

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDLA 411 Apprenticeship Placement

- This 30 hour field placement focuses on literacy.
- Students in the EDLA 411 placement will work with first, second or third grade students.
- The goals of this placement are:
 - identify and apply effective instructional skills to design and deliver literacy instruction in a small group format.
 - develop literacy assessment skills by analyzing and interpreting student achievement data.
 - use appropriate standards to develop learning objectives, learning activities and aligned assessments.
- Multiple FSU students will be placed with a mentor teacher as a professional learning community. The number in an FSU PLC pod can be determined by the make up of the elementary classroom and the needs of the mentor teacher. Being placed in a pod will allow students to return to their university classroom for reflection and discussion with others who have shared their field experience. It will also acquaint students with the PLC concept. The FSU student to mentor teacher ratio should not exceed 4:1. Students can be placed 1:1 if the school or mentor teacher prefer.
- Classroom visits will be scheduled by the student at times that are convenient for the mentor teacher and will include small group work related to literacy..

For more information or to ask a question about FSU field placement:

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