

Bloomsburg University of PA

Department of Teaching and Learning

Guide to Practicums and Seminars

PK4, Mid-Level, Secondary Education

***Note: Special Education/PK4 Dual Majors should consult with your special education advisor before signing up for a practicum to assure it will fulfill your program requirements for special education.**

****All Practicum Applicants must have:**

- Fully Accepted and Processed Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Program Packet
- Approved and Submitted Updated Clearances
- Approved and Submitted Negative TB Test Results
- Approved and Submitted Professional Liability Insurance

A practicum is a chance to *practice* the skills you have been learning in your education classes, an opportunity to get a mini-student teaching experience prior to actually student teaching in your final semester. A practicum is a credit-bearing course, which means students must pay for the associated credits and fees.

SPRING 2022

BU Spring 2022 Practicum

During the Spring 2022 semester we will be offering a practicum experience through multiple school districts. Each Teacher Candidate will be paired with a mentor school teacher within approximately 30 miles of Bloomsburg University. Each Teacher Candidate is responsible for their transportation to and from the practicum. Once paired with a mentor teacher, each teacher candidate and mentor teacher will develop a schedule to meet the required hours for the practicum experience. Along with required observation hours, Teacher Candidate will be required to demonstrate competencies as required by a practicum experience. We project this experience will allow us to better individualize for each Teacher Candidate and allow for scheduling flexibility to fit within their academic course schedule. **Enrollment is not guaranteed and will be prioritized based upon individual student needs, with those closest to graduating being considered first.** If you are interested in this practicum please complete the following google form. [BU Spring 2022 Practicum](#)

Teacher Preparation Program packet must be fully completed, submitted, and processed in order to take this, or any, practicum.

Contact: Dr. Daniel Roesch, droesch@bloomu.edu

SUMMER 2022

Central Columbia Summer Reading Practicum

Central Columbia Area School District

Undergrad - ELEMED 496 - 3 credits – June-July

The Central Columbia Summer Reading practicum provides a specialized field experience for students who desire an experience with reading specific curriculum assessment and implementation of reading strategies. Emphasis includes the learning development of children, effective instructional and management strategies, and characteristics of community involvement. All candidates must meet practicum objectives with and students with whom they are working by completing reflective journals, case studies, rubrics, and self-assessments on a pre/post basis that match the conceptual framework. This practicum will have an online component as well as hands on component. Face-to-Face component is Tuesday through Thursday 8:30-12:00. June/July Admission by approval of instructor. **Pre-Requisite to this practicum is ELEMED 338.**

Contact: Interested applicants may contact Dr. Virginia Bonomo, McCormick 2214, vbonomo@bloomu.edu for an application. Application deadline for Summer 2021, is May 10, 2021.

Migrant Education Program (MEP) Practicum

ELEMED 496/596 – 3 Credits – June-July

Summer 2022

What is the MEP Practicum?

This 6-week summer practicum immerses BU teacher candidates in a summer school experience for English language learners in the Hazleton and Sunbury/Milton areas. Practicum participants choose either the Hazleton OR Sunbury/Milton setting. Practicum participants are paired with an experienced mentor teacher in their area of certification to learn, plan, and teach content area and theme-based lessons that incorporate ESL strategies. Knowledge of a second language is not required for participation. This pre-student teaching experience is intended to enhance your cultural competence, professional development, and teaching confidence by collaborating with teachers and support staff to learn and implement research0based instructional strategies, as well as engage with K-12 students and their families to facilitate student success. The MEP Practicum is designed to be hands-on and face-to-face teaching experience during the month of July. The MEP Practicum also includes required orientation and professional development trainings with teachers and partners from the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) the last two weeks in June, prior to the start of the July MEP Summer

School with K-12 students. If COVID restrictions are mandated for summer, the face-to-face MEP Practicum experience will be conducted virtually.

If you want to learn more – check out what past MEP Practicum participants had to say about their experience: Website article (summer 2020, virtual experience), Website article (summer 2019, face-to-face experience), YouTube video (summer 2018, face-to-face experience)

The MEP Practicum requires daily travel (Monday-Friday) to either the Hazleton or Sunbury/Milton area.

Who is eligible?

- All teacher candidates (TPP applications must be submitted and approved by May 2022)
- All grade and content certification areas (PK-4, Mid-level, Secondary Education, Dual)

When is it?

- Summer Session 1 (Last two weeks in June are Orientation, Training, Planning, Classroom Set-up - Month of July is MEP Summer School with K-12 students)

Where is it?

You may choose one of the two locations (Reminder: July requires M-F travel to the location):

- Hazleton (All English learners are native Spanish speakers)
- Sunbury/Milton area (English learners' native language varies)

How do I sign up?

If interested, please complete this Participation Interest Survey by Friday, February 25, 2022.

Participation Interest Survey Link: (<https://forms.gle/bjVoicUrGWcXzhAB6>)

Space is limited so the sooner you complete the Participation Interest Survey, the better for reserving your tentative space. The Participation Interest Survey will ask for relevant information about you, your program of study, and your summer school site preference.

Completing the survey does not automatically confirm you have been accepted into the 2022 Summer MEP Practicum, as other clearances and information are required by BU's College of Education and our partners at the CSIU.

Who do I contact with questions I may have?

Contact Dr. Caryn Terwilliger (cterwill@bloomu.edu), Department of Teaching & Learning, McCormick 1106.

STEM Practicum
ELEMED 496/596 – Credits – 3 Credits
Summer 2022

This practicum is still being finalized with our partner schools. The dates for the 2022 summer STEM practicum have not been determined, but this practicum typically takes place two weeks in May, from 8 AM - 3 PM.

All participants must meet the following prerequisites or cannot be enrolled:

- GPA 3.0
- BSED status (meaning packet submitted with all basic skills Praxis passed)
- Over 60 credits completed by start of practicum
- Up to date clearances

The 3-credit summer STEM Practicum is held on-campus at Bloomsburg University and/or at participating regional schools. Elem through HS students from surrounding schools attend the STEM Summer Camps organized by the BU STEM Education Center. Participants in this practicum will create and teach STEM lessons to the school-aged students. You will be fully responsible for all aspects of your classroom while you are teaching. The camp is two weeks. You must attend both weeks. You must provide your own transportation to and from the practicum and/or schools each day and must have your own housing arrangements. Space is limited to 18 BU students. Vacancies are filled on a rolling basis by permission of the instructor. Once accepted, you must commit and cannot change. This practicum counts as the required practicum toward earning the STEM Endorsement that will be added to your teaching certificate upon graduation, so long as you have completed the other three required courses. For more information about this practicum or the STEM Endorsement, please contact Dr. Molly Marnella. This practicum is open to all education majors who meet BU program admission requirements, including clearances.

Please see the following promotional video of the 2017 STEM Camp/Practicum:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olR2p21PpoQ>

Contact: Dr. Molly Marnella, McCormick 2216, mmarnell@bloomu.edu

FALL 2022

Central Columbia Fall Professional Development School Practicum

PROFSTUD 320- 6 credits - Fall 2022

The Central PDS Practicum is a PK-12 program open to all undergraduate and graduate students in any education major each fall prior to spring semester student teaching. This is a full year commitment to the same classroom, and mentor teacher at Central Columbia School District. PDS students spend two full days each week during the fall semester (Monday and Wednesday) in Central schools. School district personnel and university faculty offer professional development modules on a variety of topics throughout the sixteen-week experience. BU students also work with mentor teachers in planning and teaching lessons. **These mentors also serve as co-operating teachers during spring semester student teaching placements.** (The practicum is 6 credits and embeds the competencies of ProfStud 301 Assessments within the practicum experience.) Students MUST be eligible to student teach Spring 2023. A university supervisor facilitates this school-based experience.

Contact: Interested applicants may contact Dr. Virginia Bonomo, McCormick 2214, vbonomo@bloomu.edu in the Department of Teaching and Learning for an application. The application deadline is March 1st 2021.

BU/Danville Area School District PDS Practicum

PROFSTUD 320 – 6 Credits – Fall 2022

The Danville Practicum Professional Development School (PDS) is a 6-credit program designed to provide both undergraduate and graduate students in the Early Childhood Education Certification (PK-4) major, and Special Education (PK-8 or 12)/Early Childhood Education (PK-4) Dual Certification major with practical school-based experiences during the fall semester prior to spring semester student teaching. This practicum emphasizes the inclusion of students in the general class utilizing differentiated instruction and evidence-based teaching practices based on student need. Bloomsburg University PDS students spend the fall semester in Danville schools on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week. Each BU student works closely with one mentor to observe, plan, and teach lessons in his/her classroom. This mentor becomes one of the BU student's co-operating teachers during spring semester student teaching. Candidates work, throughout the semester, to apply effective practices in the use of reflection as a tool, in the use of progress monitoring and assessment, in the use of universal and targeted behavior management strategies, in the development of service learning projects, and in other competency areas, all to improve student outcomes.

Contact: Applications are available for the Danville Practicum in the Dept. of Exceptionality Programs, 104 Navy Hall or by emailing rdrogan@bloomu.edu or ageorge@bloomu.edu.

Contact Dr. Robin Drogan, Navy Hall 125, rdrogan@bloomu.edu for more detailed information.

Note that the following practicum originally schedule for spring 2022 has been cancelled by the school district due to ongoing COVID concerns.



Bloomsburg Area School District Practicum-Internships

PROFSTUD 496/596

3 credits – Spring 2022

The Bloomsburg Area School District Practicum is a PK-12 program open to all undergraduate and graduate students in any education major each spring prior to fall semester student teaching. Practicum students spend one full day each week during the spring semester in Bloomsburg schools. BU students work with mentor teachers in planning and teaching lessons. These mentors also serve as co-operating teachers during fall semester student teaching placements. A university supervisor facilitates this school-based experience.

Contact: Interested applicants may contact Dr. Cherie Roberts, McCormick 2217, croberts@bloomu.edu in the Department of Teaching and Learning for an application. The application deadline is around the end of October of each fall semester.

Any additional practicum experiences will be announced and will also be added to this packet, which is housed under “Teaching Practicum” on the Dept. of Teaching & Learning webpage at:

<https://www.bloomu.edu/offices-directory/teaching-and-learning>