



## **First-Year Field Experience**

First-Year practicum occurs during each semester of a students' first year.

### **Required Time:**

- For MAT/ADP:
  - Fall semester = 50 hours
  - Spring semester = 70 hours
- For Undergraduates:
  - 90 hours (Fall & Spring)

\* Ideally practicum hours are evenly spread over the course of a semester.

### **Required Experiences:**

1. Observe:
  - Students
  - Learning Environment
  - Cooperating teacher's delivery of instruction/ classroom management
2. Participate in wider school activities
3. Provide instructional assistance to students (individual or small groups)
4. Plan and deliver at least two lessons in collaboration with cooperating teacher

### **Required Support/Evaluation:**

1. Cooperating Teacher's role:
  - Participate in initial information conference with teacher candidate and NCU Field Supervisor
  - Provide consistent, helpful, effective, and honest feedback to teacher candidate
  - Support the completion of the teacher candidate's required checklist of experiences
  - Assess teacher candidate's competency at mid-semester and conclusion of the required hours
2. NCU field supervisor's role:
  - Participate in initial informational conference with teacher candidate and Cooperating Teacher
  - Conduct two formal observations of teacher candidate
  - Collaborate with Cooperating Teacher on evaluation.