Handling “Unscorable” edTPA Projects

The purpose of this document is to establish procedures for determining the student teaching grade for candidates with unscorable edTPA products. An unscorable product is determined by the number of condition codes the candidate receives on their work product.

This document describes how condition codes are assigned, what they might mean, and how candidates with unscorable products because of excessive condition codes will be handled.

1. What is a condition code?
Condition codes are letter codes given to tasks or parts of tasks in the edTPA project that are evaluated as being incomplete or insufficient to be properly scored by the trained SCALE/Pearson edTPA reviewer. A list of the current condition codes is included at the end of this document.

2. Why does this concern us?
The established scoring procedures for computing candidate’s official scores was recently changed. Beginning this fall 2015, edTPA products that receive more than two condition codes on any single task will be rated as “unscorable” and no number score will be provided. We need to determine, then, what to share with candidates and a procedure for calculating the student teaching grade for this students.

Beginning in spring 2017, all candidates must receive a passing edTPA score as determined by official SCALE/Pearson scoring for a licensure recommendation. Therefore, any candidate whose edTPA final product is rated as “uncscorable” will be required to revise and resubmit the edTPA product at the candidate’s own expense. Candidates will receive a grade of Incomplete in the student teaching course until the score report is received. All university policies regarding a grade of Incomplete apply.

3. What are candidates doing/not doing to receive condition codes?
This is not easy to pinpoint; some of the code language is ambiguous. Common problems are that directions are not followed for Task 1, video samples in Task 2 do not provide clear pictures or audio, and/or Task 3 student or teacher materials may not be legible.

4. Is receiving multiple condition codes a common occurrence?
During the AY 2014-15, less than 20 candidates (out of 479 submissions) received multiple conditions codes. However, even with such a low number, there must be a plan to address these projects without official scores while edTPA is not yet required for licensure. (Note: beginning in spring 2017, all candidates must receive an official, passing edTPA score to receive a licensure recommendation.)

5. How will “unscorable products” be dealt with?
For Fall 2015, Spring 2016, and Fall 2016 semesters:
OFE faculty and edTPA support faculty will work directly with candidates to determine the cause of the condition code(s). Faculty will review the candidate materials and determine what candidates need to do to correct the problems. Once the candidate has corrected their edTPA product, the candidate will submit their corrected work to OFE for local evaluation. At least TWO separate OFE reviewers will compare scores to properly assess candidates. While not an official score, this local evaluation will enable us to evaluate candidate work and determine a student teaching grade during these transition semesters.

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Beginning in Spring 2017 semester:
OFE faculty and edTPA support faculty will work directly with candidates to determine the cause of the condition code(s). Faculty will review the candidate materials and determine what candidates need to do to correct the problems. Once the candidate has corrected their edTPA product, the candidate will resubmit their corrected work to SCALE/Pearson for rescoring. The cost of resubmission will be assumed by the candidate. The official score report must reflect a passing edTPA score for the candidate to receive a licensure recommendation and the final student teaching course grade.

Please note that university policies regarding a grade of Incomplete allow candidates one year for resolution; after that time, an Incomplete is converted to a grade of F (undergraduate) or U (graduate).

6. As the primary contact for student teachers, what do University Supervisors need to tell candidates?

Scores for the projects submitted by the established deadlines will be available by the report date via email to candidates. Supervisors will receive the list of candidate scores from the COED Office of Assessment and Accreditation. Any candidate who receives an “unscorable” rating will receive a separate email from Dr. Tom Fisher, along with a set of directions for exactly what to do next. Dr. Fisher and Dr. Laura Hart will be collaborating on these processes.

Please share with your candidates the following information:

- Candidates should not panic if they receive an “unscorable” product. We will work diligently with them to resolve the issues. We are here to support them.
- Candidates who receive “unscorable” ratings will receive an email with directions on uploading their edTPA portfolio to Taskstream so that it may be accessed by university faculty. They will also receive directions for coming to campus to meet with faculty and review their work samples.
- Our goal will be for candidates to revise and resubmit their work products for scoring in time for final grades to be submitted.

Please contact Dr. Tom Fisher or Dr. Laura Hart if you have any questions about this process. Dr. Tom Fisher will be the primary OFE contact for this work.

Rubric Score Values and Condition Codes
Rubric scores are detailed in the edTPA Handbooks and the values are 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. If a scorer is unable to assign a score, a condition code is assigned. The following table explains the condition codes. Complete descriptions of these codes are available at [http://www.edTPA.com](http://www.edTPA.com).

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<td>Video technical issues; unplayable</td>
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