IDS 2013: Introduction to Learning and Teaching in a Culturally Diverse Society

Field Experience: IDS 2013

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Course Description

- Introduction to social diversity in the classroom and teacher strategies for incorporating Diversity into teaching and learning
- Opportunity to participate in an early field experience in a K-12 public school setting

Field Experience Description

- Work as a classroom assistant with one mentor teacher
- Minimum expectations: 20 hours for the semester
- 10 weeks for approximately two hours per week
- Times: 8:30AM – 10:30AM or 1:00PM – 3:00PM
- Time slot may also be in accordance with cooperating teacher’s schedule

Benefits to the School:

- Opportunity to see firsthand prospective teachers for the school
- Provide instructional support for K-12 students
- Ongoing collaboration with the university

Dates

- Campus Orientation: Weeks of September 6-September 13th
- Field Placement: September 19th through November 28th

UTSA Coordinator/Student Responsibilities

- UTSA will ensure that the necessary paperwork for field placements has been completed, including criminal background check and other procedures required by the school district.
- UTSA will provide support in the field.
- The student will work with one mentor teacher for the semester.
- The student will be actively involved in the classroom under the direction of the teacher.
- The student will assist the teacher in a variety of ways, including individual and small group instruction, and may participate in a variety of activities outside the classroom.
- The student is expected to exhibit professional behavior at all times, including regular, prompt attendance.
- The student will maintain a fieldwork log and turn it into their professor twice each semester. A copy will be turned in the week of Oct. 11th, and the final log turned in the week of Nov. 29th.

Teacher/School Responsibilities

- The teacher and UTSA student will develop a mutually agreeable weekly work schedule.
- The teacher/school will notify the course instructor of any problems that may arise.
- Paperwork: The teacher is asked to sign the student’s fieldwork log each week.