

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

EDUC 499 Exceptional Student Teaching Placement (ESTE)

- This 15 week field placement is the capstone experience for all school of education students seeking a bachelor's degree in education and initial teacher certification in Michigan. ESTE student teachers will work as long term substitutes and assume the responsibility of a lead teacher from day one of their placement.
- Students in EDUC 499 will be assigned to K-12 classrooms in a variety of school settings based on their area(s) of future certification.
- During this 15-week placement, student teachers teach under the guidance of an in district mentor teacher(s) to further develop skills related to effective lesson planning and delivery along with classroom management. Unlike a traditional placement, the mentor teacher may have full time responsibilities outside of the student teacher's classroom along with mentoring the ESTE student teacher.
- A dedicated university supervisor evaluates and supports each student teacher. The university supervisor conducts an initial visit and follow up visits at two, five, ten, and fifteen weeks. These visits and evaluations are typically a combination of online and in person. Supervisors and student teachers connect between visits via weekly reflections, discussions boards and monthly student teaching seminars.
- Student teachers are expected to participate actively in the online community where innovative instruction and assessment methods, as well as significant topics of interest such as classroom management, instructional theory into practice and relevant pedagogy are discussed.

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

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