

STUDENT TEACHING SYLLABUS

UNI Out of State and International Student Teaching Program

This syllabus is a common syllabus agreed upon by the instructors of the set of student teaching courses. Each student is enrolled in the course(s) according to her/his major(s). Other than the level at which the student teacher is assigned, course content is common among all the courses.

<i>Course Numbers and Titles</i>	
Course Numbers:	280 132 280 134 280 135 280 137 280 138 280 139 280 140 280 250
Course Titles:	Early Childhood Teaching Elementary Teaching Special Education Teaching Middle School/Junior High Teaching Secondary School Teaching Vocational/Technical Teaching Special Area Teaching Advanced Laboratory Practice

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<i>Theme for the Practitioner Preparation Conceptual Framework</i>	
The Educator as a Reflective, Responsible Decision Maker in a Global and Diverse Democratic Society.	

<i>Mission Statement of Division</i>	
The Office of Student Field Experiences offers field experiences to UNI's teacher education students in a variety of settings in which students will confront current issues challenging educators and in which students will have high quality, personalized supervision. (http://www.uni.edu/stdteach/other/mission.html)	

University Catalog Course Description

Offered on credit/no credit basis only. Prerequisite: Completion of Levels I and II of the Professional Education Requirements. Provides the student the opportunity to experience, in depth, the full role and meaning of teaching in a school setting. Experiences include planning and organizing for instruction, developing classroom teaching competencies and skills, evaluating pupil progress, participating in extra-class activities, working with special school personnel, and utilizing school and community resources in the instructional program. (Offered Fall, Spring, and Summer)
<http://www.uni.edu/pubrel/catalog/280.html>

Rationale/Purpose of the Course

Place in the Program:	The student teaching course is a capstone course. It is usually the last course taken before completion of a teacher preparation program and graduation.
Meaning to the Student	Completion of the student teaching course is a requisite for teacher licensure in Iowa. Successful completion is demonstration to the student that he/she is ready for graduation and his/her own teaching position. Students value student teaching for the opportunity to be in a classroom for an extended period of time and to put into practice what they have learned in their respective programs.

Major Learning Outcomes/Objectives or Course Goals

- 1. Knowledge of content and skills:** Understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines taught, and can create learning experiences to make learning meaningful (Iowa Teaching Standard 2; Renaissance 11; Teacher Work Sample (TWS) 4*)
- 2. Knowledge of Learners and the Learning Process:** Understands how students learn and differ in their approaches to learning, and can provide learning opportunities that support their development (Iowa Teaching Standard 2; Renaissance 1 and 2; TWS 1*)
- 3. Instructional Planning:** Plans instruction based on knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, and curriculum goals (Iowa Teaching Standards 3 and 4; Renaissance 3; TWS 2 and 4*)
- 4. Use of Instructional Strategies:** Understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies and adopts teaching style and content delivery to diverse needs of students (Iowa Teaching Standard 4 ; Renaissance 2 and 4; TWS, 4 and 5*)
- 5. Learning Environment and Classroom Management:** Creates a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self motivation (Iowa Teaching Standards 1 and 6; Renaissance 5)
- 6. Use of Communication Strategies:** Uses knowledge of communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction (Iowa Teaching Standard 8; Renaissance 6)
- 7. Use of Assessing/Diagnosing/Evaluating Strategies:** Understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies; and takes action to determine what strengths and problems exist (Iowa Teaching Standard 5; Renaissance 7; TWS, 6 and 7*)
- 8. Use of Motivation Strategies:** Takes action to arouse and sustain interest of learners, uses devices that appeal to learners, and motivates by personal behavior (Iowa Teaching Standards 2 and 3 and 4; Renaissance 5)
- 9. Use of Problem-Solving/Decision Making Strategies:** Reflects on teaching in order to solve problems and make decisions, examines situations from various perspectives, and is appropriately decisive (Iowa Teaching Standards 1 and 7; Renaissance 8; TWS, 4*)
- 10. Home-School-Community Relations:** Fosters relationships with colleagues, parents, and agencies in the larger community (Iowa Teaching Standards 1 and 8; Renaissance 9)
- 11. Use of Technology:** Integrates computer and multimedia technology into classroom teaching (Iowa Teaching Standards 3 and 4; Renaissance 10; TWS, 4*)
- 12. Use of Multicultural Gender Fair (MCGF) Strategies:** Demonstrates sensitivity

to community diversity and cultural identity, and infuses multicultural, gender-fair strategies into instruction (Iowa Teaching Standards 4 and 8; Renaissance 3; TWS, 1)

13. **Human Relations Skills:** Implements sound human relations and communication skills in order to foster productive, positive, learning communities (Iowa Teaching Standard 8; Renaissance 6)

14. **Professional Characteristics/Personal Qualities:** Exhibits high quality characteristics in professional and person demeanor and exemplifies in professional behavior role awareness and ethical conduct (Iowa Teaching Standard 8; Renaissance 9)

* Not all centers require students to complete a Teacher Work Sample, but students in all centers work on skills that are utilized in the Teacher Work Sample.

Course Requirements

Assumptions:	It is assumed that students have from their respective programs the basic knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed to engage in the clinical experiences to which they are assigned and that they have successfully completed the field experiences required at Levels I, II, and III of the Professional Education Requirements as well other field experiences in their respective programs. It is also assumed that they have completed the requirements for graduation and teacher licensure or that they know what needs to be completed concurrent or following student teaching.
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Expectations:	<p>Student teachers are expected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To keep the contractual schedules/hours of their cooperating teachers and to be on time • To assume all the contractual responsibilities and expectations the school/district has of their teachers • To assume this responsibility in a gradual sequence with opportunities to observe and learn from their cooperating teachers • To spend the time and effort necessary outside of school to prepare for their teaching responsibilities • To behave professionally and ethically • To dress professionally according to the dress codes of the schools to which they are assigned • To ascertain permission from their cooperating teachers for all the activities they do on the school site • To be observed in their assigned classrooms by school and university supervisors, to participate in conferences where they will receive feedback from supervisors, and to participate in the performance evaluation process with their supervisors • To attend all student teaching seminars • To complete assigned work, such as reflections, action research, Teacher Work Sample, according to published deadlines • To follow directions given in writing or orally from their
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	<p>supervisors and to ask questions for clarification and/or for any help they need with placement assignments, course assignments, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be an active participant in their own professional development
Required Texts:	University of Northern Iowa Office of Field Experiences. (1999). <i>Defining the relationship/student teacher and cooperating teacher handbook</i> . Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt Publishing.
Optional Materials:	Each center has a collection of resources for the student teachers in that center.

Course Topics

	Topic
1	Professional behaviors expected of student teachers
2	Requirements and schedule of activities for successful completion of student teaching
3	Paperwork required of student and cooperating teachers
4	Long range planning
5	Reflection, reflective decision-making, and problem solving
6	Action research and problem-solving
7	Performance evaluation and receiving feedback
8	Classroom teaching/instruction
9	Classroom management and establishing a positive classroom climate
10	Rapport/relationship building with students, parents, supervisors, and peers
11	Collaboration, active listening, and teaming
12	Community and educational resources
13	Professionalism and ethics
14	Diverse learners and multicultural gender-fair strategies
15	Teacher accountability and documentation of student learning
16	School law
17	Iowa Teaching Standards
18	Job searching, resumes, portfolios, and interviewing
19	Salary and job benefits expectations
20	Department/classroom budgets
21	Graduation and licensure
22	Transition to first year teaching
23	Developmental issues experienced during student

Course Assessment

Student teachers are assessed on the basis of their teaching performance and on the basis of whether or not three other student teaching assignments (action research project or Teaching Work Sample, reflection, and seminar participation) have been completed. The assessment of teaching is based on the performance of the student teacher in each student teaching placement. Students are assessed by their cooperating teacher(s) and by their university supervisor on each of the behavioral outcomes listed above. Students who receive ratings of “unsatisfactory” on more than three performance outcomes in either placement are usually withdrawn from student teaching. The basis for the assessment of the action research or the Teacher Work Sample and the reflection assignments is completion of these projects according to the criteria given by the instructor. The basis for assessment of the seminar assignment is attendance and participation.

Assignments

Assignment	Description	Outcome/Objective Addressed
Teaching	In each placement, student teachers observe and assume full-time planning and teaching responsibilities under the supervision of a cooperating teacher.	All outcomes listed above.
Observation, Conferencing, and Performance Evaluation	Student teachers are observed by the cooperating teacher(s) and by the university supervisor and conferences are held afterward for feedback, reflection, and goal setting. For each placement, a midterm and a final evaluation conference are held with the cooperating teacher, the university supervisor, and the student teacher.	All outcomes listed above.
Seminar	Seminar meetings are required the semester prior to the Out of State or International student teaching experiences. Pre- departure information according to university guidelines are reviewed and discussed.	All outcomes listed above.
Reflective Journaling	Student teachers submit written reflections over the course of each placement. For some reflections, a topic is assigned; for others, student teachers write on topics of their choice.	9 and possibly any of the other outcomes listed above.
Action Research	For action research, student teachers identify a problem they want to solve in their classrooms or in their own teaching behaviors; engage in problem-solving to plan and achieve the desired improvement	Any or all of the outcomes listed above

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