Field Experience for Students

Student Teachers...
- Build meaningful relationships with students and their colleagues.
- Fulfill student learning first and are dedicated and show passion for teaching and learning.
- Are prepared for the classroom and focused on delivering quality instruction.
- Take risks and reflect about the experience of student teaching.
- Remember the importance of taking risks and making mistakes.
- Recognize that being flexible is important in the unpredictable world of teaching.

Field experiences provide student teachers with the opportunity to develop skills, strategies, and professional self-confidence. The following is a summary of field experiences offered through student teachers continue their growth continues.

Orientation Field Experience: Orientation to School Culture and Contexts (EDFX 200)
- The EDFX 200 is an open-option early field experience held to introduce education students in the second year of their program in either the Fall (September-December) or Winter (January-April) term. In order to qualify, students must have completed EDFX 120/325.
- The EDFX 200 is a course that includes one 12 hour placement, one 10 day and 10 half day school visits. The main purpose of the course is to introduce. They have also completed curriculum and instruction classes to support their theory and pedagogy.

Elementary (EDFX 325)
- Introductory Field Experience (IFX)
- This is typically a students teachers’ first experience with teaching.
- Students teachers will work up to teaching a minimum of 0.5 teachers’ FTE which equates to 750-800 minutes per week.
- Students teachers complete their 25-day IFX and have continued to take curriculum and instruction classes to support their theory and pedagogy.
- In the winter term, placements are made in the majors of art, sciences, CTS, drama, English, math, music, physical education, second languages, and social studies.

EDFX 490 Advanced Field Experience (AFx)
- Student teachers will continue to work on achieving the TQS competencies and will work towards independence.
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