



Student Teaching Experience

The student teaching experience is a pivotal phase in the journey towards becoming an effective educator. It serves as a bridge between theoretical learning and real-world classroom application. During this period, aspiring teachers work closely with mentor educators, gaining hands-on experience in lesson planning, instructional delivery, and classroom management. This immersive environment allows them to develop a deep understanding of diverse learning needs and adapt their teaching strategies accordingly. The experience fosters reflection and refinement of teaching techniques, honing pedagogical skills. Collaborating with experienced educators provides valuable insights, guidance, and constructive feedback, contributing to professional growth.

Placement & Requirements

Elementary Education	16-week placement in PK-6 general education classroom
EI Ed w/ SPED Minor	12-week placement PK-6 general education 4-week placement Special Education classroom.
Secondary Education	16-week placement in 7-12 classroom in major content area
K-12 Secondary PE/Art/Music/Language	8-week placement PK-6 general education classroom 8-week placement 7-12 general education classroom
Early Childhood Education	8-week placement Birth-age 4 8-week placement K-3 general education placement

Expectations

- Teacher candidates are paired with a Cooperating Teacher to mentor during the student teaching semester.
- Candidates begin the first contract day of the semester and will participate every contract day of the school district until the Friday before FHSU Finals week.
- Cooperating Teachers mentor candidates daily and move through the following stages

Induction → Co-Teaching → Full Release of Teaching → Co-Teaching → Resume Teaching

- Cooperating Teachers complete KEEP and Disposition Evaluations
 - 16-week placement—2 KEEP Evaluations and 2 Disposition Evaluations
 - 12-, 8-, 4-week placements—1 KEEP Evaluation and 1 Disposition Evaluation
- University Supervisors are assigned to each candidate as a support and extension of FHSU.
- Complete end-of-term surveys to assist our department with continuous improvement