Teacher Education Program

LEVEL III HANDBOOK

STUDENT TEACHING
FOR NSU TEACHER LICENSURE CANDIDATES

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School of Education Mission
The School of Education provides the leadership, coordination, and evaluation of all academic programs and services offered through the departments of Early Childhood/Elementary and Special Education, Secondary Education and School Leadership and Health, Physical Education and Exercise Science. Its central purpose is to provide pre-service and in-service educational programs to prospective teachers, in-service teachers, administrators, and others engaged in educational activities in schools and other agencies.

Purpose
The Level III Student Teaching Field Experience is designed to provide candidates with an opportunity to manage a classroom with support from an experienced teacher. With a focus on preparing competent 21st century educators, this experience will enable teacher candidates to enter a diverse P-12 school setting and to apply the content knowledge and skills developed throughout a teacher preparation program. The Level III field experience requires a minimum of 400 instructional clock hours supervised by a University Supervisor and a Cooperating Teacher.

Clinical experiences are an integral part of the curriculum for teacher education program candidates. This is mandatory field experience. The experience is planned to provide relevant opportunities for the observation of instructional delivery and classroom management, reflection, evaluation of theories and concepts. The candidate utilizes the knowledge and skills gained throughout the teacher preparation program by engaging in instructional delivery, learner assessment and evaluation, classroom management, and professional development in a P-12 school setting. This field experience is systematic and guided by the Interstate Teacher Assessment Support Consortium (InTASC) Standards & Indicators, the Virginia Department of Education Standards (VDOE), and Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP)\(^1\).

Prerequisites to Enter Level III Field Experiences
To be approved for the Level III Student Teaching Field Experience, a candidate must:
1. Complete all coursework in the teacher education program as evidenced by a current Academic Evaluation (EVAL).
2. Have a 2.75 GPA or better (3.0 GPA preferred).
3. Complete an online Level III Student Teaching Field Experience Application prior to the deadline.
4. Provide a Level II Field Experience Record.
5. Provide a current (within 1 year), negative Tuberculin Skin Test or chest x-ray results.
6. I have attached the COVID-19 Acknowledgement of Risk form.
7. Provide a current (within 1 year) signed Background Verification Form.
8. Submit payment for a Universal Background Check to OCESS after being fingerprinted at a local police department. (For directions to the closet police station and forms, come to OCESS to receive the fingerprint card and the “National Criminal Background Check for Employees or Volunteers Providing Care to Children, the Elderly and Disabled” Form prior to visiting the police station.)

Note: OCESS will accept Universal Background Check results/documentations from your present employer if they were completed within a 12-month period of your current field experience application.

\(^1\) InTASC, VDOE, and CAEP Standards are listed later in this handbook.
9. Provide evidence of successful completion of **Praxis Core Math** or its substitution score noted by SAT or ACT scores.
10. Provide evidence of successful scores on **Praxis II** and **Teaching Reading Elementary & Special Education** (if applicable) exams.
11. Provide a completed **Dispositions Assessment**.
12. Provide proof of current **membership** in a related professional organization.
13. Provide proof of **liability insurance** through a related professional organization such as the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA).
14. **Dyslexia Awareness Training** Certificate.
15. **Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition and Intervention Training** Certificate.
16. Wait for confirmation of field experience prior to contacting or entering the designated setting.
17. Complete online paperwork and return the required forms to OCESS at the end of the term.

**REQUIRED SETTINGS FOR STUDENT TEACHING**

Different education programs have specific requirements for the appropriate settings for their content areas. The list below represents the basic setting(s) and/or grades for three groups of education programs:

1. **ELEMENTARY EDUCATION MAJORS**
   Teacher candidates are placed in two (2) eight-week appropriate settings:
   - primary grades K, 1, 2, or 3
   - upper elementary grades 4, 5, or 6
     (Note: K-3 majors will do primary sets in K-1 and 2-3)

2. **SECONDARY EDUCATION MAJORS**
   Teacher candidates are placed in two (2) eight-week appropriate settings:
   - Middle School
   - High School

2. **ART, SPECIAL EDUCATION, HEALTH/PHYSICAL EDUCATION, and MUSIC MAJORS**
   Teacher candidates are placed in two (2) eight-week appropriate settings:
   - Elementary
   - High School or Middle School

**Responsibilities**

**NSU University Supervisors**
The NSU University Supervisor:

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2 Due to COVID-19 the Practicum experience has been reduced to 10 weeks per VDOE directive.
1. Completes the **University Supervisor Orientation Module**.
2. Provides a syllabus to teacher candidates that depicts the weight of the field experience on a candidate’s final course grade.
3. Describes various activities to be completed by the candidate during the field experience (both within the clinical classroom and outside of the clinical classroom).
4. Describes how the summative assessment tools will be measured.
5. Collaborates with other University Supervisors to facilitate the whole group Seminar Sessions.
6. Conducts collaborative weekly sessions with assigned teacher candidates.
7. Completes the components within the evaluation and grading portion as noted in the handbook.
8. **Visits each teaching facility during the first or second week of the field experience for an orientation** with the cooperating teacher to ensure that the placement is appropriate for the teacher candidate.
9. **Conducts a minimum of four (4) formal observations during each field experience placement. None of the observations may occur on the same day.**
10. Provides support in the videotaping process through Go React of formal visits as needed.
11. Evaluates each formal visit within the video annotated technology system.
12. Contacts the OCESS Director for issues relating to field placements.

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**On-Site Supervisor/Cooperating Teacher**

The On-Site Supervisor/Cooperating Teacher:

1. Completes the **On-Site Supervisor/Cooperating Teacher Orientation Module**.
2. Explains general school policies and procedures.
3. Becomes familiar with the expected outcomes and activities required for a Level III student teaching field experience as outlined in the handbook and course syllabus.
4. Assists NSU teacher candidate with completing the required activities for a Level III experience as outlined in the handbook and syllabus.
5. Enables the NSU teacher candidate to demonstrate content knowledge and instructional delivery skills in a P-12 classroom setting.
6. Provides daily feedback to the NSU teacher candidate regarding instructional delivery, learner assessment, and classroom management skills.
7. Meets regularly with the University Supervisor to discuss the progress of the NSU teacher candidate.
8. Contact the University Supervisor if they have questions or concerns related to the required assignments and assessments, student teaching field experience and/or issues with the NSU teacher candidate.
9. Submits all required documentation at the conclusion of the field experience.

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**NSU Teacher Candidate**

The NSU teacher candidate:

1. Refers to the internship course syllabus and Level III Field Experience Handbook for student teaching requirements and assignments.
2. Completes all prerequisites for a Level III Field Experience placement in a timely manner.
3. Adheres to all assigned school and university policies and procedures.
4. Collaborates with the University Supervisor and Cooperating Teacher in planning the field experience.
5. Completes all field assignments, evaluations, logs, and other assignments provided by the Cooperating Teacher or University Supervisor.
6. Participate in school activities outside of the classroom setting throughout the day.
7. In the event of the Cooperating Teacher’s absence, follow the cooperating teacher’s schedule and assist the substitute teacher in becoming acquainted with the classroom routines. **Teachers Candidates are not permitted to take over the class. Remember, you are not a substitute teacher. Legally, you are not protected as a substitute teacher.**
8. Documents all visits and obtains the signature of the onsite supervisor/cooperating teacher for the time sheet.
9. Contacts the University Supervisor for questions involving the completion of assignments and forms related to the student teaching field experience.

**Director of OCESS**

The Director of OCESS:
1. Arranges all Level III Field Experiences.
2. Distributes the Universal Background forms.
3. Receives Level III Field Experience applications from the departmental advisors by the designated due date.
4. Addresses and resolves field placement concerns and issues.
5. Assists the University Supervisors with the whole group Seminar Sessions.
6. Files records on completed field placements.

**Intervention Plan**

Teacher Candidates participating in Level III Field Experiences must be active, professional participants as it relates to the activities and responsibilities presented in this field experience handbook. In the P-12 school classroom, NSU teacher candidates will be expected to deliver instruction, manage the P-12 learners in a classroom setting, and complete the designated activities/assignments provided by the cooperating teacher and university supervisor.

NSU teacher candidates struggling academically to complete the Level III field experience assignments and activities will receive coaching and/or have an intervention plan created by their NSU university supervisor. The plan will also be developed for dispositional issues and challenges. To complete a coaching/intervention plan, the NSU university supervisor collaborates with the teacher candidate to create a plan of action that supports the teacher candidate’s development. The plan becomes a document that the teacher candidate and university supervisor sign. The plan serves as a guide for the teacher candidate throughout the duration of the field experience. The plan is monitored by the university supervisor in a manner that provides ample feedback to the teacher candidate, which highlights growth and areas in need of improvement.

**Dismissal from the Level III Field Experience Placement**

If OCESS office receives notification (from the university supervisor and/or the cooperating teacher) that an NSU teacher candidate violates the Virginia Code of Ethics or is having a dispositional issue at the school site, that goes beyond the needs for an action plan, dismissal from the placement could occur and the NSU teacher candidate would receive a non-passing score for the field experience. Due process will occur if the teacher candidate refutes the claim.
Candidate Learning Outcomes and Activities

**INTASC Standards**
The Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) is a consortium of state education agencies and national educational organizations dedicated to the reform, preparation, licensing, and on-going professional development of teachers. The INTASC Standards are composed of 10 standards with multiple indicators that review the knowledge, skills, and dispositions expected of teachers. The Level III Field Experience requires candidates to focus on these 10 INTASC standards throughout the entire student teaching experience.

**VDOE Standards**
The VDOE uniform performance standards include seven standards. Within each of the seven standards are key elements that describe the knowledge that teachers should possess, and actions required to advance student learning. Together these seven standards represent the scope and complexity of teaching and note learners’ outcomes within school divisions. The Level III Field Experience requires candidates to address these standards throughout the student teaching experience in conjunction with the INTASC standards.

**Guidelines for Professional Participation**

**Ethically Engaging in the Level III Field Experience**
Teacher candidates interacting within the field at any site with children are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Virginia Department of Education. They are as follow:

**Virginia Department of Education Code of Ethics**
**Source:** [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/about/code-ethics.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/about/code-ethics.shtml)

As employees of the Virginia Department of Education, we will:

3. Dedicate our efforts toward excellence in public education through continuous improvement.
4. Earn the respect, trust, and confidence of elected and appointed officials, those with whom we work, and the public in everyday interactions by being a positive role model and treating all persons in an evenhanded and courteous manner.
5. Commit to the highest ideals of honesty, integrity, and the stewardship of public resources by protecting the department’s assets and ensuring their proper and efficient use.
6. Comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and policies.
7. Promote policies and programs in accordance with the department’s Statement of Non-Discrimination and the commonwealth’s Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy, supporting the rights and recognizing the needs of all citizens regardless of race, sex, age, religion, creed, country of origin, or disability.
8. Maintain the confidentiality of information entrusted to us by preventing unauthorized disclosure.
9. Expose through appropriate means and channels any discovered evidence of corruption, misconduct, or neglect of duty.
10. Strive for professional excellence of the highest caliber by enhancing professional knowledge, skills, and abilities for our colleagues and ourselves.
11. Adhere to the principle that the public’s business should be conducted in the public view by observing and following both the letter and the spirit of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

12. Abide by Department of Education policies, Virginia’s Standards of Conduct for Employees, and related regulations.

13. Avoid the appearance of conflict of interest by not engaging in activities that may be inconsistent with the State and Local Government Conflict of Interest Act or the Public Procurement Act.

14. Uphold these principles in adhering to this Code of Ethics.

PROVISIONS FOR UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES

Education is a profession that requires mastery of content, knowledge of pedagogy, and a positive disposition that is open to constructive feedback which contributes to the learning and development of self and others through interpersonal competence. All teacher candidates receive feedback about content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and professional dispositions in the courses associated with their clinical experience. NSU educators evaluate a candidate’s understanding, performance, and dispositions through rubrics and other assessment tools to support growth and development. Moreover, the professor of record for the clinical experience shares these assessment tools beforehand to ensure that candidates know the expectations of the field experience. However, sometimes teacher candidates may fail to meet the requirements. Consequently, failure to improve when problems arise in any of these areas may result in academic performance measures such as an improvement plan, and/or dismissal from a field experience, internship, or the program, and/or failure in an academic course.

Most important, negative dispositions are not allowed and certainly not conducive to field experience. A positive attitude is very important to the success within this profession and goes a long way in establishing long-term relationships; it is a sign of a caring professional. Moreover, competencies and skills must accurately address the needs of the P-12 learners within the given clinical setting. However, if a prospective teacher candidate is not making satisfactory progress in the field experience, depending on the deficiency, the following provisions are available:

1. Additional time added to the experience to correct the deficiencies.
2. A return to the university campus for more training on knowledge, skills, and/or appropriate dispositions.
3. A grade of an Incomplete (I) until all deficiencies have been alleviated that were noted on the “I Contract” by the university supervisor. Of course, this action will no doubt delay the teacher candidate’s graduation date.

Due Process

Strict adherence to due process rights of NSU teacher candidates is given, and in most cases, the following steps will be observed:

1. Inform the teacher candidate. Open communication guides the teacher candidate in monitoring their growth. Initial concerns regarding any relevant expectations need to be communicated with the teacher candidate acknowledging awareness of the concern(s). Further, the teacher candidate should be informed that failure to complete the program and/or field experience expectations successfully might result in their failure in a course.
2. Support or assistance. NSU Faculty and clinical faculty will support professional development in the area of concern using available resources, as appropriate.
3. **Written notification.** If a teacher candidate is in jeopardy of not successfully completing course or program objectives, the supervising faculty or other appropriate NSU SOE faculty such as the director of OCESS will identify an improvement plan using an appropriate written format and will communicate the plan to the teacher candidate. Written acknowledgement must be noted by the teacher candidate also in question.

4. **Decision Documentation via electronic notification or meeting.** In the event a teacher candidate is not satisfactorily meeting the terms of the improvement plan, the director of OCESS (or designee), University faculty, and other school personnel as appropriate will meet with the teacher candidate to share the related decision. The teacher candidate will receive a summary of the areas of concern; then they will have an opportunity to further review documentation supporting the related decision. Lastly, the teacher candidate will have an opportunity to respond to the concerns.

5. **Appeal.** In the event the teacher candidate disagrees with the disciplinary decision, the teacher candidate may request an appeal to the School of Education within one week after notification of the decision. The form is entitled **Student Resolution Form**, is required to begin the appeal process.

6. **Appeal.** If the actions taken by the participants within the due process are not acceptable to the teacher candidate, then the appeal can move forward to the Office of the Provost. Again, see the **Student Resolution Form** for the steps to departments during the appeal process if required. Remember, the request for appeal must be in writing and the appropriate signatures must be included.

Teacher candidate appeals about a failing grade or an incorrect grade must proceed through the grade appeal procedures. See **Correction or Omission of Grade Policy**.

**Appeal Process: Beyond NSU**

According to NSU website’s page entitled Reporting, students can do the following: “In accordance with VAC 40-31-100 of the Virginia Administrative Code, the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV) is responsible for investigating all written and signed student complaints against post-secondary educational institutions in Virginia, once a student has exhausted all available grievance procedures at the University.” Please review the attached link for additional information: [https://www.schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints](https://www.schev.edu/index/students-and-parents/resources/student-complaints).

**GENERAL POLICIES FOR STUDENT TEACHING**

The teacher candidate must complete a minimum program requirement of 400 instructional clock hours of student teaching that include non-instructional activities (200 hours per 8-week experience). The hours must be completed within the specified weeks. Therefore, doing more hours than expected weekly to finish early is not acceptable.

General policies to support an effective immersion into the student teaching experience are as follows:

1. **Diversity in Student Teaching Settings:** The student teacher candidates will be assigned by OCESS into two separate placements to maximize exposure to diverse learner populations.

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3 Due to COVID-19 the accumulated instructional clock hours of student teaching has been modified.
2. **Attendance:** The teacher candidate should report to the school at the same time as the cooperating teacher and should remain there until the cooperating teacher gives permission to leave. (Make a rule to self to arrive and depart on his/her full-time schedule.)

3. **Absences/Tardiness:** If the teacher candidate is absent or late on any given day, the teacher candidate must contact the university supervisor, and the cooperating teacher, as far in advance as possible, via phone and e-mail.

4. **Personal Appearance:** Teacher candidates are expected to observe the professional dress guidelines as outlined by the NSU professional dress policy. **Professional dress does not include** jeans, sneakers, flip flops, skin-tight pants or leggings, miniskirts, exposed cleavage, exposed undergarments/straps, belts below the waist, or t-shirts. Gum chewing is not allowed. Teacher candidates supervising physical education learners are expected to wear polo shirts, workout suits with pants and jacket or Bermuda length shorts.

5. **Field Experience Forms/Assignments:** All required student teaching forms and assignments must be completed and submitted on time in the provided data management system by the teacher candidate, cooperating teacher, and university supervisor as listed in the **Semester Schedule or syllabus for student teaching** unless otherwise directed.

6. **Outside Commitments:** Teacher candidates are strongly encouraged to limit outside commitments such as jobs, offices in organizations and groups, or additional courses. While NSU understands that teacher candidates may have other obligations in addition to student teaching, outside commitments must not impose upon the responsibilities required to fulfill the student teaching experience. Teacher candidates that have concerns in this area should discuss them with the director of OCESS before they begin their placement. **If outside commitments interfere with internship responsibilities, the teacher candidate may find it necessary to make personal adjustments to give full attention to the program. If this is not done, the teacher candidate may be asked to leave their placement which in turn will impact their final grade.**

7. **Social Media:** Teacher candidates must make wise decisions regarding information posted to social media. Parents, teachers, administrators, and learners browse sites such as Facebook to learn more about a candidate assigned to their school. Thus, a burgeoning professional must understand first impressions are formed from the information they post on the web. Therefore, as a teacher candidate makes decisions about what to share on their social media accounts, he/she must carefully consider how it may be interpreted and its potential impact on their professional reputation. Basically, teacher candidates are part of a profession in which they are expected to model appropriate behaviors and choices. Behaviors that seem appropriate in private situations may be inappropriate in professional contexts. Professional guidelines for using social media falls within the following categories:
   a) Maintain separate sites for professional and personal use.
   b) Use appropriate privacy settings to control access to personal social media sites. (i.e., set to “friends only.”)
   c) Deny learners as participants on personal social networking sites. Decline any learner-initiated friend requests.
   d) Refrain from discussing learners, colleagues, supervisors, or any details about your placements on any social media site.
   e) Post only information you are comfortable sharing with the world.

   Treat professional social media space like a classroom and/or a professional workplace. Be aware of word choice and tone.

8. **Cell Phone Use:** Cell phones should be muted and stored during instructional and non-instructional duty times.
9. **Go React Video Recording:** Teacher candidates are required to video record themselves delivering instruction as part of the assessment requirement at Norfolk State University. The videos are also used by supervisors and cooperating teachers to evaluate a student teacher’s performance and to provide feedback. Therefore, a teacher candidate must be aware of and respect the school’s video recording policy. This policy must be discussed with the cooperating teacher prior to recording the lesson. Most schools have a form that covers this policy. However, if the school does not have a form, confer with the cooperating teacher, and consider using the following language:

**Dear Parent/Guardian:** As a student teacher at Norfolk State University, I am required to video record short segments of my teaching so I may reflect upon and improve my instructional practices. During the video recording of a class, the camera will be primarily focused on me, the student teacher. Any appearance of students in the videos will be incidental. The videos will be uploaded into a secure online system and will be viewed only by professional educators for the purposes of providing feedback and/or potentially employing me for a job.

Please indicate below whether you give your permission for your child to be video recorded for the purposes described above. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services at Norfolk State University at 757.823.8715.

____ I give permission
____ I do not give permission

10. **Non-fraternization Policy:** While classified as a student teacher from NSU, interaction on a personal level is NOT allowed with school employees, learners/clients, or parents/guardians of learners/clients. The relationships should only be one of professional cooperation and respect to ensure that an environment conducive to learning is maintained. This policy applies to on-campus as well as off school property before, during, and/or after school hours. Any complaint received will be promptly investigated and may result in temporary removal during the investigation, and, if warranted, appropriate corrective measures such as a formal written warning, permanent removal from field placement, and/or dismissal from the program.

11. **Reporting Abuse/Neglect:** Teacher candidates are obligated to report suspected child abuse and neglect according to the procedures of the school division and the individual school. The student teacher may not try to deal with the issue independently. Teacher candidates must locate the person assigned to receive such reports and share the information – working with the clinical faculty/cooperating teacher is a must. Information should also be shared with the university supervisor.

12. **Sexual Misconduct/Abuse:** Teacher candidates share the responsibility of protecting preK-12 learners from sexual misconduct and abuse. Appearances of impropriety must be avoided and personal contact between adults and learners must always be nonsexual, appropriate to the circumstances, and free of ambiguity. Teacher candidates must follow the guidelines provided by the Virginia Board of Education: [Guidelines for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct and Abuse in Virginia Schools](#)

13. **Substitute Teaching Policy:** Each school has a policy and provisions for obtaining a certified substitute teacher when a clinical faculty/cooperating teacher is absent. Therefore, teacher candidates are not legally allowed to manage the class on their own due to liability and a lack of a contract to provide such services during an internship. As an alternative for the cooperating teacher’s absence, the teacher candidate’s role is to assume major teaching
responsibilities in order to provide continuity and consistency for the classroom learners as he/she works with the substitute to maintain the schedule and classroom expectations.

14. **Insurance: Liability and Medical:** Teacher candidates are required to have liability insurance while they are enrolled in field experiences within a teacher education program. Teacher candidates who are members of the Student Virginia Education Association (SVEA) have professional liability insurance as part of their membership benefits. Annual membership dues for SVEA can be found at [https://www.studentvea.org/p/join-today.html](https://www.studentvea.org/p/join-today.html) or see the OCESS Semester Calendar for SVEA meeting times to find out more about the organization. Liability insurance can also be obtained through private insurance companies. Teacher candidates do not receive medical coverage from the local school division or NSU. Thus, teacher candidates are responsible for providing their own health and accident insurance coverage. Therefore, NSU requests all teacher candidates regardless of their income level, to obtain health insurance coverage that will protect them against the increasing cost of medical care not covered by NSU’s Health Services Fee for services provided at the Spartan Health Center.

**Submittal of Documentation for the Level III Field Experience**
The documentation for the field experience is submitted through The Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services website.
APPENDIX A: BACKGROUND VERIFICATION FORM
Addendum to Field Experience

Verification Form Directions: Read the 4 statements below carefully and then print your name, add your signature and date below the statement you can verify. Ensure you add only ONE signature and date. The form will need to be resubmitted if two signatures are noted.

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<td>I do not have any criminal charges or proceedings pending against me.</td>
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<td>I do not have a felony, misdemeanor, or other offense for drugs, sexual abuse, and/or child abuse.</td>
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<td>I understand that if the above-mentioned conditions are violated, it can result in cancellation of the field experience.</td>
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Application Directions: Only verify ONE statement that is applicable to you regarding the 4 statements you carefully read above. When submitting requests for field placements by your signature and the date to the correct statement. The Background Verification Form will need to be redone if two signatures are noted:

Statement A: If you are able to verify the above statements when submitting requests for field placements, please sign and date below:

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<th>Print Name</th>
<th>Signature</th>
<th>Date</th>
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Statement B: If you are unable to verify one or more of the above statements, please give a brief explanation below and schedule a conference with the Director, OCESS. Please sign and date below text box:

Student Teacher Candidate Comments:

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<th>Signature</th>
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APPENDIX B: COOPERATING TEACHER DATA INPUT

Directions: Teacher Candidate, complete section A, then request completion of section C from the Cooperating Teacher. Upload the completed documentation as instructed by the Methods Course Instructor.

Section A: Teacher Candidate Information

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Section B: Placement Information –LEVEL I, LEVEL II, LEVEL III Field Experience: Place an x in the appropriate box.

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Section C: Cooperating Teacher Information

This information will be used for group reporting purposes only and will **not** be released to the public.

Name: ____________________________________________

Last Name: ___________ First Name: ___________ MI: ___________

Place an x beside the appropriate one: [ ] Dr. [ ] Mr. [ ] Mrs. [ ] Ms. [ ] Miss

**Contact Information:**

School Email: ___________________________ School Phone Number: ________

School Name: ___________________________ School Division: ___________

**Background Information:**

Gender: [ ] Female [ ] Male [ ] Non-Binary [ ] NSU Alumni: [ ] Yes [ ] No

If yes, Degree Obtained (NSU Alumni ONLY): ___________________________ Major: ___________________________

Highest Degree Completed: [ ] Bachelor [ ] Masters [ ] Ed.S. [ ] Ed.D./Ph.D.

Years of Teaching Experience: ___________________________ National Board Certified: [ ] Yes [ ] No

Number of Cooperating Teacher Experiences: ________ None _______ 1 to 3 _______ 4 to 9 _______ 10 or more

Ethnicity: (Place an X) ________ American Indian ________ Asian ________ Black/African Amer. ________ Hawaiian/ Pacific Is. ________ Hispanic/ Latino/Latinx ________ Multi-Racial ________ White ________ Other (Please Specify) ________

Primary Language: ___________________________

Other Language(s) Spoken: ___________________________
APPENDIX C: STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATE’S SCHEDULE/ACTIVITIES TIME SHEET

1. (Completed by candidate and signed by Classroom Teacher and NSU University Supervisor)

(Teacher Candidate): Please return this completed form to your NSU University Supervisor. Your University Supervisor will submit this form to the OCESS (Office of Clinical Experiences and Student Services.)

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Student Teacher Candidate’s signature: ____________________________

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Approval Date: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________ (NSU Instructor)
## APPENDIX D: LESSON PLAN RUBRIC

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<td><strong>Alignment to applicable K-12 standards</strong></td>
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<td>• Measurable objectives are identified and aligned with appropriate state and national standards.</td>
<td>Lesson plan reflects and includes at least two measurable objectives adequately aligned with K-12 standards that are comprehensive with the use of materials to support learning.</td>
<td>Lesson plan adequately reflects and includes at least one measurable objective aligned with K-12 standards with stated measurable objectives and an adequate use of materials to support learning.</td>
<td>Lesson plan reflects limited alignment with K-12 standards and provides limited measurable objectives (some objectives have no alignment with K-12 standards) and materials somewhat supports learning.</td>
<td>Lesson plan does not align with K-12 standards nor provides clear measurable objectives. Materials do not support learning within this lesson.</td>
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<td><strong>Assessment</strong></td>
<td>InTASC: 4, 5, 6</td>
<td>Lesson plan uses 4 or more formal and/or informal assessment strategies to measure student objectives and student mastery of content/material.</td>
<td>Lesson plan uses 2-3 formal and/or informal assessment strategies to measure student understanding to measure the objectives and student mastery of content/material.</td>
<td>Lesson plan has no use of assessment strategies to measure objects nor does it support student mastery of content/material.</td>
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<td>• Assessments measure learning objectives</td>
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<td>• Lesson allows for formal or informal assessment with feedback.</td>
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<td><strong>Strategies for Diverse Learners</strong></td>
<td>Lesson fosters an inclusive environment planned with individual differences and community relevance. Lesson allows students to demonstrate diverse ways of learning.</td>
<td>Lesson is planned for individual differences that includes multiple cultural components. Lesson can relate to personal or community concepts.</td>
<td>Lesson allows for working closely with students but is unable to address diversity in instruction with whole or small group. Lesson allows for cultural demonstration but is unable to demonstrate diverse cultural perspectives.</td>
<td>Lesson does not address individual differences, nor does it include multi-cultural perspectives. Lesson does not address diverse needs.</td>
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<td>• Addressing diverse needs</td>
<td>InTASC: 4, 5</td>
<td>Content in lesson plan is completely aligned with K-12 standards and aligns with lesson objectives to support specific learner outcomes and concepts.</td>
<td>Content in lesson plan adequately aligned with K-12 standards and adequately aligns with lesson objectives to support learner outcomes and concepts.</td>
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<td><strong>Content Knowledge and Application of Content</strong></td>
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