

OUT-OF-AREA/OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS

A candidate requesting an out-of-area/out-of-state placement due to extenuating circumstances or seeking an assignment that provides exceptional professional experiences not available in a local placement must submit a written request and receive the approval of the degree program area coordinator, the unit head, the Clinical Practices Manager, and the OES Field Experiences Committee. Securing placements and supervision are the responsibility of the Office of Educator Support and the program area coordinator.

Extenuating circumstances may include, but are not limited to, medical or health issues that would impede the progress of the pre-service candidate's internship, family issues that would cause a hardship in the pre-service candidate's ability to successfully complete the student teaching assignment, or an issue of personal concern that cannot be addressed through a change in local placement site. Financial exigency alone is not grounds for an out-of- area/out-of state placement.

Candidates granted an out-of-area/out-of-state placement must meet all clinical practice deadlines and requirements, including attendance of on-campus meetings and are required to pay the following fees:

1. All necessary and appropriate fees required in securing and finalizing the placement (e.g., such as reimbursement for cooperating teacher, supervisor, etc.). These fees are payable to the
2. Office of Educator Support or designated office and/or out-of-state university at the beginning of the semester in which the placement is sought.
3. Supervising teacher fees - With the new GoReact software, supervision can usually occur from a distance without additional cost. However, if costs are incurred for any reason, students are responsible for all costs related to their out-of-area/out-of-state supervision. The fee is to be paid to Office of Professional Education, who will then pay the supervisor or institution.
4. Cooperating teacher fees - Whereas local cooperating teachers are compensated with free tuition vouchers, an out-of-area/out-of-state cooperating teacher may not benefit from such compensation.
5. Additional fees - The local (out-of-area/out-of-state) cooperating university may require a fee for supervision for student not enrolled in their university or require co-registration in additional credits as a student at their university to attend their student teaching seminars.

Exceptions to this policy are permitted for students who are enrolled in programs that have a specific out-of-area/out-of-state placement policy and for students who participate in special placements abroad.

Qualifications for consideration of out-of-state/out-of-area placement request:

1. Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and 3.0 GPA in content/certification area classes
2. Successful interview with Program Area Coordinator presenting your request for an out-of-area placement
3. Recommendation from Program Area faculty
4. Agreement from local district/site to host the candidate
5. Field Experience Committee approval to secure a placement

Placements may not be available at the requested site and as such are not guaranteed by the Office of Educator Support. If we are unable to secure a spot, student teaching and graduation may be delayed for a semester or more