

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

### 40 Hour Apprenticeship Field Experience

#### **Secondary:**

EDUC 338

- For many students, this 40 hour field experience is the first placement that moves them into a more active role in the classroom. Students at this level should design and teach at least two lessons during their placement. One lesson will be observed by a university supervisor and one by the mentor teacher.
- Areas of focus for this placement are:
  - exploring a variety of teaching styles and strategies and their suitability for the situation.
  - developing pedagogical knowledge across curricular areas with an emphasis on differentiating instruction, evaluating teaching practices and using assessments to inform instruction.
  - reflecting on learning experiences from both the teacher and student perspectives to improve future practice.
  - identifying key components of building motivation in the classroom.
  - professional behaviors and communication skills.
- Students will be placed in classrooms with a certified mentor teacher with at least three years of successful teaching experience in the student's area of future certification.
- Classroom visits typically begin the 2nd or 3rd week of the semester. One or two half days per week is the norm.

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

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