Tk20 Subscription Information for Students Enrolled as of Fall 2011

In states across the nation, efforts are underway to reform public education. Texas is no exception, and each of us will play a significant role in ensuring quality education for all students PK - 16. Achieving this goal requires that we systematically monitor our progress through the assessment process, and use the data we collect to inform program improvement, advising, and accreditation efforts.

Therefore, the College of Education and Health Professions (COEHP) is pleased to announce the implementation of Tk20, a comprehensive data management system that will provide powerful tools to manage our growth and allow for analyses at multiple levels. This will help ensure continuous quality of programs and preparation while maintaining national accreditation, which enhances the value of the COEHP degrees and certifications you receive. The following is a partial list of what the Tk20 system will enable you to do:

1. Create your key assessments and performance artifacts online, which you will be able to access and use beyond graduation. This will enable 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. Submit forms online, including applications for field-based experiences such as student teaching, practicum, internships, or other clinical practice required for teacher or administrator certification, and receive timely notification of placement details sent directly to your Tk20 account.
3. Create multimedia portfolios for documenting your work for presentation to faculty and prospective employers that can be exported to CDs or other media.
4. Monitor your progress throughout the program and have access to a fully documented record of your program performance, creating a vested partnership between you and faculty in your progress through your academic program.

As with other course materials, you will need to purchase an individual Tk20 account for a one-time only, non-refundable cost of $100. The account is good for seven years after the purchase date and may be renewed at your option. You may purchase your subscription online from a link provided on the system’s Web site or from the UT Arlington Bookstore as you would a textbook or other course materials.

You will receive additional details about Tk20 in the syllabus of the course in your program in which you will be completing a key assessment this semester. Your course instructor will let you know if you need to purchase Tk20 for the course approximately two weeks before key assessment assignments are due. Once subscribed, it may take 2-3 days for your account to become active, so be sure to subscribe in plenty of time to get oriented to the system and complete the assignment your instructor will use for your key assessment.

On-line tutorials and training materials have been organized to orient you to the Tk20 system and its use. Check our Web site (http://www.uta.edu/coehp/tk20/) for updates and answers to frequently asked questions.

We understand that a college education requires a significant investment of time and resources, and we are committed to helping you achieve the greatest return on your investment. We have spent a considerable amount of time finding the best system to meet your needs and ours. As you become familiar with the system and realize its potential and benefits, I am sure you will be pleased.

Jeanne M. Gerlach, Ed.D.
Associate Vice President for K-16 Initiatives and Dean