

# The Gamified TPACK Teacher Quest

**Purpose:** To build help teacher candidates build knowledge in the ways of the 21<sup>st</sup> century classroom – the ways of the TPACK teacher.



## From the Professor:

TPACK is the acronym used to represent Technological Pedagogical And Content Knowledge. But what is that? By completing *The Gamified TPACK Teacher Quest* you will be able to define TPACK and identify the three areas of teacher knowledge that you must develop and maintain to remain successful, relevant and current in your tech-enhanced teaching.

You will navigate a series of challenging tasks designed to break down previous conceptions of technology and rebuild it with TPACK knowledge to enhance your unique capacity to effectively implement tech-enhanced lessons in the classroom.

*You will be irreversibly changed in this process. You will stand out. You will be different. And, you will teach tech-enhanced lessons in a way that pushes the boundaries of conventional applications of technology in education.*

Over the next 10 weeks you will be responsible for acquiring 13 TPACK Teacher Game Badges demonstrating your TPACK progression. There are three types of Badges you will pursue: **1) Cup of Wisdom Badges** awarded for demonstrating your TPACK knowledge by completing each of the 8 weekly missions, **2) Professional Order Badges** awarded for ongoing weekly demonstrations of your professionalism and ability to collaborate with your Professional Learning Network (PLN), and **3) Portfolio Whiz Badge** for creating your Digital Portfolio..

**YOUR COURSE GRADE**

40%



AWARDED FOR ACQUIRING NINE CUP OF WISDOM BADGES



30%



AWARDED FOR ACQUIRING THREE PROFESSIONAL ORDER BADGES



30%



DIGITAL PORTFOLIO BLOG COMPLETION

40%



# Cup of Wisdom Badges

Each week you will be given a series of tasks to complete outside the classroom. For completing these tasks you will be rewarded with **Cup of Wisdom Badges** demonstrating the specific area of your TPACK progress.

**Tactical Tip:** Late submissions are not eligible for Combo Bonuses!

BADGE	Base Value	Combo Bonus	Combined Value
	4%		
	5%	4%	18%
	5%		
	4%		
	4%	4%	17%
	5%		
	1%		
	1%	2%	5%
	1%		



**What are Combos?** The value of any skill or area of knowledge you have acquired becomes greater when combined with other skills and knowledge areas. To better reflect the synergy of skills and knowledge when used in conjunction, you will receive additional marks for completing multiple related tasks. As your TPACK knowledge becomes greater as a whole rather than the sum of its parts, so too will your grade in this class increase.

**Tactical Tip:** Late submissions are not eligible for the Combo Bonus!

30%



The Cup of Wisdom Badge

Winning the **Cup of Wisdom** is not mandatory for successful completion of the course. But earning the cup is a mark of distinction that sets you apart as a hardworking and dedicated individual whose conduct throughout the course reflects a personal thirst for excellence in academic achievement.

**Tactical Tip:** Candidates who have earned all 9 **Cup of Wisdom Badges** receive the **Cup of Wisdom**!

30%



ORDER OF TPACK

# Professional Order of TPACK Badges

These Badges will be awarded based on your actions throughout the course that demonstrate your development of professional demeanor and identity, including your ability to collaborate with your Professional Learning Network (PLN)

BADGE	Base Value	Combo Bonus	Combined Value
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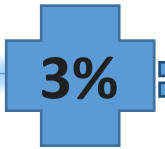


DEPENDABILITY

10%



COMBO



3%

= 18%



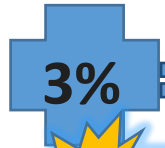
PROFESSIONALISM

5%



COLLABORATOR

9%



3%

= 12%



COMBO

The choices you make and the actions you take are forging your professional identity. Your conduct online – or, your Digital Identity – will also reflect this. These tasks are designed to guide you in taking a more professional approach to making choices regarding your own life-long learning and teaching of others.

30%  Professional Order of TPACK Badge

Winning the **Professional Order of TPACK** is not mandatory for successful completion of the course. But, earning the order is a mark of distinction that sets you apart as a professional and dependable individual whose conduct throughout the course reflected a professional and collegial attitude towards others and learning.

**Tactical Tip:** Candidates can acquire the **Professional Order of TPACK Badge** by earning all 4 **Professional Order of TPACK Badges**.

30%



# Portfolio Whiz

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DIGITAL PORTFOLIO BLOG COMPLETION

**Tactical Tip:** Utilize the [Quicksteps Page on Handy4class.com](http://Handy4class.com) to find out more about how your portfolio will be assessed (see the Digital Portfolio Assignment Guide & Rubric.)

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**Edublog Home Page**

5 message posts directed to an audience of potential students/parents that highlight online games and resources you have evaluated and selected for student use

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**My TPACK Journey Page**

Slideshow presentation created in class using Google Drive Presentation that highlights your understanding of TPACK knowledge

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**My eBook Page**

PREZI or Google Drive presentation that highlights your own creative story making

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**My Learning Object Page**

Learning object you create in class specifically for your students using one of a dozen Web 2.0 tools (such as podcasts, WebQuests, newspapers, timelines, etc.)

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**My PLN Page**

Blog page added to the portfolio that displays a picture of you and a presenter at a workshop you attended and describes what the workshop was and what you learned from it

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**Gamified TPACK Teacher Quest Page**

Post badges earned from the TPACK Teacher Game to demonstrate your TPACK knowledge experiences

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