Cooperating Teacher Guide to the Guide to Field Experience and Student Teaching*

To orient yourself with the field experience and student teaching components of the initial teacher certification program at the University at Buffalo, we encourage you to read the Guide to Field Experience and Student Teaching, especially sections three, five, and seven. If you have questions about the contents of the Guide, we encourage you to be in communication with your student teacher’s Teacher Education Associate and/or the Teacher Education Institute (if you are in a liaison school, we encourage you also to be in communication with the school-based Liaison).

The following are questions we have previously been asked by cooperating teachers who work with our program for field experience and/or student teaching. Areas of the Guide that address the questions are indicated.

Field Experience (Fall Semester)

- What is the field experience course?...page 6, “Overview”
- What are the requirements for the field experience course?...pages 10-12, “Course Requirements”
- What happens during the field experience class meetings at the liaison schools?... pages 12-13, “Content of Field Experience Class Meetings at the Liaison School Site”
- What are classroom contact hours, when will they be completed, and what do they include?...pages 13-14, “Classroom Contact Hours”

Student Teaching (Spring Semester)

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- Is there a suggested progression of student teacher responsibilities and activities throughout the placement?...pages 18-19, “Student Teaching Activities Schedule”

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• Is there a particular lesson plan format to be used by my student teacher?...pages 19-20, “Lesson Plans” and page 39, “Assistance in Planning”

• What are some general expectations of my student teacher prior to beginning the placement?...page 29, “Prior to student teaching”

• What are some general expectations of my student teacher during the placement?...pages 29-32, “During student teaching”

• What are some general expectations of my student teacher by the end of the placement?...page 32, “By the end of student teaching”

• What should I do to introduce my student teacher to my classroom and school?...pages 35-38, “Orientation to the School”

• What is the process for providing feedback for my student teacher?...pages 39-40, “Feedback”

• What should I do if I have a concern about my student teacher’s performance?...pages 40-41, “Process to Express Concerns about the Student Teacher”

• What is the process for providing assessment for my student teacher?...pages 42-43, “Assessment”

• What is the assessment form that the Teacher Education Associate will use to document and support my student teacher’s progress in the placement?...pages 62-67, “Student Teacher Assessment Record – Teacher Education Associate”

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• What are the University at Buffalo’s expectations as related to professionalism and foundational capacities of students in the program?...pages 6-9, “Professionalism” and “Foundational Capacities”

• What are liaison schools?...pages 9-10, “Liaison School Model”

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