# **Pilot Study on Teacher Effectiveness**

# Determined by Teacher Education Institutional and Student Demographics

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#### Background

There is limited research identifying "best practices" in the preparation of teachers. Cruickshank (1990) provides several reasons. (1) Historically, teacher preparation has largely been the responsibility of teachers' colleges, institutions dedicated to teaching not research. (2) The backgrounds of teacher educators are largely that of being successful teachers, and this tends to deflect an empirical model of investigation. (3) The dissertation is viewed as an end by the teacher educator (not necessarily a pleasant one) resulting in an often acrimonious relationship with traditional research design. (4) It is difficult in many colleges of education to reward research and this is often coupled with lack of funding for research. (5) The characteristics of teacher effectiveness are frequently viewed as too diverse or complex to study systematically.

This is especially paradoxical since state governments are insisting on increased accountability from K-12 school systems. The U.S. Congress has recently enacted legislation requiring the annual testing of America's school children. Nearly all states mandate some year-end academic achievement tests; even though most states have not been testing each student, each year. Tennessee historically used TCAP and more recently, Terra Nova, for baseline test measures. Across the country the testing movement has generated immense interest and the data have been used to describe the progress of various groups based on ethnicity, gender, and socio-economic status. Tennessee used the TCAP through the 90s and produced its initial report, TVAAS (Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System) Report in 1993 with individual teacher effects included for the first time in 1996. The focus is no longer on the score a student makes each year compared to some state or national norm, but upon the gain a student achieves from year-to-year. Tennessee is unique in this respect in that it maintains a longitudinal <u>database</u> on student gains. These data can be related to the experiences that a child has received in terms of teacher, school, and system. Often termed the "Sanders' Model," these procedures are being investigated by numerous states and have been adapted into several state teaching programs. To date, however, the only major longitudinal database is in Tennessee.

#### Problem

Short Term - A pilot study was conducted starting in the Fall of 2000 and continuing until the Summer of 2002 involving four schools of education within Tennessee to determine teacher candidate and institutional effects upon teacher effectiveness.

Long Term - A longitudinal study will be considered for the period 2002 to 2005 involving 37 schools or colleges of education within Tennessee to determine what can be learned about colleges of education and teacher candidate performance that will predict teacher effectiveness.

#### Importance of the Study

With many states, for example, Texas, Florida, Colorado, and Delaware, now undertaking yearly reporting on student improvement as measured by the gain-score approach, research is being performed regarding outcomes as related to inputs a child receives. In Tennessee's TVAAS model, individual student scores for grades 3 through 8 and selected high school end-of-course tests are retained on-line; mixed-model statistics allowed all individuals to be included in teacher, school, and district effects calculations. This longitudinal database allowed the investigation of teacher effects and others. That is, teacher characteristics such as specific courses required for teaching licensure, or teacher candidate data such as ACT/SAT and GPA scores, could be related to the outcomes students demonstrate on TVAAS. Questions as described in the proposal were addressed by combining existing databases: TVAAS longitudinal data and "teacher characteristic"

databases maintained by teacher training institutions.

#### Significance of the Study

The TVAAS database contains over six million student records and forty thousand teachers. This is the largest longitudinal student database in the nation and dates back to 1991 TCAP scoring. The database allows researchers to calculate the teaching effects by teacher, school and district. The pilot study utilized teacher candidates from four colleges or schools of education. The candidates studied have graduated during the 90s and have taught, or are teaching, in Tennessee. Student data were linked to what these teacher candidates taught. Both personal teacher candidate information and teacher education institutional demographics were linked to the teacher data. In the pilot study, about 1,000 teachers, some with data for up to seven years, were analyzed. With the pilot study completed and appropriate model limitations tested and refined, data from the 37 institutions in Tennessee with one or more teacher preparation programs will perhaps be analyzed for effects related to teacher effectiveness and whether the effects are teacher candidate or institutional specific.

#### **Questions for the Pilot Study**

- What were the relationships between the achievement level of teacher candidates and their effectiveness in sustaining academic growth of their students? Example: To investigate the effects of coursework that teacher candidates complete during their academic tenure upon teacher effectiveness.
- What were the measurable effects of the kinds and levels of educational experiences that teachers have on the academic gains of their students? Example: To investigate the predictability of teacher effectiveness using ACT/SAT and GPA data as predictors.
- What were the measurable differences among the schools of education? Example: To investigate the type of student teaching experience and length of program as predictors of success.

#### Methodology

- 1. Researched literature on teacher effectiveness.
- 2. TACTE identified FHU and MTSU to participate with UTC and UTK, home institutions of the researchers. The MTSU and FHU institutions identified Dean Gloria Bonner of MTSU and Dr. Ron Butterfield/Dr. John Sweeney of FHU to be contact persons for their institutions.
- 3. Researchers requested permission from the institutions for data access on teacher candidates.
- 4. Each participating institution provided data on all its education majors graduating from 1990 through 1999 who are either Elementary School or Middle School majors or who are secondary level Mathematics majors. The current Tennessee sample represented respectively the major campus within the University of Tennessee System, a regional campus within the same system, a major teacher education site within the Tennessee Board of Regents System, and a four year private college. Each campus e-mailed a list of their majors as described above to EVAAS unit (Dr. Sanders) at the SAS office.
- 5. Sanders accessed the TVAAS data system to determine which of the teacher candidates from the four institutions had or were teaching within Tennessee and for whom there existed TVAAS teacher effect estimates. A list for each institution with students in the TVAAS database was e-mailed back to the contact person at each of the four campuses for verification and further data collection.

- 6. Each institution took the teacher candidates for whom TVAAS data was found within the database and completed a demographic sheet, utilizing the permanent record of each student.
- 7. Institutional demographics were also collected using institutional records.
- 8. The researchers analyzed the pilot data for predictors and effects contributing to teacher effectiveness.
- 9. Project Directors compiled the Final Report for Pilot Study.

#### Sample

The four colleges/universities in question comprised the sample for Tennessee. It was estimated that the students from these campuses for the decade of the 1990s, who are on the TVAAS data set would be in excess of 1,000. In fact it totaled 1588 as is seen in Table 1. All students graduating from these four higher education institutions who majored in elementary or middle school and/or those licensed in high school mathematics (end of course tests are available for high school mathematics) were included. There were 121 males and 908 females with 559 with no gender recorded. There were 79 African Americans, 944 Caucasians, 5 Hispanics, and 560 who did not have race listed. Degrees represented a total 1198 with BS in Education, 269 with an MS in Education, 24 Post Baccalaureate and 97 not listed.

| Table 1  |
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| Student Numbers by Institution with Completed Demographics |

| Institution                            | Numbers | Percentage |
|--|---------|------------|
| University of Tennessee at Knoxville   | 246     | 15.49      |
| University of Tennessee at Chattanooga | 313     | 19.71      |
| Middle Tennessee State University      | 841     | 52.96      |
| Freed-Hardemon University              | 188     | 11.84      |
| Total                                  | 1588    | 100.00     |

#### Variables

Variables collected and used in the teacher effectiveness pilot study of students included but were not limited to ACT or SAT scores, GPAs (both overall and in education), grades from courses in English composition, mathematics, history, speech and science, and personal demographic variables. Institutional variables include program hours by general studies, professional studies and student teaching, faculty and student body sizes, education majors per year, institutional accreditations/affiliations, and whether there was a professional development school involved in training.

In Table 2 are shown correlation coefficients for Reading by grade levels and for variables with significant correlations. There were no coefficients showing more than low correlation, even though statistically significant. Correlations worth perhaps mentioning for reading include both ACT Reading and Composite at 0.19 and 0.15 respectively, GPAs at 30 and 60 hours of 0.17 and 0.16 respectively, and grades in Teaching Reading and Composition of 0.08 and 0.11 respectively.

| Table 2  |
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| Correlations for all Schools for Reading by Grade Levels |
| for Effective Means with Independent Variables           |

| Inst | Grades | Subject | Variable                        | r     | Prob | Ν    |
|------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|-------|------|------|
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Sec. Educ. Math  | -0.21 | 0.02 | 120  |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Elem. Educ. K4   | -0.28 | 0.02 | 64   |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Elem. Educ. K8   | -0.28 | 0.02 | 64   |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Graduation Year                 | -0.06 | 0.04 | 1110 |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Years To Graduate               | -0.14 | 0.00 | 485  |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | GPA Institution (Educ Only)     | 0.09  | 0.04 | 538  |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | ACT Science Reasoning           | 0.11  | 0.02 | 494  |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Grade in Teaching Reading       | 0.08  | 0.01 | 1048 |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Sec. Educ. Math  | -0.11 | 0.04 | 337  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Graduation Year                 | -0.09 | 0.03 | 535  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | ACT Reading                     | 0.19  | 0.02 | 146  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | ACT Mathematics                 | 0.14  | 0.02 | 272  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | ACT Composite                   | 0.15  | 0.01 | 280  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Grade in Composition I          | 0.11  | 0.05 | 335  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | GPA at 30 Hours                 | 0.17  | 0.02 | 198  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | GPA at 60 Hours                 | 0.17  | 0.02 | 211  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | GPA at 90 Hours                 | 0.15  | 0.03 | 211  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Faculty Percent Male            | 0.10  | 0.02 | 533  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Faculty Percent Female          | -0.10 | 0.02 | 533  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Student Percent Black           | -0.09 | 0.04 | 533  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Student Percent Other           | 0.11  | 0.02 | 456  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Student Percent Male            | 0.15  | 0.00 | 527  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Student Percent Female          | -0.15 | 0.00 | 527  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | PPST Mathematics (minimum)      | 0.12  | 0.01 | 443  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | PPST Reading (minimum)          | 0.12  | 0.01 | 443  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | PPST Writing (minimum)          | 0.12  | 0.01 | 443  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Sec. Educ. Math  | -0.25 | 0.00 | 147  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Elem. Educ. K4   | -0.31 | 0.01 | 77   |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading | Hrs Subject in Elem. Educ. K5-8 | -0.31 | 0.01 | 77   |

Similarly in Table 3 Language, Math and Science correlations that were statistically significant are displayed. Although all were low, Language is correlated with GPA at 60 hours and the number of Education graduates; Math is correlated with GPA Overall, Graduation Year, and GPA at 60 hours; Science is only correlated with ACT Science Reasoning. Continuing to Table 4 Social Studies was not strongly correlated with predictive variables; several with low statistically significant relationships are PPST Mathematics, ACT Mathematics, Grade in Math I, and Grade in Comp II.

|  | Table 3  |
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| Correlations for All Schools for Langu | age, Math and Science by Grade Levels          |
|  | For Effective Means with Independent Variables |
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| Inst | Grades | Subject | Variable                     | r     | Prob | Ν    |
|------|--------|---------|------------------------------|-------|------|------|
| All  | 3-5    | Lang    | Total Hours of Graduate      | -0.07 | 0.02 | 1013 |
| All  | 6-8    | Lang    | PLT: Grades K6               | 0.90  | 0.01 | 6    |
| All  | 6-8    | Lang    | GPA at 60 Hours              | 0.16  | 0.05 | 152  |
| All  | 6-8    | Lang    | Undergraduate Educ. Majors   | 0.21  | 0.02 | 112  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math    | GPA (Institution Overall)    | 0.13  | 0.00 | 875  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math    | GPA (Cumulative)             | 0.09  | 0.03 | 524  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math    | Grade in Human Growth        | 0.10  | 0.00 | 797  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math    | Percent Fulltime First Time  | -0.10 | 0.01 | 771  |
|      |        |         | Undergraduates with Fin. Aid |       |      |      |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Graduation Year              | -0.16 | 0.00 | 456  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Grade in Composition II      | 0.14  | 0.02 | 289  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | GPA at 30 Hours              | 0.19  | 0.01 | 158  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | GPA at 60 Hours              | 0.24  | 0.00 | 168  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | GPA at 90 Hours              | 0.15  | 0.05 | 169  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Percent Part Time            | 0.10  | 0.03 | 452  |
|      |        |         | Undergraduates               |       |      |      |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Percent Full Time First Time | -0.11 | 0.02 | 452  |
|      |        |         | Undergraduates               |       |      |      |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Student Percent Male         | 0.10  | 0.04 | 448  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math    | Hours General                | -0.11 | 0.03 | 381  |
| All  | 6-8    | Science | ACT Science Reasoning        | -0.18 | 0.03 | 143  |

# Table 4 Correlations for all Schools for Social Studies by Grade Levels For Effective Means with Independent Variables

| Grades | Subject  | Variables   | R  | Prob   | Ν  |
|--------|--|---|--|--|--|
| 3-5    | Social Studies   | Years to Graduate   | -0.13  | 0.00   | 456  |
| 3-5    | Social Studies   | GPA Institution (Educ Only)   | 0.09   | 0.05   | 509  |
| 3-5    | Social Studies   | Student Percent Race -Other-  | 0.09   | 0.00   | 844  |
| 3-5    | Social Studies   | Student Percent Male  | 0.07   | 0.02   | 1034   |
| 3-5    | Social Studies   | Student Percent Female  | -0.07  | 0.02   | 1034   |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | ACT Mathematics   | 0.16   | 0.04   | 169  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Average ACT   | 0.11   | 0.04   | 330  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Faculty Percent White   | 0.11   | 0.05   | 330  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Student Percent Indian  | 0.14   | 0.01   | 330  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Hours General   | 0.14   | 0.02   | 276  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Hours Clinical  | 0.16   | 0.01   | 276  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | PPST Mathematics (minimum)  | 0.48   | 0.00   | 276  |
| 6-8    | Social Studies   | Essay   | 0.14   | 0.02   | 276  |
|        | Grades<br>3-5<br>3-5<br>3-5<br>3-5<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8<br>6-8 | GradesSubject3-5Social Studies3-5Social Studies3-5Social Studies3-5Social Studies3-5Social Studies6-8Social Studies | GradesSubjectVariables3-5Social StudiesYears to Graduate3-5Social StudiesGPA Institution (Educ Only)3-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Race -Other-3-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Male3-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Female6-8Social StudiesACT Mathematics6-8Social StudiesFaculty Percent White6-8Social StudiesStudent Percent Indian6-8Social StudiesHours General6-8Social StudiesHOURS Clinical6-8Social StudiesPPST Mathematics (minimum)6-8Social StudiesEssay | GradesSubjectVariablesR3-5Social StudiesYears to Graduate-0.133-5Social StudiesGPA Institution (Educ Only)0.093-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Race -Other-0.093-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Male0.073-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Female-0.076-8Social StudiesACT Mathematics0.166-8Social StudiesFaculty Percent White0.116-8Social StudiesStudent Percent Indian0.146-8Social StudiesHours General0.166-8Social StudiesHOURS Clinical0.166-8Social StudiesHOURS Clinical0.486-8Social StudiesPPST Mathematics (minimum)0.486-8Social StudiesEssay0.14 | GradesSubjectVariablesRProb3-5Social StudiesYears to Graduate-0.130.003-5Social StudiesGPA Institution (Educ Only)0.090.053-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Race -Other-0.090.003-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Male0.070.023-5Social StudiesStudent Percent Female-0.070.026-8Social StudiesACT Mathematics0.160.046-8Social StudiesFaculty Percent White0.110.056-8Social StudiesStudent Percent Indian0.140.016-8Social StudiesHours General0.160.016-8Social StudiesPPST Mathematics (minimum)0.480.006-8Social StudiesEssay0.140.02 |

Some of the course grades that produced significant or near significant correlations are found in Table 5. Grade in Reading appeared the most frequently but again at a very modest value of r between 0.07 and 0.20 for those with an N of 100 or more.

| Inst | Grades | Subject        | Variable                    | R     | Prob | Ν    |
|------|--------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------|------|------|
| All  | 3-5    | Lang           | Grade in Human Growth       | 0.09  | 0.01 | 792  |
| All  | 3-5    | Lang           | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.10  | 0.00 | 1013 |
| All  | 6-8    | Lang           | Grade in Science II         | 0.16  | 0.06 | 147  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Composition I      | 0.06  | 0.08 | 753  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Composition II     | 0.07  | 0.05 | 762  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Human Growth       | 0.10  | 0.00 | 797  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.05  | 0.10 | 1023 |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Science I          | 0.07  | 0.06 | 809  |
| All  | 3-5    | Math           | Grade in Science II         | 0.13  | 0.00 | 459  |
| All  | 6-8    | Math           | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.11  | 0.02 | 420  |
| All  | 3-5    | Reading        | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.08  | 0.01 | 1048 |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading        | Grade in Composition I      | 0.11  | 0.05 | 335  |
| All  | 6-8    | Reading        | Grade in Composition II     | 0.10  | 0.07 | 335  |
| All  | 3-5    | Social Studies | Grade in Human Growth       | 0.06  | 0.08 | 775  |
| All  | 3-5    | Social Studies | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.09  | 0.00 | 988  |
| All  | 3-5    | Social Studies | Grade in Composition I      | 0.14  | 0.04 | 212  |
| All  | 3-5    | Social Studies | Grade in Science I          | 0.08  | 0.02 | 766  |
| All  | 6-8    | Social Studies | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.12  | 0.04 | 304  |
| All  | 6-8    | Social Studies | Grade in Mathematics I      | 0.20  | 0.00 | 231  |
| All  | 6-8    | Social Studies | Grade in Early Child. Educ. | -0.69 | 0.04 | 9    |

Table 6 contains the more important correlates for TVAAS Gain Scores with Course Grades for the four institutions. These range from 0.10 to 0.25 for those with an N of 100 or more. The Grade in Teaching of Reading again surfaced several times as did Grades in Science I and II.

| Table 6  |
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| Correlations for Institutions by Subject Areas and Grade Levels of |
| Effective Means with Course of Study Variables                     |

| Inst | Grades       | Subject      | Variable                    | r     | Prob | Ν   |
|------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------|------|-----|
| MTSU | 3 - 5        | Lang         | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.13  | 0.00 | 547 |
| UTK  | 6 - 8        | Lang         | Grade in Science I          | 0.30  | 0.02 | 59  |
| UTK  | 6 - 8        | Lang         | Grade in Science II         | 0.30  | 0.02 | 57  |
| MTSU | 3 - 5        | Math         | Grade in Human Growth       | 0.11  | 0.04 | 384 |
| UTC  | 3 - 5        | Math         | Grade in Science II         | 0.20  | 0.00 | 204 |
| UTK  | 3 - 5        | Math         | Grade in Science II         | 0.19  | 0.01 | 178 |
| FHU  | 6 - 8        | Math         | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.43  | 0.04 | 23  |
| UTC  | 6 - 8        | Math         | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.26  | 0.04 | 64  |
| UTK  | 3 - 5        | Reading      | Grade in Education in US    | -0.24 | 0.02 | 97  |
| UTC  | 3 - 5        | Reading      | Grade in Science II         | 0.14  | 0.04 | 209 |
| UTK  | 3 - 5        | Reading      | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.22  | 0.00 | 207 |
| MTSU | 6 <b>-</b> 8 | Reading      | Grade in Speech             | 0.22  | 0.02 | 121 |
| MTSU | 3 - 5        | Science      | Grade in Science I          | 0.18  | 0.04 | 135 |
| FHU  | 3 <b>-</b> 5 | Science      | Grade in World Civilization | 0.62  | 0.02 | 14  |
| UTK  | 6 - 8        | Science      | Grade in Education in US    | -0.49 | 0.01 | 25  |
| MTSU | 6 - 8        | Science      | Grade in Human Growth       | 0.12  | 0.02 | 372 |
| FHU  | 6 - 8        | Science      | Grade in Teaching Reading   | -0.43 | 0.03 | 25  |
| MTSU | 6 - 8        | Science      | Grade in Teaching Reading   | 0.17  | 0.00 | 532 |
| FHU  | 3 - 5        | Soc. Studies | Grade in Science I          | 0.26  | 0.01 | 86  |
| UTC  | 3 - 5        | Soc. Studies | Grade in Science I          | 0.16  | 0.02 | 201 |
| UTK  | 3 - 5        | Soc. Studies | Grade in Speech Oral        | -0.25 | 0.01 | 105 |
| FHU  | 6 - 8        | Soc. Studies | Grade in Mathematics I      | 0.41  | 0.02 | 31  |
| UTC  | 6 - 8        | Soc. Studies | Grade in Mathematics I      | 0.31  | 0.03 | 52  |

The pool of candidate predictor variables was determined by selecting those with a reasonable likelihood of sufficient numbers being available in the database as well as being those generally believed by professionals to have impact in these areas. These variables appearing in the "Variable" column of Table 7 include student grades in science courses taken as part of their base program, composite institution GPAs, and selected subsets of the ACT test taken from the student's transcript. The General Linear model (GLM) in SAS was used for this investigation.

| Table 7  |
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| GLM of Effective Means by Subject Areas and Grade Levels for Demographic Variables |

| Subject        | Grades | F Value | Prob | df  | R^2  | Variable                |
|----------------|--------|---------|------|-----|------|-------------------------|
| Math           | 3-5    | 2.95    | 0.03 | 303 | 0.03 | Grade In Science II     |
| Reading        | 6-8    | 2.79    | 0.04 | 116 | 0.07 | Grade in Science II     |
| Reading        | 3-5    | 4.16    | 0.04 | 537 | 0.01 | GPA in Institution Educ |
| Reading        | 3-5    | 2.65    | 0.05 | 116 | 0.07 | Grade in Science II     |
| Social Studies | 6-8    | 5.29    | 0.00 | 69  | 0.19 | ACT Mathematics         |
| Social Studies | 6-8    | 4.28    | 0.01 | 69  | 0.16 | ACT Composite           |
| Social Studies | 6-8    | 2.60    | 0.05 | 331 | 0.02 | Institution             |
| Social Studies | 3-5    | 4.03    | 0.05 | 508 | 0.01 | GPA Institution (Educ)  |
| Social Studies | 6-8    | 2.77    | 0.05 | 73  | 0.11 | ACT Mathematics         |

#### Summary

Data were collected on 1588 elementary/middle school and high school math teachers. For these graduates of UTK, UTC, MTSU, and FHU from the decade of the 90s, institutional records and student records were compiled into a single database for analysis by SAS. Using the TVAAS gain scores in Language, Reading, Mathematics, Science, and Social Science as dependent variables and the other variables collected by the four institutions, correlations between the TVAAS means and other variables were computed. Several tables showing the results of these analyses were presented earlier. However in no case were the correlations large enough to be important in predicting teacher effectiveness. In fact many significant correlations may be considered spurious and due to chance factors. Similarly, although GLM found several significant relationships, the values of R^2 are smaller than 0.20 indicating little or no predictability for teacher effectiveness.

The three research questions are repeated below with our conclusion following analysis.

1. What is the relationship between the achievement level of teacher candidates and their effectiveness in sustaining academic growth of their students?

GPAs at 30, 60, 90 hours were all correlated with the Available Effects Means of TVAAS. In Reading we found the most significant correlates to be GPA in Education; in Language we found the most significant correlates to be ACTs in Reading, Math, Science Reasoning and Composite but with an R^2 about 3% or less; for Mathematics and Science we noted GPAs and ACT Science Reasoning as significant correlates respectively; Social Studies had a plethora of significant, but low R^2 correlated variables, largely institutionally based.

2. What is the measurable effect of the kinds and levels of educational experiences that teachers have on the academic gains of their students?

Course grades in selected course yielded a small number of significantly correlated values with R<sup>2</sup> typically 2.5% or less. Grades in Teaching of Reading, Composition I and II, Human Growth and Development, and Science Courses were the largest.

3. What is the measurable difference among the schools of education?

In general the effects of the student teaching experience and length of program as predictors of success were described as having an R^2 of 7% or less. Institutional differences were small with MTSU yielding six significant relationships, UTK seven, and UTC and FHU yielding five each.

Generally it seems that a more predictive and productive study might be conducted on high school teachers as the TVAAS procedure will soon be applied to the Gateway exams.

Project Directors will consider with TACTE the feasibility of conducting a second and major proposal looking at thirty plus schools of education pre-service variables and student data for ten years for these schools in predicting teacher effectiveness as measured by TVAAS data.

#### Appendix Student Teacher Data Items 1990-2000

|   |   | 1990-2   | 2000                                    |   |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| Institut  | ion   | Institutional Codes  |   | 1005 UTK, 1010 UTC<br>2005 MTSU, 3005 FHU |
| Degree  |   | 1=BS in Education<br>2=MS in Education<br>3=Post Baccalaureate       |   |   |
| Gradua  | ation Year  | 19XX, all 4 digits   |   |   |
| BS Ma   | jor in:   | 1=ECE (early childhoo<br>2=EE (elementary edu<br>3=SEM (secondary ed |   |   |
| Years t   | to Graduate   | XX (whole numbers- l   | like 4 years not 4.7 years)             |   |
| Name  |   | 20 alphabetic/ last nan  | ne first, comma next, first name        |   |
| SSN   |   | 9 digit alpha Social Se  | curity Number                           |   |
| Progra  | т Туре  | 1=traditional<br>2=leading to a MS<br>3=alternative Certifica        | tion                                    |   |
| Race  |   | 1=African American<br>2=Caucasian<br>3=Hispanic                      | 4=Asian<br>5=American Indian<br>6=Alien | 7=Other                                   |
| Gender  | r   | 1=male<br>2=female   |   |   |
| Birth Y   | /ear  | 19XX, all 4 digits   |   |   |
| Instate   | /Out-of-State                                       | 1=instate<br>2=out of state  |   |   |
| Total H   | Iours   | YYY semester/hours   |   |   |
| GPA   | Institutional overall<br>Institution education only | X.XX/4.00<br>X.XX/4.00   | Cumulative                              | X.XX/4.00                                 |
| High S  | chool GPA   | X.XX/4.00  |   |   |
| SAT S<br>SAT V<br>SAT M                           | cores<br>1  | XXX<br>XXX   | SAT Overall                             | XXX                                       |
| ACT S<br>1. Engl<br>2. Read<br>3. Math<br>4. Scie | cores<br>lish<br>ling<br>hematics<br>nce Reasoning  | XX<br>XX<br>XX<br>XX<br>XX   | ACT composite                           | XX  |

# Student Teacher Data Items (Continued) 1990-2000

| Grade | s in Selected Courses |     |
|-------|-----------------------|-----|
| 1.    | English Comp I        | X.X |
| 2.    | English Comp II       | X.X |
| 3.    | World Civilization    | X.X |
| 4.    | Human Growth and Dev. | X.X |
| 5.    | Education in US       | X.X |
| 6.    | Teaching Reading      | X.X |
| 7.    | Speech (Oral)         | X.X |
| 8.    | Science I             | X.X |
| 9.    | Science II            | X.X |
| 10.   | Math I                | X.X |
|       |                       |     |

| GPA at end of: (aprox.) | 30 hours | X.XX |
|-------------------------|----------|------|
| _                       | 60 hours | X.XX |
|                         | 90 hours | X.XX |
| Number Math courses tak | XX       |      |

#### Institutional Data (General or University)

| Faculty Numbers in University  | XX     |
|--|--------|
| Percent University Faculty with doctorate                              | XX     |
| Undergraduate Students in University                                   | XXXXX  |
| Total University Students  | XXXXX  |
| Faculty Student ratio  | XX.X   |
| Average University ACT composite                                       | XX.X   |
| Average University SAT   | XXXX.X |
| Numbers Full-time First-time Undergraduate students                    | XXXXX  |
| Percent Part-time Undergraduate students                               | XX.X   |
| Percent Full-time First-time Undergraduates (University)               | XX.X   |
| Percent Full-time First-time Undergraduate students with financial aid | XX.X   |

| Carnegie Institutional Type               |                  | 1994 Classifications       |   |
|---|------------------|----------------------------|---|
| (Note -different classification system in | effect for 2000) |                            |   |
| Research University I                     | 1                | Masters (Comprehensive) I  | 5 |
| Research University II                    | 2                | Masters (Comprehensive) II | 6 |
| Doctoral University I                     | 3                | Baccalaureate College I    | 7 |
| Doctoral University II                    | 4                | Baccalaureate College II   | 8 |
| ·   |                  | Specialized Institutions   | 9 |
| SACS Accredited                           | 1=yes            | -                          |   |
|   | 2=no             |                            |   |
| University Faculty Demographics           |                  |                            |   |

| Race (Percent) | Black           | XX.X |
|----------------|-----------------|------|
|                | White           | XX.X |
|                | Hispanic        | XX.X |
|                | Asian           | XX.X |
|                | American Indian | XX.X |
|                | Alien           | XX.X |
|                | Other           | XX.X |

### Institutional Data (Education Specific) Year 1990-2000

Institution

Degree

Institutional Code

1=BS in Education 2=MS in Education 3=Post Baccalaureate 1005 UTK, 1010 UTC 2005 MTSU, 3005 FHU

| Graduation Year                       | 19XX, all 4 digits   |       |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------|
| BS Major in:                          | 1=ECE (early childhood education)<br>2=EE (elementary education)<br>3=SEM (secondary education-math) |       |
| Program Hours Allocation              |  |       |
| C                                     | General Studies/General education  | XX    |
|                                       | Pedagogy   | XX    |
|                                       | Subject Specific Pedagogy  | XX    |
|                                       | Clinical   | XX    |
|                                       | Subject Matter if Secondary Math   | XX    |
| Faculty                               |  |       |
| 5                                     | Numbers in Education (college/Dept)  | XXX   |
|                                       | Percent Faculty in Education with doctorate  | XX    |
| Undergraduate Education majors (BS    | level) graduating this year  | XXX   |
| Faculty Student Ratio (Education)     |  | XX.X  |
| AACTE Affiliated                      |  | 1=yes |
|                                       |  | 2=no  |
| NCATE Accredited                      |  | 1=ves |
|                                       |  | 2=no  |
| PDS (component in degree)             |  | 1-ves |
| TDS (component in degree)             |  | 2=no  |
| Percent of University Budget that the | College of Education is  | XX    |
|                                       | -  |       |
| Major Required in Subject Matter (suc | ch as Math) (yes/no)   | 1=yes |
|                                       |  | 2=no  |

# Institutional Data (Education Specific) Year 1990-2000

# Requirements for Program Entry Test score Minimums

| PPST               | Math Minimum    | XXX  |
|--------------------|-----------------|------|
|                    | Reading Minimum | XXX  |
|                    | Writing Minimum | XXX  |
| CBT                | Math Minimum    | XXX  |
|                    | Reading Minimum | XXX  |
|                    | Writing Minimum | XXX  |
| ACT Composite      | Minimum         | XX   |
| SAT Minimum        |                 | XXXX |
|                    |                 |      |
| GPA Minimums       |                 |      |
| GPA Cumulative     |                 | X.XX |
| GPA At Institution |                 | X.XX |
|                    |                 |      |
| GPA on all Profe   | ssional Courses | X.XX |

| Additional Requirements        |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Interview Required             | 1=yes |
|                                | 2=no  |
| Essay Required                 | 1=yes |
|                                | 2=no  |
| Req. Course "Education in US"  | 1=yes |
| -                              | 2=no  |
| Req. Course "Human Growth/Dev" | 1=yes |
|                                | 2=no  |
| Req. Course "Teaching Reading" | 1=yes |
|                                | 2=no  |

# Institutional Specific Variables 1990-2000

| Gender (Percent)      | Male            | XX.X    |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------|
|                       | Female          | XX.X    |
| University Student De | emographics     |         |
| Race (Percent)        | Black           | XX.X    |
|                       | White           | XX.X    |
|                       | Hispanic        | XX.X    |
|                       | Asian           | XX.X    |
|                       | American Indian | XX.X    |
|                       | Alien           | XX.X    |
|                       | Other           | XX.X    |
| Gender (Percent)      | Male            | XX.X    |
|                       | Female          | XX.X    |
| Fifth year program    |                 | 1=ves   |
| r nur jour program    |                 | 2=no    |
| PUS I                 |                 | 1-1-100 |
| 1051                  |                 | 2=no    |
| PDS II                |                 | 1=ves   |
| 125 11                |                 | 2=no    |