

Augusta State University
College of Education—Department of Teacher Education
EDTD 6910 Middle Grades Apprenticeship

Hours: 3 Semester hours

Prerequisites: Admission to the Teacher Education Program
Successful completion of MGED coursework

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

1. The MAT Practicum is one semester of full time teaching in the certification field, 75 consecutive days.
2. Professional dress is expected at all times. Practicum students must wear appropriate attire when engaged in the Practicum course.
3. Practicum students are encouraged to complete all coursework PRIOR to their practicum. However, students are allowed to take a maximum of 6 hours the semester of their Practicum, WITH APPROVAL. Students must have successfully completed EDTD 6364 and EDTD 6491 prior to practicum.
4. Practicum students will be assessed a \$200 practicum fee, along with their regular tuition. This fee is used to pay the Mentor Teacher a \$150 stipend for supervision and to pay for the ASU Supervisor's travel.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:

Students with disabilities need to contact ASU's Office of Disability Services at 706-737-1469 to discuss appropriate accommodations.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. INSTRUCTION
 - a. Every practicum experience is different. Some practicum students will be full-time teachers and as such are expected to teach all day. However, for practicum students who have been placed in a school, it is recommended that the Practicum student teach at least 75% of the day by midterm, according to ASU's calendar, and 100% of classes by the tenth week of the practicum. Students are expected to teach full-time a minimum of three consecutive weeks. Time spent performing primary teaching duties resembles the Bell curve.
 - b. LESSON PLANS must be submitted and approved by the Mentor Teacher prior to teaching. The Mentor Teacher should approve the format used for all lesson planning.
 - c. MIDTERM EVALUATIONS should be completed by the Mentor Teacher before Monday, October 6, 2008. The master Teacher and Apprentice will meet beforehand to discuss the evaluation thoroughly. Midterm Evaluations will be shared with the ASU Apprenticeship Coordinator during the week of October 6, 2008.
 - d. STUDENTS WILL VIDEOTAPE themselves teaching a minimum of two times. They need to complete a self reflection form on each videotaped lesson

- e. INTERVENTIONS can be requested by the Mentor Teacher, Building Supervisor, School Administrator, or the ASU Supervisor at any time. Please see ASU's Early Childhood, Middle Grades, and Secondary Handbook, found on line at the ASU Teacher Education web site, for the Professional Qualities Intervention Plan.

2. OBSERVATIONS

- a. The Mentor Teacher formally observes at least three times using some types of written feedback.
- b. The school administrator (or designee) will evaluate the Practicum student (using the school's evaluation tool) during the practicum.
- c. The Practicum student completes the Self-Reflection Evaluation Form, found on the Teacher Education web site, at least three times.
- d. The ASU Practicum Coordinator will conduct at least three periodic observations of the Practicum student. These visits will be a combination of announced and unannounced visits. Documentation of each visit will be kept on file.

3. PORTFOLIOS

- a. LiveText Portfolios will be shared at the Exit Conference held during the final week of apprenticeships. They should include:
 - i. Lesson Feedback Forms. The Mentor Teacher will have formally observed the Practicum student at least three times. Your Mentor Teacher can use any type of written feedback he/she desires. These evaluations should be scanned into Livetext.
 - ii. A copy of the ISL (Impacting Student Learning). The Practicum student will have planned a 2 – 3 week, whole class, unit of study.
 - iii. Lesson plans and evidence of student learning.
 - iv. Evidence of parent contacts.
 - v. Lesson Self-Reflection forms.
 - vi. Final Evaluation Form completed by Mentor Teacher and Practicum student.
 - vii. Samples of instructional tools developed. (Worksheets, games, study guides, etc.)
- b. Attendance at the Exit Conference will be required of all apprentices. All will be informed as to when and where that meeting will take place.

A Mandatory Certification meeting with Julie Gray will be held at ASU in either December or May, depending on graduation date.