

Policy Concerning Applying for Student Teaching and Notifying the SEED Advising/Clinical Office of Substituting a Life Experience

When early childhood graduate student candidates apply for student teaching, they must notify the clinical office if there is the slightest possibility of substituting a life experience for either their pre-K or primary experience or both. Once they notify the clinical office, it is with the understanding that **the process of finding placements for their pre-K and primary placements will not begin until the decision of substituting a life experience has been made.** After a decision has been made, the clinical office will begin the process of finding a placement for the candidate. Candidates need to understand that a placement may not be necessarily guaranteed. If the process begins, however, before the semester prior to student teaching is to begin, the chances for finding a placement is much greater than if the process begins during the semester before student teaching. Candidates also need to understand that placements will not necessarily be based on student preference or location if the process begins the semester before student teaching. If the candidate fails to notify the clinical office of even the slightest possibility of a substitution of life experience and a placement has been procured, the student will be required to fulfill his/her obligation to the designated school or district and must satisfy all the expectations and requirements of student teaching.

A grade of unsatisfactory will be given to all candidates (graduate and undergraduate) who do not demonstrate competency in the classroom; do not complete expectations, assignments or requirements; or whose teaching, personal, and/or professional abilities indicate that they would be a liability to the teaching profession.

In addition, all graduate students applying for student teaching must be admitted into the graduate program (certification track) before they turn in their paperwork to the clinical office.

Name _____ Date _____
(Please print)

Please check the appropriate box.

_____ I do **not** plan to waive my student teaching experiences

_____ I plan to substitute a life experience for
(Please check even if you're unsure)

_____ pre-K
_____ primary
_____ both

Signature _____
(I read and understand the above policy)