

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### EDLA 431 Apprenticeship Placement

- This 40 hour field placement focuses on reading and writing methods.
- Students in the EDLA 431 placement can work with students PK-6 with a preference for third or sixth grade.
- The goals of this placement are:
  - Use a workshop framework to design and implement developmentally appropriate and culturally responsive literacy instruction in the classroom.
  - Develop practices to elicit and interpret individual students' thinking for the purpose of differentiating instruction.
  - Examine student learning artifacts from teaching demonstrations, small group lessons, and individual conferences to inquire into and reflect upon instructional practice.
- 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.
- Students will complete assignments in the field that require them to lead whole group instruction and to work individually with students.
- Each FSU student will be observed one time by an FSU faculty member.

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

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