

SAULT COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

SAULT STE. MARIE, ON

COURSE OUTLINE

COURSE TITLE: FIELDWORK IV

CODE NO.: ED 259

SEMESTER: FOUR

PROGRAM: TEACHER ASSISTANT

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Fieldwork IV provides an opportunity for students to further develop the basic skills necessary to be an effective teacher assistant. Students will continue to gain valuable experience in the field which complements their studies at the College and allows them to gain a genuine "feel" for their chosen career.

This final placement provides the student with an opportunity to synthesize classroom theory with application.

OBJECTIVES

1. The student will gain a greater understanding of methods and procedures used and demonstrate this understanding through observations and journal entries.
2. The student will observe a variety of techniques used in the education of exceptional children and be prepared to discuss these in Field Seminar.
3. The student will perform all assigned duties and activities accurately and efficiently.
4. The student will follow the safety and behaviour management procedures established for the school and classroom s/he is assigned.
5. The student will demonstrate appropriate oral and written communication with both teachers and children.
6. The student will demonstrate appropriate responses to the needs expressed by the children.
7. The student will demonstrate a willingness to learn by listening to directions/explanations attentively and by asking appropriate questions.
8. The student will be punctual and attend regularly.
9. The student will be appropriately dressed and groomed for the classroom s/he is assigned to.
10. The student will adhere to confidentiality policies of Sault College and the Boards of Education he/she.
11. The student will demonstrate the initiative expected of a 4th semester student.

METHODOLOGY

Fieldwork IV consists of placement two days per week in an elementary, secondary or post-secondary setting. Settings vary from regular classrooms with mainstreamed exceptional children to special education classes to College classrooms and resource areas. Students are involved in selecting the most appropriate placement setting for the semester.

SPECIAL NOTES

Students are expected to attend field placement on all scheduled days unless they are ill or have a family emergency. Both the placement site and the Teacher Assistant Coordinator must be notified of absence. Students may miss up to 1 1/2 days per semester due to illness or family emergency. Any absences greater than 1 1/2 days must be made up in the placement site where the absence occurred.

Students with special needs (eg. physical limitations, visual impairments, hearing impairments, learning disabilities) are encouraged to discuss required accommodations confidentially with the instructor.

EVALUATION

Students are assigned an "S" or "U" grade. Grade is based on meeting the objectives stated, adherence to the Field Placement Guidelines for Teacher Assistants, and full attendance during scheduled placement days. Evaluation is completed by both the field placement supervisor and college faculty. Violation of Field Placement Guidelines usually will result in a written warning. A second violation will result in the student being removed from the field placement site and the issuance of a "U" grade. Severe violations (e.g. breach of ethics) will result in dismissal from the program.

RESOURCES

Sault College Field Placement Guidelines for Teacher Assistants

