

## Examinations

### a. Theory Course:

The term-end external examination for all semesters shall be conducted by the University at the end of each semester. The theory examination for each course shall be conducted for 70 marks.

### b. Internal Assessment for Theory Courses:

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The award of continuous evaluation (i.e. internal assessment) marks in each semester for theory courses shall be distributed as follows:

Sl. No.	Components	Marks
1.	Class Tests (minimum of two)	10
2.	Assignment (minimum of two)	05
3.	Seminar	10
4.	Attendance**	05
<b>Total</b>		<b>30</b>

\*\* The marks for attendance shall be awarded as given below:

Sl. No.	Percentage of Attendance Gained by the Students (In each theory course)	Marks to be awarded
1.	97-100	5
2.	93-96	4
3.	89-92	3
4.	85-88	2
5.	81-84	1
6.	80 and below	0

**Summary of Semester-wise Distribution of Marks**

Components	First Semester			Second Semester			Third Semester			Fourth Semester			Grand Total		
	EA	IA	Total	EA	IA	Total	EA	IA	Total	EA	IA	Total	EA	IA	Total
<b>Theory</b>	280	120	400	280	120	400	280	120	400	280	120	400	1120	480	1600
<b>Dissertation</b>	-	25	25	-	25	25	-	25	25	100	-	100	100	75	175
<b>Practicum</b>	-	75	75	-	75	75	-	75	75	-	100	100	-	325	325
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1220</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>2100</b>

Note: EA – External Assessment

IA – Internal Assessment

**c. Appearance for the Examination**

Each candidate whose admission is approved by the Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University shall apply for the written and practical examinations in the first attempt itself. Candidates who have failed to satisfy the minimum attendance norms of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University will not be permitted to appear for the written and practical examinations. However, the basis of permitting a student to appear for the examination shall be in accordance with the regulations of Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, in force from time to time.

**d. Passing Minimum for Theory/Practicum/Dissertation**

A candidate who secures not less than 50% of total marks prescribed for the course with a minimum of 50% of the marks prescribed for the internal as well as external examination shall be declared to have passed in (theory/practicum/dissertation) examination for that course. In case a candidate secures less than 50% of marks prescribed for the internal, then one more opportunity shall be given to him/her to improve the internal marks in the specific course (theory/practicum/dissertation) within the next semester.

**e. Reappearance for Theory/Dissertation**

Students who have secured ‘F’ (Fail) / ‘Ab’ (Absent in the examination) grade in a particular course (other than the practicum components) can reappear during the subsequent endsemester examinations. All applicable fees shall be charged for the purpose of re-appearance in (theory/dissertation) examinations.

## **f. Provisions for Improvement**

- (i) A candidate who passed in all the courses of a semester may be permitted to improve the results by reappearing for the whole examination of that semester.
- (ii) A candidate is allowed for improvement in aggregate by appearing not more than two times for any semester. Further, aggregate improvement is limited to a period of one year after passing the end semester examinations. The regulations governing maximum period of three years for completing the M.Ed. programme notified by the University from time to time shall be applicable for improvement of results.
- (iii) A candidate is permitted to apply for improvement of examinations 30 days in advance of the pertinent semester examination whenever held.
- (iv) If a candidate passes in all the courses in reappearance, higher of the two aggregate marks secured by the candidate shall be awarded for that semester. In case the candidate fails in the reappearance for improvement the marks secured by the candidate in the first appearance will prevail.
- (v) A candidate who appeared for improvements is eligible for reclassification of class only and will not be considered for ranking purpose.
- (vi) Improvement is applicable only for theory examinations and not applicable for dissertation and practicum components.

## **g. Transitory Regulations**

Whenever a course or scheme of instruction is changed in a particular year, two more examinations immediately following thereafter shall be conducted according to the old regulations / syllabus. Candidates who failed to appear at the examinations or failing in the examinations shall redo the programme and take the examinations.

## **Guidelines for Dissertation Related Work**

The M.Ed. students are expected to complete the dissertation work in four phases in four semesters. Two topics of the dissertation should be submitted to the University for approval at the end of the first semester. The dissertation shall be of an educational topic approved by the Scrutiny Committee of the University. If a topic submitted by any student is not approved, he/she shall be permitted to resubmit another set of proposals for scrutiny and approval of the University. Each student shall carry out the dissertation related work under the guidance of the approved faculty member and the Research Advisory Committee of the concerned College / Department. In the second semester, each M.Ed. student has to give a colloquium related to his/her research proposal in the presence of his/her classmates and the teaching staff of the College / Department. The presentation shall be evaluated by the Research Advisory Committee and submit the details of evaluation of the concerned College / Department. In the third semester, each prospective teacher educator has to select/develop the research tools/instruments and collect the data pertaining to his/her research problem. The Principal / Head shall arrange a Research Colloquium to enable each student give a presentation on adoption/development of research tools/instruments related his/her research and to evaluate the process involved in the

adoption/development of tools/instruments by the candidates and award the internal marks to him/her. In the fourth semester, The Principal / Head shall arrange a Research Colloquium to enable each student give a presentation before submission of the dissertation to the university for external evaluation subject to the approval of the Research Advisory Committee. The prospective teacher educators have to complete the data analysis, interpretations and submit two hard copies and one soft copy (CD) of the dissertation along with an abstract before the commencement of the fourth semester theory examinations to the concerned Principal of the College / Head of the Department. The Principal / Head of the Department shall send one hard copy and one soft copy (CD) of the dissertation to the University for external evaluation and the other copy to be kept in the College / Department for the purpose of viva-voce examination. The candidate shall be required to secure at least 50% marks in the external evaluation of dissertation and viva-voce examination separately to pass the examination. While evaluating the dissertation, the examiner shall either

- i) Award at least 50% marks, or
- ii) Return the dissertation for resubmission with necessary remarks / observations, or
- iii) Reject the dissertation

The candidate, whose dissertation is returned for resubmission may revise the dissertation along with a Certificate of Correction issued by the guide and counter signed by the Principal / Head of the Department and re-submit it within a period of two months on the lines of remarks/observations made by the external examiner. Failure to submit the dissertation within the stipulated period shall result in declaration that the candidate has failed in the M.Ed. examination.

A dissertation can be revised only once. If the candidate fails to secure minimum pass mark in the revised dissertation, he/she shall be declared failed in the M.Ed. examination.

The candidate, whose dissertation is rejected may with the approval of the University following all the procedures, shall be permitted to write a dissertation on another topic and submit it within a period of 6 months.

If the candidate fails to secure the minimum required pass marks in the dissertation, he/she shall be declared failed in the M.Ed. examination. The external evaluation and the viva-voce shall be done by an examiner duly appointed by the Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University.

### **Eligibility for the Award of Degree**

A student shall be declared to be eligible for the award of Master Degree in Education (M.Ed.) provided that the student has successfully completed the course requirements and has passed all the prescribed examinations in all the four semesters within a maximum period of THREE YEARS reckoned from the commencement of first semester to which the candidate was admitted.