Implementation Information

edTPA Coordinators Monthly Calls

At the beginning of the pilot of edTPA, each participating educator preparation program (EPP) designated an edTPA Coordinator who was the “point person” for each EPP. Early on in the pilot, CSDE conducted monthly “edTPA Coordinator” calls to discuss issues, resources, implementation tidbits, etc. A SCALE staff person also attended each phone call. For the 1st three years of the pilot, questions were largely implementation types of questions. This past year (2018 to 2019), more of the conversation was toward what we are learning, how are we using the data, and suggestions on things that one EPP might have found helpful. Clearly, with more consequential data, the conversations are turning to more about how can we improve practice and the training of beginning teachers, and less about “where do I find a handbook,” or “what does Rubric 6 mean.”

Additional Observations:

For the first 3 years, some EPPs did not participate on the “coordinators” call at all. Other EPPs were sporadic in attendance, and/or, changed who was in the edTPA coordinator position so frequently, that often times, the new person was monopolizing the conversations by asking “edTPA 101” questions that had already been covered by the group. It was clear that the former edTPA coordinator at that EPP had not communicated with the newly appointed person. Other questions also indicated that edTPA Coordinators were not sharing the information from calls with key faculty.

edTPA Trainings over the past 4 years

Over 22 trainings were held for EPPS to attend during the pilot years. Some were well-represented, others were not. Some EPPS sent one or two faculty, some sent larger groups, and some did not attend at all. Trainings covered a variety of topics from “edTPA 101” sessions, to “Handbook Deep Dives,” “Local Evaluation Training,” “Academic Language,” and “Data Dive Workshops.” Again, many of these did not have representation from all EPPS…and some have very few faculty in attendance.

See the document titled edTPA Workshops in CT for more information on trainings held in CT.