

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

80 Hour Apprenticeship Field Experience

Secondary Education: EDUC 438

- This 80 hour field experience is the final field placement before student teaching. Students at this level should design and teach at least four lessons during their placement. Two lessons will be observed by a university supervisor and two by the mentor teacher.
- Areas of focus for this placement are:
 - exploring a variety of teaching and classroom management styles and strategies.
 - developing pedagogical knowledge across curricular areas with an emphasis on differentiating instruction, evaluating teaching practices and using assessments to inform instruction.
 - choosing appropriate strategies, grouping arrangements, resource materials and visual displays for lessons they develop and teach.
 - developing strong professional habits
- 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 and are arranged at times that are convenient for both mentor teacher and teacher candidate. One to three days per week is the norm.

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

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