

Welcome to SPED 4002 Field Experience

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Field Experience GOALS

SPED 4002

- To acquaint YOU with the P-12 school...from the other side of the desk.
- To acquaint YOU with professional behavior.
- To acquaint YOU with issues of teaching and learning in today's schools.

Background Check Process

- All teacher candidates, regardless of major, who are enrolled in an education class are required to have criminal history clearance.
- This is a secure process, which is handled by the Augusta University Public Safety Office, the Field Experience Coordinator's office, and the Dean of the College of Education.

Background Check Process, cont.

- You must complete a background check before beginning your SPED 4002 class. You must complete another one when you apply for admission to Teacher Education.
- The background check form is available at http://www.augusta.edu/education/tal/field_experience.php or pick one up from the Teaching & Leading Office at University Hall.
- Return the completed forms to Jackie Creasy's office. Faxed or scanned documents will NOT be accepted.

Clear Criminal History

- Your field experience placement will not be approved until you have followed the criminal background check process.
- If you have any questions about this process, please contact Jackie Creasy at jcreasy2@augusta.edu or 706-677-4109.

Field Experience Design

- Must be active, participatory and of service to the school assigned.
- Must be engaged with students in learning activities most of the time.
- Must be in the school as a “helper”, not to promote your own agenda.

Field Experience Design, cont.

- Students in SPED 4002 should assist in differentiating instruction for students with disabilities, according to the identified student's IEP requirements.

We expect professionalism at all times! You are no longer “just a student”. **You are a professional educator!** You are on an interview at all times. Always remember, first impressions are difficult to change.

Communication is YOUR Responsibility

- Go to http://www.augusta.edu/education/tal/field_experience.php for a SPED 4002 Collaborating Teacher Packet.
- Print 2 copies. Fill out your contact information on each copy. Have your collaborating teacher sign one copy on the FIRST VISIT and keep the other for her records!
- Return the signed copy to Jackie Creasy in the Teaching & Leading Suite or scan and send to jcreasy2@augusta.edu.

If you encounter any Field Experience Issues

- Contact Jackie Creasy or the instructor of your AU class immediately!
- Please DO NOT contact any school directly to discuss Field Experience issues!

Activities

- You will do any appropriate task that the collaborating teacher asks you to do!
- Working with individual students.
- Work with groups
- Monitor/assist with class work.
- Preparing content materials/set up for class.
- Routine tasks (attendance, hand out materials, collect work).
- Assist with instruction as appropriate.

Field Experience Facts

- 25 Hour Field Experience in a school setting.
- You are responsible for your own transportation.
- You will be given the opportunity to choose a lab placement via an online process.
- You must set a schedule with your CT within the 5 week lab period.
- You MUST complete the field experience to pass SPED 4002. This includes submitting the Collaborating Teacher Contract.
- Notify Jackie Creasy (jcreasy2@augusta.edu) immediately if you drop the class!
- You must have a clear criminal history to have access to the online placement site.

Professionalism

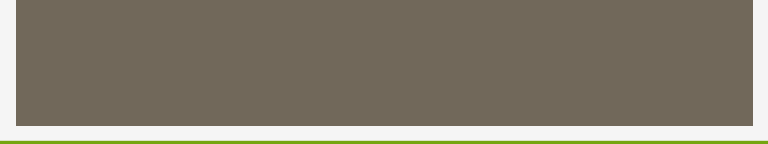
- Dress professionally (if in doubt, don't wear it)!
- NO jeans, NO sweatpants, No gym outfits!!!
- Be flexible and pleasant—Low maintenance!
- Confidentiality—Do not gossip or discuss students issues with others!
- Never be alone with a class!!!
- Only use your University email address!
- Turn off all cell phones, IPADs, laptops or other electronic devices!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Remember you want to maintain a positive and professional image as an educator, use CAUTION with social media and networking sites!

There are 3 kinds of teachers:

- Those who make things happen,
- Those who watch things happen,
- Those who wonder what happened.

Problems with Online Field Placement

- DO NOT PANIC!
- We will get the details worked out!
- Contact Jackie Creasy with any issues
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Remember that you are representing AU. Everything that you say and do is a reflection on the institution.

We have a strong relationship with the schools we use for placements and were depending on YOU to continue that tradition.

We hope you have a fantastic Field Experience this semester!