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Information for Multiple Subject Cooperating Teachers

Cooperating Teacher Qualifications

Selection of Cooperating Teachers is a collaborative process between schools and the University. Cooperating Teachers must meet the following requirements:

1. Have at least three years of successful K-12 teaching experience
2. Hold a valid California teaching credential that authorizes them for the subject and services they are providing
3. Be recognized by the site principal as an effective teacher (including literacy instruction in the content areas) who has potential for, or demonstrated competence as, a Cooperating Teacher
4. Understand the aims, structure, and procedures of the professional education program
5. Be willing to share expertise, materials, and classroom instruction by co-teaching with candidate
6. Demonstrate willingness to work with School of Education faculty via orientation sessions, three-way conferences, and ongoing communication

Cooperating Teacher Responsibilities

Cooperating Teachers are dedicated professionals who work closely with University Supervisors to help candidates become successful teachers. They provide supervision, guidance, instruction, and coaching to candidates by:

- Introducing candidate to administration, staff, and colleagues; orienting candidate to school activities and culture
- Providing a suitable workspace for candidate in the classroom
- Complete a minimum of 10 hours of initial training and orientation which may include an overview of program curriculum and effective supervision approaches such as cognitive coaching, adult learning theory, current content-specific pedagogy and instructional practices. Initial training must include:
 - Completing co-teaching and pairs training with candidate
 - Implementing co-teaching strategies
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- Committing to weekly co-planning time with candidate
- Sharing with candidate the use of student assessment data to inform instructional practices
- Modeling effective teaching and management strategies
- Helping candidate make connections between course assignments, classroom practice, and student learning (Candidate is responsible for letting the CT know, in a timely manner, about course assignments that involve the classroom placement.)
- Providing candidates multiple and varied opportunities to teach
- Guiding candidates to develop lesson plans using California's new standards
- Conducting observations and giving candidate clear written and verbal feedback with suggestions for developing his/her teaching
- Discussing with candidate how to make curricula accessible to all students and meet the needs of diverse learners
- Providing a classroom that supports a diverse, democratic, and socially responsible environment

Credential Candidate Responsibilities

The Credential Candidate is responsible to fulfill the following requirements in the classroom placement:

Teaching Practicum I

- Participates in the classroom for the entire day, three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday), for sixteen weeks
- Creates a series of lessons across content areas increasing in length and intensity
- Reads orally to the class from three different genres
- Observes students from linguistically and culturally diverse backgrounds
- Develops and implements lesson sequences that build toward a learning outcome
- Teaches all content areas in a solo teaching experience for three days
- Completes Cycle One of the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA).

Teaching Practicum II

- Participates in the classroom for the entire day, five days a week, for sixteen weeks
- Assumes full responsibility of the classroom by planning, teaching, assessing, and reflecting on a two-week, full-day solo teaching experience
- Completes Cycle Two of the California Teaching Performance Assessment (CalTPA).

Note: Fall start date (August): candidates begin with the school district. Spring start date (January): candidates begin when Chico State begins.

Additional information

For your convenience, the Multiple Subject Handbook is on our website:

<http://www.csuchico.edu/soe>. This website provides a detailed description of the program and the requirements of teacher candidates.

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