Center for Teacher Education

Elementary Pre-Internship Teacher Candidate & Mentor Teacher Orientation

January 10, 2023 via Zoom

Purpose of the Meeting

• To review the details of the pre-internship teaching experience
• To review the role and responsibilities of the intern, mentor teacher, supervisor, and level coordinator

Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Overview of Pre-Internship Requirements and Expectations
• Overview of Methods’ Courses
• Questions/Discussion
• Meet your supervisor – Break Out
• Contact Information
Expectations

• Team Teaching Model
  – Learners come first
  – Student Teachers should not be left alone in the classroom
  – Student Teachers cannot be substitute teachers
  – Guide Student Teachers through reflective practice: the why, how, what & when of teaching

• Program Supervisor:
  – Facilitates strong triad relationship between intern, mentor and program.

• Student Teacher:
  – It is your responsibility to complete ALL CMU program requirements.
  – Stay connected through D2L, colloquia, email, and the CTE website.
  – You are learning the theory of teaching and will also have the opportunity to develop the art of teaching in your classroom!!!

Pre-Internship Overview

• START and END with school district calendar – not by hours completed or by CMU calendar
• Balance between coursework, observation, and working with students.
  – First methods courses
  – Full load
  – Should NOT be teaching a lot – but some
• Pre-interns spend time in the classroom building relationships with mentors and students
• Learning the classroom routines and the logistics of the school

Professionalism

• Dispositions: see Professional Dispositions Form
• Attendance and Punctuality
  – Notify mentor and program coordinator of issues
  – Record on program time log
    - Any absence is generally not acceptable
    - An Absence Form must be submitted for all absences
    - Report absences to school, mentor, AND supervisor ASAP
• Dress: Remember this is a yearlong interview. No denim. You WANT to look like the responsible adult in the room.
• Communication
  – Oral: Express yourself thoughtfully with appropriate language.
  – Written: Be mindful of your audience. Emails can be forwarded. Proofread!
  – Social Media/Cel Phone: See pg. 8 of the Intern Handbook
• Attitude: As this is a yearlong interview, all impressions are important.
  TQS 4: Teacher's demonstrate professionalism though ethical conduct, reflection, and leadership.
Communication between Candidate, Mentor & CMU

- All course assignments are given at beginning of semester
- Candidate responsible for forms (what, where, when)
- Get to know your supervisor – she will be with you through internship. Please respond to any communication in a timely manner (e.g. to set up obs., etc.)
- Mentors: Please call or email us if you have questions or something does not feel right!

Expected Candidate Behavior

- Highly motivated and asks a lot of questions
- Working with students (not coursework)
- Arrives early and leaves late
- Provides course information to mentor in timely manner

Pre-Internship Observations & Evaluations

- Observation – CMU Supervisors
  - Leah Reynolds, Nancy Slake, & Sandra Murray
  - Minimum 2 formal lesson observations – these may be in the form of sending a video and meeting via Zoom
- Lesson Observation – Mentor Teacher
  - Some courses may require formal lesson observations
- Pre-Ints are expected to have written lesson plans for any lesson they teach
- Evaluations (Pre-intern and Mentor)
  - Midterm and Final
  - Review Intern Evaluation (CO-TQS) and use to set goals for student teaching
Field Paperwork Due (see checklist)

- Schedule
  - Every Wednesday & Thursday, full day, and an occasional Friday. (It is recommended mentors and pre-interns discuss which Friday afternoons would be beneficial to stay for either planning or professional development).
  - Distance placements will set a schedule between mentor and pre-intern (with at least 2 full days, preferably back-to-back).

- Evaluations (Pre-intern and Mentor)
  - Midterm and Final
  - Review CO-TQS throughout the semester to gain familiarity

- Time Log
  - Pre-interns log hours and absences (daily/weekly)
  - Mentor’s signature is required on time log

- Growth Plan
  - Candidates and mentors will fill this out together at the end of the pre-internship semester using the Intern Evaluation as a resource (CO-TQS)

Pre-Internship

Guidelines for Continuing into Internship

To continue in this placement and into student teaching, pre-interns must:

- Complete CDE background check and district requirements at the beginning of placement
- Turn in evidence of current CPR/FA certification
- Pass content area exam (Praxis II – Multiple Subject Exam – Literacy, Math, Science, & Social Science)
- Pass all EDUC courses with a “B” or better
- Maintain overall and content GPA of 2.8 or higher

*See handout “Guidelines for Continuing into Internship”

Internship Requirements

- Fall 2023 Colloquia
  - Intern attendance required (interns only)
  - Colloquium – November TBA

- Field Evaluation
  - Field Evaluations:
    - Completed with intern, mentor, & supervisor at midterm and final
  - Lesson Plans:
    - Interns are expected to have written lesson plans for every lesson they teach
    - Lesson plans are submitted to supervisor prior to observation
    - During internship, supervisors will complete 4 formal observations

- edTPA – Elementary Mathematics
  - edTPA is a National performance-based assessment for teacher candidates
  - edTPA Lesson Segment:
    - Interns will plan, instruct, video, assess and analyze student learning
    - Submission Date – October* 

* TCs: check D2L and CMU email this fall for specific dates and times.
Overview of Methods’ Courses

- Cynthia Chovich – Literacy
- Lisa Friel-Redifer – Assessment
  - Program Assessments, Class Data from one assessment, Mini-Research Project
- Lisa Friel-Redifer – Math
  - Teach & Record – 3-Act or Read Aloud (mid-Feb.)
  - Student Content Analysis – Pick one student (permission forms)
  - LAMP Teaching – 2 days back-to-back. Please let us know if there are conflicts in suggested dates: Week of 4/18-4/21 - Will testing interfere?
- Nick Bardo – Science/Social Studies

*See handout “Overview of Teacher Candidate Assignments in the Field” – will be posted on CTE Website

Substitute Teaching During Internship

- Substitute teaching during internship is optional, and students should not be tasked to substitute teach without being authorized by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the district’s Human Resources Department.
- Students who are not established as substitute teachers within their district are not authorized to be left in classrooms without the supervision of a licensed teacher or authorized substitute.
- Starting in the last quarter of the semester, CMU student teachers are permitted to substitute only for their mentor teachers, within their placement classrooms, for no more than 2 days a week (16 total hours a week).
- Compensation for substitute teaching is determined by the host school district.
- Student teachers interested in substitute teaching should obtain the approval of their mentor teachers and school principals prior to pursuing state and district authorization.

Timeline & Questions

- Meet with supervisors in Break Out Rooms – introduce yourselves and discuss how observations will happen. What questions do you have? I will be dropping in to answer any questions.
- Come back to main room after to answer in final questions and conclude.
Contact Information

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• The Center for Teacher Education uses students’ CMU email to share important information
• It is the student’s responsibility to monitor his/her CMU email account:
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Check your email daily!
You do not want to miss deadlines.

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• Website
  – www.coloradomesa.edu/teachered
  – All forms are located on the CTE website on the Student Resources page
• Twitter
  – @cmuctesec
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Thank you!

Mentor teachers, thank you for attending the pre-intern and mentor orientation and your willingness to serve as a mentor teacher!