

SKC Teacher Education Program

Teaching Secondary Science Practicum Guidelines and Hours Log

Note to the candidate: Please share a copy of this form with the mentor teacher.

Course # and title: EDUC 396 – Teaching Science in the Secondary Classroom Practicum

Candidate name: Course instructor: Regina Sievert

Overall course dates: Practicum dates:

Mentor Teacher: School:

Students will need to complete 20 hours of school contact time. The schedule for these hours may be determined by the candidate in collaboration with the cooperating teacher and/or the building principal. Please document your hours in the table below.

Date	Teacher Name	Times	# Hours	Teacher's Initials
		Total hours		

Specific activities/responsibilities required of teacher candidates as determined by the instructor for EDUC 396:

For this course, teacher candidates are required to observe a minimum of 20 hours of science instruction in secondary science classrooms. It is recommended that at least 10 of those hours should occur in the classroom in the mentor teacher classroom, in which you will teach your demonstration lesson. This extended experience will enable you to develop a relationship with your mentor teacher and the students in the class and to become familiar with the classroom environment, rules and routines, which will assist you in gaining a richer experience and in preparing you for your demonstration lesson.

At each classroom visit, candidates must keep a journal of their in which they will record reflections on their practicum experiences. This journal will be submitted to the course instructor at the end of the quarter. Further, teacher candidates will complete a culminating reflective essay about their practicum experiences as a final assignment for the course.

Also as a course requirement, teacher candidates are required to teach a minimum of one science lesson in a 5-12 classroom and will be assessed on their teaching and preparation for it by their mentor classroom teacher and, if possible, Regina Sievert, the course instructor, as a required part of their course grade. Candidates should discuss this requirement with their mentor teacher in the first few weeks of the quarter, to get advance approval and to choose a date for teaching a lesson in their classroom. The teacher candidate and the mentor teacher should discuss and come to consensus on the lesson content and how it should be taught.

What is asked of the mentor teacher:

Please allow the above named teacher candidate to observe your classroom science instruction and to teach a minimum of one science lesson with your students. When the candidate is teaching, please use the SKC Field Experiences Observation form provided to evaluate the candidate's teaching effectiveness. Once completed, please send the form to the course instructor at:

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I encourage you to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding course content, requirements, student behavior, etc. Please feel welcome to communicate with me using the contact information below. I will try my best to participate in the evaluation of the teacher candidate when they teach their demonstration lesson in your classroom.

Name:

Phone:

Email: