

Overview
C & T 489: Advanced Teaching Practicum (1 credit hour)

The Practicum Experience

The practicum student will be in the classroom for two periods a day, if possible, for the duration of the experience. In most cases, the placement needs to take place in the morning to accommodate the students' schedules. The goal is that the practicum student be assigned to the same class(es) of students for the duration of the experience, each time it meets. During this time, the practicum student will transition into assuming responsibilities in the classroom, and then transition out of these responsibilities. The following is an example of how the semester experience may be conducted.

- Weeks 1 and 2: Practicum student participates in active observation.
- Weeks 3-6: Practicum student assumes responsibilities teaching mini-lessons and/or does co-teaching with the clinical supervisor. The first of two conversations between the practicum student and the clinical supervisor about the practicum student's progress occurs.
- Weeks 7-10: Practicum student assumes greater responsibilities in teaching; these responsibilities may include teaching lessons/units that the practicum student designed in cooperation with the classroom teacher. The second of two conversations between the practicum student and the clinical supervisor about the student's progress occurs.
- Weeks 11-12: Practicum student slowly phases out of teaching responsibilities and back into active observation.

Responsibilities of the Clinical Supervisor (Cooperating Teacher)

The expectations of the Clinical Supervisor include:

- 1) Agreement to welcome one-two students into his/ her classroom for several hours each week for the duration of the experience (refer to the request form for specific dates).
- 2) Collaboration with the practicum student about lesson and unit planning, management of learning environment, and assessment of student learning.
- 3) Participation in two conversations about the practicum student's progress.
- 4) Willingness to complete two observations of the practicum student's teaching in the classroom.
- 5) Completion of a final evaluation of the practicum student's participation in the Advanced Teaching Practicum experience.

Responsibilities of the University Supervisor (KU representative)

The expectations of the University Supervisor include:

- 1) Make at least three visits/observations to provide support and conduct formal observations. During these visits, the University Supervisor will visit with the student and the clinical supervisor.
- 2) Complete a mid-term evaluation of the practicum student.
- 3) Complete a final evaluation of the practicum student's participation in the Advanced Teaching Practicum experience.