

To: Mentor Teachers

Subject: Teacher Candidate Activities for EDUC 341 & 343

We wish to extend this message of appreciation for the cooperation, assistance, and professional knowledge you are providing to the teacher candidates in both EDUC 341 (Pedagogy & Assessment) and EDUC 343 (Teaching to Diversity) courses of the Teacher Education Program at Colorado Mesa University. During this school assignment, teacher candidates are to complete a minimum of 40 hours of field-based experiences related to teaching to diverse populations and pedagogy and assessment practices in the elementary classroom.

Please see the field experiences forms on the Teacher Education website (<http://www.coloradomesa.edu/teachered> ) at your convenience. The students are expected to spend approximately one quarter of their time (approximately 1 hour a week) in activities/observations relating specific to course content such as learning theories, instructional planning, assessment, strategies, management, and social issues that affect the lives of students. We are asking for your assistance in helping us to provide feedback to our candidates when they teach a lesson. A lesson observation form is located on the website for your convenience. Your feedback is invaluable to the candidate's professional growth.

The remaining hours (approximately 3 hours a week) are to be completed by working with students at your discretion (one on one, small groups, etc.). It is the responsibility of the teacher candidates to keep you informed of the types of activities that they need to observe or practice and to work with you in providing assistance to your students as you deem appropriate.

Should you have any concerns about your teacher candidate's assignments or performance, please let us know.