

TCH_LRN 317

Initial Practicum



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All information can be found on College
Education Field Services and Certification
website:

www.education.wsu.edu/field



Uncertainty this year

Communication from WSU



Summer Session 2020

1. TCH_LRN 317 is an Online course!
2. You enroll in TCH_LRN 317 for the Summer Semester 2020
3. You enroll for two credits –
4. Students spend three (3) weeks in a classroom in May 2020
5. Students will receive a grade of “S” or “F” at the end of the summer session 2020



Placement Info

Decide what district you will do the practicum in – contact Lori White if you need to stay in the Pullman area

Complete the district volunteer paperwork, which should be on their website

Contact the school/principal to set up the volunteer hours



Info for Administrator

**These resources are available
on the field services website.**

- A. Letter of Introduction
- B. Personal Information Form



Info for Teacher

- A. Letter of introduction
- B. Suggested Activities in the Classroom



Online Course Space

Assignments will be submitted on Blackboard



Liability Insurance is Required!

You must have proof of liability insurance on file at WSU to begin any field experience.



Evaluation Form

- A. Students direct the mentor teacher to the website (www.education.wsu.edu/field)
- B. The mentor teacher emails the form back to WSU at whitel@wsu.edu



General Information

1. Out of state placements are acceptable.
2. Placements in private schools are acceptable.
3. You can utilize multiple schools/teachers if you choose to do so. (*Just copy the forms for each school/teacher.*)



Important Points

1. Even if you know a teacher, follow the chain of command – check with the office first. (You may have to contact the school district office!)
2. Some schools may require some type of formal contact with WSU.
3. Be **totally** familiar with the info on the website. Some teachers will ask “what are you supposed to do while you are in my classroom?” Have an answer ready!



What is required?

1. Weekly Journal
2. Final Paper
3. Evaluation submitted by your mentor teacher
4. Practicum Exit Slip – you will receive an email from Heidi Ritter



Journal

1. What are the “parts” of a journal entry?
 - a. **Classroom experiences – what is your involvement in the class and with the students.**
 - b. **Journal suggestions can be found on the Blackboard site.**



Final Paper

Your final paper needs to be:

1. typewritten
2. 3-5 pages double spaced
3. a finished product which demonstrates your ability to write well
4. Guidelines can be found on Blackboard



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is Liability Insurance required?

Yes!

2. Is there a teacher evaluation form?

Yes – *It is returned to instructor via email*

3. *How many days do we spend in the classroom?*

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...More Frequently Asked Questions

4. How many Journal entries are required?

3 total - one each week

5. How long is the reflective paper supposed to be?

3-5 pages (Double-spaced)



...more Frequently Asked Questions

7. Can I do my practicum outside the State of Washington?

Yes!

8. Can I do my practicum at more than one school – or with more than one teacher?

Yes – Just copy the forms so each school/teacher has a copy.

9. *Can I split my time between a middle school and a high school?*

Yes! Just copy the forms so each school/teacher has a copy.

