

# Educator Certification Programs (ECP)

For Initial & ACP Programs through North American University



# Cooperating Teacher & Field Supervisor

# Handbook

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

North American University-Teacher Certification Program (NAU-ECP) is established by the Education Department at North American University (NAU). NAU is a non-profit private university offering degrees of Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies in Education, Business Administration, Computer Science, and Criminal Justice along with M.Ed. in Educational Leadership, M.Ed. in School Counseling, M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, MBA, and B.S. in Computer Science. NAU Education Department provides a teacher certification through a traditional college preparation.

Teacher certification is a journey that takes you a rewarding teaching career. The information on this handbook will guide you to go through the certification process. It is our goal to help you become the most effective professional educator that you can.

NAU-ECP offers educator certifications in the following areas:

- **1.** Through Initial Teacher Certification Program (TCP)
  - Mathematics Teaching (7-12)
  - Physical Science (6-12) (not active)
  - Social studies (7-12) (not active)
  - English Language Arts and Reading (7-12)
  - Technology Applications (EC-12) (not active)
- 2. Through Alternative Certification Program (ACP)
  - English Language Arts and Reading (4-8)
  - Mathematics (4-8)
  - Social Studies (4-8)
  - Technology Applications (EC-12)
  - Physical Science (6-12)
  - Science (4-8)
- **3.** Principal Certification Program (PCP)

For Initial teacher certification, TCP requires from its students to complete one semester of unpaid student teaching in a local public-school classroom before they graduate. Student teaching is one of the most rewarding experiences in students' professional development as a teacher. Without a doubt, it is a challenging experience that will provide students with many opportunities to develop their skills.

ACP students perform their internship for two semesters long while principal certification candidates perform 160 hours of practicum.

Thank you for your willingness to host a North American University Student Teacher this semester. We consider it an honor to have our students working in your classroom and appreciate your willingness to mentor and guide these pre-professional students as they enter their chosen profession of teaching.

### 2. COOPERATING TEACHERS/or CAMPUS MENTORS

2.1. Credential Requirements for cooperating Teachers/mentors/or Site Supervisor At least 3 years teaching experience for teachers Accomplished educator based on student learning Currently certified in same certification category (or class for non-teacher practicum candidates) as candidate Trained by EPP within 3 weeks of assignment to candidate 2.2. Background of Student Teachers/internship The Student Teachers are actually "students of teaching". They are neither experienced teachers, nor they are competent in all areas of teaching. Student teaching is to be a learning experience to help the individual Student Teacher develop or improve necessary skills for effective teaching. It is desirable that you perceive a Student Teacher just as you would any student coming to you as a teacher. We encourage you to determine what they can and cannot do, and then assist them in planning learning experiences to develop their full potential and overcome any deficiencies. Interns are teachers actively teaching with the 'intern' certification. Principal Certification candidates perform their practicum as part of certification requirement. The candidates must perform minimum 160 clock hours of practicum. 2.3. Initial Orientation Conference with the Student Teacher It is important to establish a good working relationship with the Student Teacher. Your first conference together is a good time to get things started on a positive and firm footing. Try to get to know each other as individuals by discussing backgrounds, interests, hobbies, and concerns. Exchange phone numbers and e-mail addresses at this time.

Identify and discuss the concerns of the Student Teacher as they begin their teaching

Spend some time clarifying roles, responsibilities, and expectations.

Discuss the Student Teacher's tasks for the first week or two.

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Clarify any qu	uestions abo	out policy or reg	ulations	s the	Stud	ent <sup>-</sup>	Teacl	her might	have.
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### 2.4. Welcoming the Student Teacher

Student Teachers tend to be very anxious and perhaps fearful at the beginning of the semester. To alleviate this anxiety, which is due partially to the unknown aspects of the experience, the supervisor should assist the Student Teacher to become an accepted member of the professional staff. Things that the Cooperating Teacher can do to accomplish this are:

Introduce the Student Teacher to the class on the first day
Introduce him/her to other teachers, office staff and any other key personnel
Provide a small workspace that they can consider their own for the semester
Have copies of textbooks and other curriculum materials available to loan to the Student Teacher, and
Provide a copy of the school's policy handbooks for the Student Teacher to read
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Your encouragement and support will help your Student Teacher gain confidence which will decrease the intimidation factor that so often inhibits beginning Student Teachers. We want the Student Teacher to project confident and assertive demeanor before the students.

### 2.5. Responsibilities of Cooperating Teacher:

- Accept the Student Teacher as a professional. Introduce the Student Teacher to the class on the first day of attendance.
- 2. Acquaint the Student Teacher with materials and resources available in the school on the first day or soon thereafter.
- 3. Provide Student Teachers with information concerning room management, discipline policy, class schedules, and other class/school policies.
- 4. Allow the Student Teacher to assume responsibilities as he/she exhibits the readiness to do so. Refer to the suggested "Timeframe for Teaching".
- 5. Encourage the Student Teacher to be creative and try new teaching strategies.

- 6. Require the Student Teacher to submit formal lesson plans for the first 2-5 lessons of a new subject. Early submittals of lesson plans in advance of the teaching date allow the supervisor time to assist the Student Teacher in altering or improving the lesson as needed. Support and direction for the Student Teacher are extremely important, particularly during the first lessons taught. If lesson plans are turned into administration prior to being taught, be sure the Student Teacher's plans are appropriate and meet the deadline for administrative approval.
- 7. Require lesson plans from the Student Teacher for the announced observations.
- 8. Conduct regular cooperative planning sessions with the Student Teacher. There should be one session at the beginning of the semester followed by weekly and/or daily sessions.
- 9. A student teacher should have no more than two to three preparations and should teach no more than five class periods. The student teacher could assist with other classes taught by the Cooperating Teacher.
- 10. Determine, with your student teacher, ways you can work together to provide the best possible experience for the students in your class. Team teaching is an excellent way to facilitate this.
- 11. Prepare your student teacher to anticipate potential behavior problems. Discuss ideas about prevention of specific probable behavior problems in your classroom. Encourage the student teacher to act promptly and confidently with behavior problems.
- 12. Discuss possible unit topics with your student teacher early in the semester. The unit topic, as well as all curriculum issues, is entirely up to you.
- 13. Observe the student teacher teaching on a regular basis and provide timely verbal and written feedback. Feedback is required during the 2nd and 4th weeks, midterm, 8th week, and the final evaluation. Provide the University Field Supervisor with copies of written feedback several times a semester (Please see Student Teacher Observation Form. (Appendix A3)
- 14. Cooperating Teachers should notify the University Mentor immediately if problems or concerns arise regarding your student teacher.
- 15. Complete the mid-semester and end of semester formal assessments, sharing the results with the student teacher using the required forms. Field Supervisor will schedule conferences with you and the Student Teacher.

### 3. FIELD SUPERVISORS (UNIVERSITY MENTORS)

### 3.1. Credential Requirements for Field Supervisor:

- ✓ At least 3 years of experience in class being supervised
- ✓ Currently certified in class being supervised
- ✓ Completed TEA-approved Field Supervisor training

### If not currently certified:

- ✓ Minimum of master's degree in academic area or field related to class being supervised
- ✓ Must comply with CPE requirements for class being supervised.

### 3.2. Responsibilities of Field Supervisor:

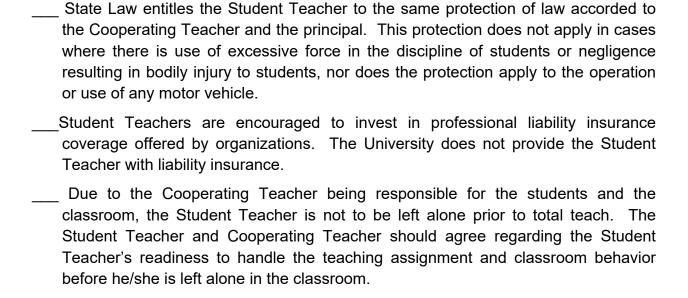
- 1. Provide an orientation meeting for all assigned Student Teachers the student teaching semester starts.
- 2. Meet with Cooperating Teachers to inform them about the North American University student teaching program, schedules and other pertinent information. Provide them with the Cooperating Teacher and Student Teacher Handbooks.
- 3. For TCP, conduct a minimum of three (3) appropriate seminars for assigned Student Teachers. The initial contact of the Field Supervisor with Student Teacher must occur within the first three weeks of student teaching via telephone, email, or other electronic communication.
- 4. For TCP, formally observe each Student Teacher three to four (3-4) times and provide the Student Teacher and Cooperating Teacher with a written summary of the observation including both positive feedback and possible areas of improvement. Please do not exceed six visits unless the Student Teacher's performance requires more attention. Your observation must be at least 45 minutes long in duration for each session and your first observation must be conducted within the first 6 weeks of the student teaching semester. Please utilize E-mail and telephone communication with both Student Teachers and Cooperating Teachers for additional supervision. Do not hesitate to contact the Office of Teacher Certification Program if problems with a Student Teacher arise or do not improve. Formal observation for ACP students requires 3 observations in the first and 2 observations in the second semester of the internship.

- 5. Conduct an individual feedback session with the Student Teacher after each observation.
- 6. Assist individual Student Teachers with any problems that may arise in the student teaching assignment. Documentation is absolutely necessary. Begin documenting each interaction you have with the Student Teacher starting with the first week of the semester. Hopefully, you may never need to use this information; however, if it is needed, it is critical that data contains dates, times, and incidences of all actions.
- 7. Provide guidance as needed to the Student Teacher regarding all teaching requirements.
- 8. A Student Teacher should have no more than two to three preparations and should teach no more than five class periods. The student teacher could assist with other classes taught by the Cooperating Teacher.
- 9. Conduct a three-way mid-term conference with the Student Teacher and the Cooperating Teacher. Conduct a final conference that will include the Cooperating Teacher and Student Teacher either together or individually.
- 10. If any problems warrant moving a Student Teacher after the beginning of the semester, the two supervisors must discuss the situations and show documentation to the Teacher Certification Office.
- 11. The Field Supervisor must document instructional practices observed, provide written feedback through an interactive conference with the candidate, and provide a copy of the written feedback to the TCP of North American University. Informal observations and coaching must be provided by the Field Supervisors as appropriate.

### 4. GENERAL POLICIES PERTAINING TO STUDENT TEACHING

### 4.1. Student Teaching Assignment

	With care and attention to many factors, NAU and its Field Supervisors have made student teaching assignments. Only unusual circumstances would cause the NAU administration to adjust assignments after student teaching begins Occasionally, some incompatibility may arise, thus interfering with learning. The order of notification is the office of Teacher Certification, then the Field Supervisors. The Teacher Certification Program office must approve all reassignments.
	It is important for the Student Teacher to recognize that they are a guest in the school, and that the Cooperating Teacher bears the responsibility of determining what is best for the his/her students. The classroom teacher's decision is final The Student Teacher, who demonstrates competence, responsibility, and tact, will likely have many opportunities to try innovative teaching strategies. All stakeholders who have problems should notify the Field Supervisors as soon as possible.
4.2.	Professional Liability

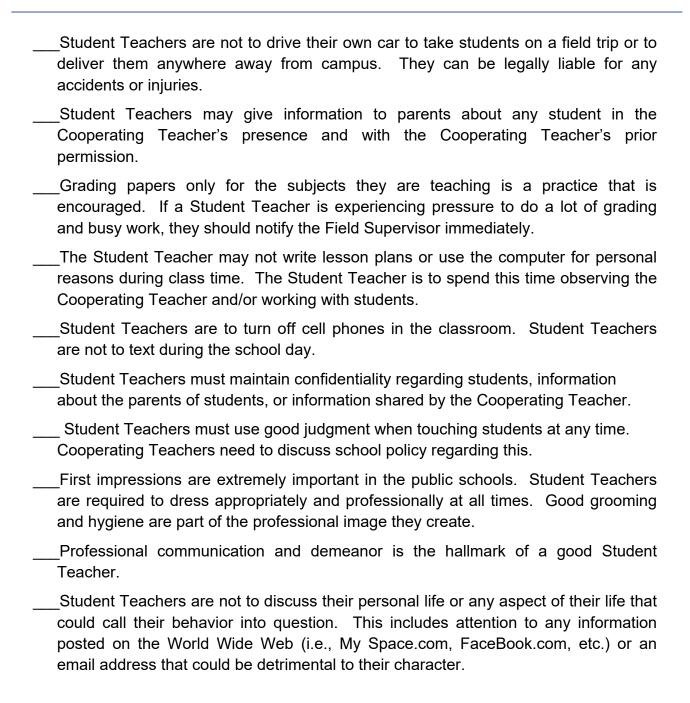


The Student Teacher is not to be an aide or substitute and thus cannot supervise on a playground or field trip a group of students without a certified teacher. These guidelines are for the Student Teacher's protection. Immediately, the Student Teacher must alert the Field Supervisor of any violations of this regulation.
Some school districts have been given permission to use a Student Teacher as a substitute teacher. Under these conditions, the school district provides the substitutes with liability insurance.
4.3. Calendar
Student Teachers will follow the calendar of the school district in which they are assigned if the district has a holiday and the University is in session, the Student Teacher will have a holiday unless the Field Supervisor schedules a seminar.
If the school or district has scheduled staff development days, the Student Teachers are required to participate unless specifically requested not to by the district.
4.4. Absences
Perfect attendance during student teaching is expected. If the Student Teacher must be absent, they must notify both the Cooperating Teacher and the Field Supervisor as soon as possible. Days missed will be made up at the end of the <a href="14">14</a> weeks regardless of the reason unless another arrangement is approved by the Cooperating Teacher and Field Supervisor. It is mandatory that the Student Teacher be in the school for the entire day and to follow the faculty handbook of the school for the times they are to report in and leave school. Lateness is inexcusable.
If the Student Teacher must be absent, he/she will assume responsibility for sending plans and materials to the school if this was his/her responsibility for that day. Failure to notify the specified individuals may result in the termination of his/her assignment.
It is the responsibility of each Student Teacher to notify the Cooperating Teacher and the Field Supervisor in advance, that he/she will be absent from class on a religious holiday. Additionally, he/she should obtain approval for scheduling make-up time and work for this absence.
Student Teachers must limit absences for interviews. The Field Supervisor must approve all absences.

The Student Teacher will need to submit an absence form for each absence to the Field Supervisor.
If at any time, in the judgment of the Field Supervisor and Cooperating Teacher, the Student Teacher's absences are excessive (more than three [3]), their assignment may be terminated.
4.5. Student Teaching Evaluation
Regular observation Student Teacher, followed by feedback, is one of the most important tasks done by both Cooperating Teacher and University Field Supervisor.
Each observation should be <u>at least 45 minutes</u> in duration.
Your observations and feedback serve a dual function of instruction and evaluation.
It is essential to recognize that the primary purpose of observation and feedback should be instruction; one of the most important functions as a Cooperating Teacher and Field Supervisor is to help the Student Teacher develop his/ her skills as a teacher.
Effective feedback involves questioning, problem solving along with some recommendations. The use of effective feedback allows the Student Teacher to develop the ability to self-assess and self-evaluate.
4.6. Leaving the Room for Cooperating Teachers
Do not leave the classroom until the Student Teacher can adequately handle the teaching assignment
Even then, the length of time you are out should be brief early in the experience
Until behavior management skills are adequate, stay in the vicinity of the classroom
You may even want to stay in the classroom part of the time during their total teach weeks or you may want to initiate some team-teaching activities. The Cooperating Teacher always has access to his/her classroom

# 4.7. Outside Responsibilities of Student Teachers

Student Teachers must limit outside activities (e.g., employment, sports, sororities,
fraternities) during their student teaching experience.
Student Teaching should be the only class taken during the student teaching semester. If NAU deems that classes are necessary during the student teaching semester, none should be scheduled before 5:00 PM.
Student Teachers will not leave early for work or class.
During this period of time, the Student Teacher's first responsibility is to the students they teach. Outside responsibilities should not interfere with student teaching responsibilities.
4.8. Other Important Points Regarding Student Teaching
Some school districts will require TB testing before student teaching. The Student Teacher must follow the guidelines of their assigned district.
The Student Teacher is a guest in the teacher's classroom. They are encouraged to listen and observe; question respectfully; never compare teacher's students with others in the school; never get involved in gossip or negative conversation that might transpire.
There are many parents and community members volunteering in the schools. Student Teachers' conversations with others in the workroom, hallways, and lounge must be professional. They are to avoid discussing very personal things and confidential information.
Instructional materials prepared using supplies provided by the school usually remain with the school at the completion of the student teaching assignment. Many Districts have policies about personal use of instructional materials. To alleviate this problem, the Student Teachers may purchase supplies for instructional materials that the Student teachers want to keep for their own use.
State law prohibits the administering of medicine to any student at any time by Student Teachers. Even if the Cooperating Teacher gives the Student Teacher the 'go ahead', they must decline and cite University policy as the reason for doing so.
The Student Teachers are not to administer corporal punishment (even in the mildest form.) Student Teachers should not touch students, especially if angry or frustrated.



### 4.9. Removal of Student Teacher from Student Teaching Program

A student's transfer, withdrawal or dropout from North American University will result in exiting from the certification program. A student's dismissal for disciplinary reasons will automatically disqualify the student from continuing the Teacher Certification Program.

However, a student may still complete the degree requirements while he/she fails to meet the NAU-TCP's standards. This case may occur often when a student has trouble during the student teaching. A growth plan will be put in effect to help retain the student teacher in the program. A student teacher will be advised to withdraw from teacher certification program and graduate without certification if the student meets graduation hour requirements. In this case, a grade of F will be assigned for the student teaching/practicum course. The Teacher Certification and Retention (TCR) Committee will meet with the student to discuss possible alternative courses (6 credits) the student can take to replace the student teaching course, so that the student can complete the degree requirements and graduate without certification.

The exit procedure involves multiple steps:

- Students having difficulties early in the student teaching experience (within the
  first three weeks) are asked to leave the school, either by the university mentor
  or the cooperating teacher. However, they may apply for readmission to student
  teaching for the following long semester or may be assigned to a new placement
  during the current semester. This will be determined after a Teacher Certification
  and Retention (TCR) Committee meeting.
- 2. Following the first three weeks, if evidence exists which indicates the possibility that a student will not be successful and complete student teaching, the following procedures will be followed:
  - The student teacher, cooperating teacher, and Field Supervisor/field supervisor (the mentor) will meet to identify the problem and to determine a solution.
  - The Field Supervisor and cooperating teacher will develop a growth plan with timeline that will outline specific areas in which the student teacher must improve.
  - The cooperating teacher and the Field Supervisor will discuss the plan with the student teacher and will assign measurable objectives and a specified period of time in which these objectives must be met.
  - All parties must sign the document and receive a copy of the growth plan (Appendix C13).
  - The mentor must send a copy of the plan to the Teacher Certification Program office to be filed in the student teacher's permanent file.
  - 3. If, in the specified period of time, the student teacher is unable to meet the requirements outlined in the growth plan, the Teacher Certification Program

office, with the mentor, will work cooperatively with the cooperating teacher and student teacher to verify the problem and/or reach a decision concerning a solution.

- If the problem cannot be resolved, the cooperating teacher, the mentor, and/or the school may decide to terminate the student teaching experience. At this point, the director of the Teacher Certification Program may choose to refer the situation to the TCR Committee.
- If the TCR Committee is to meet with the student teacher, complete documentation must be submitted to the director of NAU-TCP prior to this meeting. The documentation must include specific dates, times, and instances of the behavior being reviewed.
- The director will send all pertinent documentation to members of the TCR Committee prior to the time of the actual meeting.
- When the TCR Committee meets, they will review pertinent documentation, hear the student's information regarding the problems, and will determine one of the following:
  - The student teacher will be placed on a new growth plan and allowed to re-apply for student teaching during the following long semester. In this case, a grade of incomplete (I) will be assigned.
  - The student teacher will be advised to leave student teaching, graduate without certification (if the student meets graduation hour requirements) and will not be allowed to re-apply for teacher certification at a future time at North American University. In this case, a grade of F will be assigned for the student teaching/practicum course. Teacher Certification and Retention Committee will meet with the student to discuss possible alternative courses (6 credits) the student can take to replace the student teaching course, so that the student can complete the degree requirements and graduate without certification.
- 5. If a student is removed from a student teaching location, he/she will not be reassigned to that location when redoing student teaching.
- 6. A student teacher removed from student teaching or who receives no credit in student teaching a second time will not be allowed to re-apply for student teaching at North American University without the recommendation of the TCR Committee and approval of the director of the Teacher Certification Program office.

### 4.10. Teacher Certification and Retention Committee (TCR)

If the student teacher is unable to meet the requirements outlined in the growth plan in the specified period of time, the Teacher Certification Program office and the field supervisor will work cooperatively with the cooperating teacher and student teacher to verify the problem and/or reach a decision concerning a solution. If the problem cannot be resolved, the cooperating teacher, the Field Supervisor, and/or the school may decide to terminate the student teaching experience. At this point, the director of the Teacher Certification Program may choose to refer the situation to the TCR Committee. When the TCR Committee meets, they will review pertinent documentation, hear the student's information regarding the problems, and will determine one of the following:

- The student teacher will be placed on a new growth plan and allowed to re-apply for student teaching during the following long semester. In this case, a grade of incomplete (I) will be assigned.
- A Student Teacher who is removed from student teaching or who receives noncredit in student teaching a second time will not be allowed to re-apply for student teaching at North American University without the recommendation of the TCR Committee and approval of Teacher Certification Office.
- The student teacher will be advised to leave student teaching, graduate without certification (if the student meets graduation hour requirements) and will not be allowed to re-apply for teacher certification at a future time at North American University. In this case, a grade of F will be assigned for the student teaching course. Teacher Certification and Retention Committee will meet with the student to discuss possible alternative courses (6 credits) so that the student can complete the degree requirements and graduate without certification.

The committee will be developed in August each year and meets per need bases. The certification program director will lead the meeting and make sure to take the minutes for record.

The Teacher Certification and Retention (TCR) Committee Members				
Dr. Halil Tas	Certification Program Coordinator			
Dr. Karman Kurban	Faculty			
Dr. Ann M. Smith	Faculty			
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### 4.11. Educator's Code of Ethics

**Texas Administrative Code** 

# TITLE 19 EDUCATION PART 7 STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CHAPTER 247 EDUCATORS' CODE OF ETHICS

RULE §247.1 Purpose and Scope; Definitions

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In compliance with the Texas Education Code, §21.041(b)(8), the State Board for Educator Certification (the board) adopts an educators' code of ethics as set forth in §247.2 of this title (relating to Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators). The board may amend the ethics code in the same manner as any other formal rule. ...

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### **Texas Administrative Code**

### **TITLE 19 EDUCATION**

# PART 7 STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CHAPTER 247 EDUCATORS' CODE OF ETHICS

### RULE §247.2 Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators

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Source: <a href="http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/sbecrules/tac/chapter247/ch247.html#247.2">http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/sbecrules/tac/chapter247/ch247.html#247.2</a>

Enforceable Standards.

- (1) Professional Ethical Conduct, Practices and Performance.
  - (A) Standard 1.1. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in deceptive practices regarding official policies of the school district, educational institution, educator preparation program, the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and its certification process.
  - (B) Standard 1.2. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misappropriate, divert, or use monies, personnel, property, or equipment committed to his or her charge for personal gain or advantage.
  - (C) Standard 1.3. The educator shall not submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement, expenses, or pay.
  - (D) Standard 1.4. The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage.
  - (E) Standard 1.5. The educator shall neither accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or that are used to obtain special advantage. This standard shall not restrict the acceptance of gifts or tokens offered and accepted openly from students, parents of students, or other persons or organizations in recognition or appreciation of service.
  - (F) Standard 1.6. The educator shall not falsify records, or direct or coerce others to do so.
  - (G) Standard 1.7. The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.

- (H) Standard 1.8. The educator shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position or a responsibility on the basis of professional qualifications.
- (I) Standard 1.9. The educator shall not make threats of violence against school district employees, school board members, students, or parents of students.
- (J) Standard 1.10. The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state.
- (K) Standard 1.11. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent his or her employment history, criminal history, and/or disciplinary record when applying for subsequent employment.
- (L) Standard 1.12. The educator shall refrain from the illegal use, abuse, or distribution of controlled substances, prescription drugs, and toxic inhalants.
- (M) Standard 1.13. The educator shall not be under the influence of alcohol or consume alcoholic beverages on school property or during school activities when students are present.
- (2) Ethical Conduct Toward Professional Colleagues.
  - (A) Standard 2.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential health or personnel information concerning colleagues unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
  - (B) Standard 2.2. The educator shall not harm others by knowingly making false statements about a colleague or the school system.
  - (C) Standard 2.3. The educator shall adhere to written local school board policies and state and federal laws regarding the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of personnel.
  - (D) Standard 2.4. The educator shall not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political, professional, or citizenship rights and responsibilities.
  - (E) Standard 2.5. The educator shall not discriminate against or coerce a colleague on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, family status, or sexual orientation.
  - (F) Standard 2.6. The educator shall not use coercive means or promise of special treatment in order to influence professional decisions or colleagues.
  - (G) Standard 2.7. The educator shall not retaliate against any individual who has filed a complaint with the SBEC or who provides information for a disciplinary investigation or proceeding under this chapter.

- (H) Standard 2.8. The educator shall not intentionally or knowingly subject a colleague to sexual harassment.
- (3) Ethical Conduct Toward Students.
  - (A) Standard 3.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.
  - (B) Standard 3.2. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor.
  - (C) Standard 3.3. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent facts regarding a student.
  - (D) Standard 3.4. The educator shall not exclude a student from participation in a program, deny benefits to a student, or grant an advantage to a student on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, national origin, religion, family status, or sexual orientation.
  - (E) Standard 3.5. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.
  - (F) Standard 3.6. The educator shall not solicit or engage in sexual conduct or a romantic relationship with a student or minor.
  - (G) Standard 3.7. The educator shall not furnish alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs to any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child or knowingly allow any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child to consume alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs in the presence of the educator.
  - (H) Standard 3.8. The educator shall maintain appropriate professional educatorstudent relationships and boundaries based on a reasonably prudent educator standard.
  - (I) Standard 3.9. The educator shall refrain from inappropriate communication with a student or minor, including, but not limited to, electronic communication such as cell phone, text messaging, email, instant messaging, blogging, or other social network communication. Factors that may be considered in assessing whether the communication is inappropriate include, but are not limited to:
    - (i) the nature, purpose, timing, and amount of the communication;
    - (ii) the subject matter of the communication;

- (iii) whether the communication was made openly, or the educator attempted to conceal the communication;
- (iv) whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as soliciting sexual contact or a romantic relationship;
- (v) whether the communication was sexually explicit; and
- (vi) whether the communication involved discussion(s) of the physical or sexual attractiveness or the sexual history, activities, preferences, or fantasies of either the educator or the student.

Statutory Authority: The provisions of this §247.2 issued under the Texas Education Code, §21.031(a) and §21.041(a) and (b)(1), (7), and (8); Every Student Succeed Act, 20 United States Code, §7926.

Source: The provisions of this §247.2 adopted to be effective March 1, 1998, 23 TexReg 1022; amended to be effective August 22, 2002, 27 TexReg 7530; amended to be effective December 26, 2010, 35 TexReg 11242; amended to be effective December 27, 2016, 41 TexReg 10329; amended to be effective October 21, 2018, 43 TexReg 6839.

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### 4.12. Texas Education Code governing On-Going Educator Preparation Program Support

### [TAC §228.35(f)]

- (f) On-Going Educator Preparation Program Support. Supervision of each candidate shall be conducted with the structured guidance and regular ongoing support of an experienced educator who has been trained as a field supervisor. The initial contact, which may be made by telephone, email, or other electronic communication, with the assigned candidate must occur within the first three weeks of assignment. The field supervisor shall document instructional practices observed, provide written feedback through an interactive conference with the candidate, and provide a copy of the written feedback to the candidate's campus administrator. Informal observations and coaching shall be provided by the field supervisor as appropriate.
- (1) Each observation must be at least 45 minutes in duration and must be conducted by the field supervisor.
- (2) An educator preparation program must provide the first observation within the first six weeks of all assignments.
- (3) For an internship, an educator preparation program must provide a minimum of two formal observations during the first semester and one formal observation during the second semester.
- (4) For student teaching and clinical teaching, an educator preparation program must provide a minimum of three observations during the assignment, which is a minimum of 12 weeks.
- (5) For a practicum, an educator preparation program must provide a minimum of three observations during the term of the practicum.
- (g) Exemption. Under the Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.050(c), a candidate who receives a baccalaureate degree required for a teaching certificate on the basis of higher education coursework completed while receiving an exemption from tuition and fees under the TEC, §54.214, is exempt from the requirements of this chapter relating to field-based experience or internship consisting of student teaching.

### 4.13. List of Student Teaching Forms

- ✓ Student Teaching Calendar for Mentors/Supervisors(<u>Appendix A1</u>)
- ✓ Student Teaching Application Form (Appendix A2)
- ✓ Student Teaching Observation Form by Supervisors (Appendix A3)
- ✓ Student Teaching Observation Log by Supervisors (<u>Appendix A4</u>)
- ✓ Informal Observation form (<u>Appendix A5</u>)
- ✓ Student Teacher Anecdotal Record (Appendix A6)
- ✓ Candidate Satisfaction Survey regarding Field Supervisors (Appendix A7)
- ✓ Candidate Satisfaction Survey regarding Cooperating/Mentor Teachers (<u>Appendix A8</u>)
- ✓ Student Teacher Growth Plan (Appendix A9)

# **APPENDICES**

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### STUDENT TEACHING CALENDAR

### (For Mentors/Supervisors)

Fall/Spring, 201\_\_

<u>DATES</u>	ACTIVITY	
Date, time, location	Supervisor Orientation	
Date, time, place	MANDATORY General Student Teacher Meeting	
Date, time, place	MANDATORY University Orientation Seminar with Field Supervisors	
Date, time, place First week of the school begins	MANDATORY Seminar I	
Date, time, place First week of the school begins	MANDATORY Public School Orientation	
First week of the school begins	MANDATORY Field Supervisor Seminars	
Date, time, place  2 <sup>nd</sup> week of the school begins	First day of student teaching for All-Level student teachers	
Date	All-Level student teachers begin second half placement	
Date	Mid-term evaluations should be submitted to the Field Supervisor	
Date, time, place	MANDATORY, Job Fair	
Date	Final Evaluations must be complete for all student teachers	
Date	End of Student Teaching	
Date	All Final evaluations due and should be submitted NAU-TCP	

Out of area supervisors should mail or email evaluations to Teacher Certification Program Office.

# **Application for Student Teaching**

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Name (Last, First and Middle Initial)	Student ID number				
Local addressP	hone number				
Email address					
Permanent address (If different from local address)					
Alternate phone number of someone who can contact you at any time					
I have read all the information in this packet and am aware of my responsibilities. I understand I will not be eligible for student teaching if I do not meet all of the stated requirements by the end of the semester preceding student teaching. Once North American University confirms, my placement, I understand that I may not request a change in the placement.					
I am aware that student teaching is a full-time commitment and that NAU discourages student teachers from taking other classes and being employed. Exceptions will e made on a limited basis with approval of the NAU-TCP office, or advisors' approval, to make additional classes or due to the need to be employed while student teaching.					
I understand that this information will be shared with student teaching sites and North American University personnel as part of the placement process and that I am not guaranteed a placement location of my preference.					
Student Signature	Date				

If you are requesting a placement in long distance (30 miles and beyond), you must get the signature of the Program Coordinator. If your student teaching placement is beyond a 30 mile radius from the University, a fee will be assessed to cover the additional costs of supervision. (PLEASE INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGING AWARENESS OF OUT OF AREA FEE!)

For advisor use only – this application will not be accepted without the advisor's signature.

Please complete second page.

ADVISOR:				
I have reviewed this student's progress. ——				
All requirements met ——				
Deficiencies				
Advisor Signature				
This student meets the criteria for student teaching:				
Does not have a special contract (Professional Development Plan related) to student teaching work, dispositions, NAU coursework, or performance.				
Has maintained satisfactory progress field experiences				
Advisor Signature				



**APPENDIX A3** 

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## Student Teacher FORMAL OBSERVATION Form

(for use by Cooperating Teachers and Field supervisors during formal evaluations)

Student Teacher	_ Date of Observation	Observer:		Grade Level
Lesson topic:		Start Time:	End Time:	Duration (in minutes)
Key:				
AC = Advanced Competence Student Teacher displays a strong understanding of the	many facets of teaching and manaç	ges most student teachin։	g tasks with little guidand	ce.
<b>C = Competence</b> Student Teacher demonstrates proficiency on this item. effective teaching	In other words, the student teacher	· displays a general know	ledge of many facets an	d is still developing strategies for
BC = Beginning Competence Student Teacher demonstrates lack of understanding of	many facets of teaching; however,	there is evidence of impro	oved understanding	
NI = Needs Significant Improvement Student Teacher makes significant errors in teaching, de	ecision making, and other aspects o	of the student teaching ex	perience	
NA = Not Applicable				
Group 1: Planning Preparation for Learner-Ce	ntered Instruction, OVERALL	SCORE: AC, C, BC,	and NI (Circle One)	

Behavior	AC	С	вс	NI	NA	Comments
Demonstrates knowledge of prerequisite learning and knowledge of concepts being taught						
Demonstrates knowledge of students including developmental characteristics, varied approaches to learning, skills, knowledge, interests and culture						
Uses a variety of materials, resources, and technology in designing lessons to promote optimum student learning						
Utilizes a variety of appropriate assessments aligned with content being taught to determine the level of understanding of each student						
Demonstrates the use of different teaching strategies to re-teach students who were not successful						



### Group 2: Classroom Environment: Promoting Equity, Excellence, and Learning, OVERALL SCORE: AC, C, BC, and NI (Circle One)

Behavior	AC	С	вс	NI	NA	Comments
Creates an environment of rapport and respect for all students of all cultures						
Engages all students in educational pursuits, communicating high expectations, and providing a safe environment for student participation and/or risk taking						
Manages classroom procedures by implementing routines for classroom groups, material distribution, performance of non-instructional tasks, and transitions. Time management is apparent						
Manages student behavior by setting high expectations, establishing effective classroom management strategies, providing ongoing monitoring of the students, maintaining composure at all times, and focusing on behavior rather than character when correcting a student						
Organizes physical space in a manner that supports learning, is safe, provides access for students with special needs, and makes the best use of space depending on the context and situation of a lesson						

### Group 3: Communication, OVERALL SCORE: AC, C, BC, and NI (Circle One)

Behavior	AC	С	вс	NI	NA	Comments
Communicates clearly and accurately using correct oral and written language						
Communicates in a manner that supports intellectually challenging classroom exchanges						
Demonstrates skill in leading discussions and using questioning techniques that lead students to think critically and to reflect on prior knowledge as it relates to new information						
Engages students in learning through the presentation of material in relevant ways that result in active participation of learners						
Sequences lessons and paces instruction utilizing a variety of strategies and materials						
Assess student learning and provides feedback in a timely manner. This is demonstrated as the ST re-teaches using different strategies, modifies lesson plans during instruction, and monitors group work						
Initiates/maintains communication with cooperating teacher; accepts/incorporates suggestions from cooperating teacher						
Initiates/maintains communication with Field supervisor;						



accepts/incorporates suggestions from Field supervisor

### Group 4: Professionalism, OVERALL SCORE: AC, C, BC, and NI (Circle One)

Behavior	AC	С	вс	NI	NA	Comments
Systematically examines the impact of planning and instruction on student learning through ongoing reflection and utilizes reflection to identify additional ways to improve learning						
Maintains accurate records regarding material taught, student progress, and areas of need and communicates these to the cooperating teacher regularly						
Contributes to the school by establishing relationships with the cooperating teacher, grade level team, and other members of the school community. If appropriate, the student teacher volunteers or assists with school activities						
Provides for the needs of English language learners, students with identified disabilities, students at risk, and students identified as gifted/talented						
Participates in faculty/team meetings and attends ARDs and parent conferences when appropriate						
Consistently submits lesson plans to cooperating teacher and university by due date						
Follows university and public school policies and adheres to the Texas Code of Ethics for teachers						
Is present and prompt for all required student teacher meetings					·	
Completes all Field supervisor's requirements						



### Group 5: Demonstration of Content Knowledge, OVERALL SCORE: AC, C, BC, and NI (Circle One)

Behavior	AC	С	вс	NI	NA	Comments
Displays background knowledge in the content area presented						
Demonstrates appropriate content knowledge and skills in the subject area						
Extends knowledge of subjects beyond the content and motivates learners for learning beyond what is required						
Connects content to life experiences and prior knowledge of students						

for learning beyond what is required												
Connects content to life experiences and prior knowledge of students												
Suggestions/Recommendations to consider from this o	bserv	atior	ı / Ad	ditior	al Con	nments:						
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Observer's Signature:					bserva nt Teac		ng (Fac	e-to-Face)	between	Field super	visor and	
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Student Signature	:				

# **NAU-TCP Student Teaching Observation Log for Supervisors**

Field Supervisor Name	Beginning Date of ST (xx/xx/xxxx)	Candidates TEAID#	ST Name (last & first)	Date of Observation (xx/xx/xxxx)	Beginning Time (hr& min) (xx:xx)	Ending time (hr& min) (xx:xx)	Field Supervisor Comments and Recommendations



APPENDIX A5 Updated: 9/30/2017

### **NAU-TCP Student Teacher**

### **Informal Observation Form**

STUDENT TEACHER	R:DATE:
SUBJECT/GRADE: _	TIME:
OBSERVER:	
	day for an informal observation. For the things I observed that seemed to d a check. If you receive a question mark, please see me for clarification
STUDENT BEHAVIO	R (MAJORITY OF STUDENTS):
On Task	Off Task Engaged Learning Successfully
TEACHER STRATEG	SIES OBSERVED:
Modifying	Question/Answer       Lecture       Monitoring Groups         Problem Solving       Evaluating       Reading To Students         Integrating Content       Guiding Cooperative Groups
TEACHING MATERIAL	LS BEING USED:
Books	Workbooks       Overhead Projector       Smart Board         Maps       Computer       Projector         Other Audio –Visuals       None
TYPE OF STUDENT G	
Small Groups	Whole Group Pairs Individuals
TYPE OF STUDENT A	CTIVITY:
<ul><li>Worksheet</li><li>Journaling</li><li>Investigation</li><li>Other</li></ul>	Listening Writing Reading Performing Discussing Centers Homework Research Laboratory Using Technology



MANAGEMEN I/DISCIPLINE:	
Stated Expectations for Behavior Redirection of Inappropriate Behavior Self-disciplined Students Materials Ready	Positive Reinforcement Encouragement of Students Effective Time Management Enthusiasm for Teaching/Learning
COMMENTS:	
Ohserver Signature:	



APPENDIX A6 Updated: 9/30/2017

# **Student Teaching Anecdotal Record**

Student Teacher:	Observer:	Date:		
School:				
Grade: Subject/Less				
Observations	Questions	/Comments/Suggestions		



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One copy for Student Teacher	One copy for Teacher	or Cooperating	One copy for Field Supervisor	
Observer Signature:				



APPENDIX A7 Updated: 9/30/2017

## Candidates' satisfaction Survey regarding Field Supervisors

**SECTION A:** Listed below are questions about your Field Supervisor. Using the check boxes, please indicate your level of agreement for each question.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My Field Supervisor responds in a reasonable time when I express a concern					
My Field Supervisor provides me with useful information					
My Field Supervisor facilitates interactions among learning community participants					
I have regular interactions with my Field Supervisor					
My Field Supervisor has made an effort to get to know me					
I have sought out My Field Supervisor for assistance					
I have made an effort to get to know my Field Supervisor					
My Field Supervisor encourages learning community participants to study together					
My Field Supervisor demonstrates concern about my academic success					
My Field Supervisor is knowledgeable about university resources					
My Field Supervisor is skilled at facilitating discussions					
My Field Supervisor is knowledgeable about the issues discussed in my learning community					
My Field Supervisor has kept me informed about upcoming learning community activities					
Overall my Field Supervisor has been helpful					



SECTION B: Listed below are general questions regarding your Field Supervisor. PΙε

Please provide comments in the spaces provided.
In what ways have Field Supervisor been beneficial to you?
How could your Field Supervisor have better assisted you?
Use the remaining space to share any comments you have about your Field Supervisor.
Thank You Please return before you leave or submit to the NAU-TCP office.



APPENDIX A8 Updated: 9/30/2017

### **Candidates' satisfaction Survey regarding Cooperating/Mentor Teachers**

**SECTION A:** Listed below are questions about your Cooperating Teacher. Using the check boxes, please indicate your level of agreement for each question.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Unsure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My Cooperating Teacher responds in a reasonable time when I express a concern					
My Cooperating Teacher provides me with useful information					
My Cooperating Teacher facilitates interactions among learning community participants					
I have regular interactions with my Cooperating Teacher					
My Cooperating Teacher has made an effort to get to know me					
I have sought out my Cooperating Teacher for assistance					
I have made an effort to get to know my Cooperating Teacher					
My Cooperating Teacher encourages learning community participants to study together					
My Cooperating Teacher demonstrates concern about my academic success					
My Cooperating Teacher is knowledgeable about university resources					
My Cooperating Teacher is skilled at facilitating 1discussions					
My Cooperating Teacher is knowledgeable about the issues discussed in my learning community					
My Cooperating Teacher has kept me informed about upcoming learning community activities					
Overall my Cooperating Teacher has been helpful					



**SECTION B:** Listed below are general questions regarding your Cooperating Teacher. Please provide comments in the spaces provided.

Please provide comments in the spaces provided.
In what ways have Cooperating Teacher been beneficial to you?
How could your Cooperating Teacher have better assisted you?
Use the remaining space to share any comments you have about your Cooperating Teacher.
Thank You Please return before you leave or submit to the NAU-TCP office.



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# Student Teacher Growth Plan

Name: Date:			
School Name/District:			
List Areas which were scored as Needs Significant Imform:			
(Please list Clusters and areas needing improvement in this section)			
Suggested Improvement Strategies:			
(Please list suggested improvements for ea	ach area identified above)		
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Timeline for implementation/completion of strategies:			
(Please list specific dates for the student to	demonstrate improvement)		
Student Teacher Signature	Date:		
Cooperating Teacher Signature	Date:		
Field Supervisor Signature	Date		