
STUDENT TEACHING PLACEMENTS IN SVSU PUBLIC SCHOOL ACADEMIES

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A Little About Me

- I'm a retired K-12 Principal, Special Ed Director, State & Federal Programs Coordinator, Curriculum Director, and Athletic Director.
- I've been on my current role for the past 3.5 years.



The Purpose of Student Teaching:

- To allow our students practice in making educational decisions in a safe environment.
- A majority of our students have gone through a traditional student teaching path, which provided them with many hours in classrooms.
- We also have students who are earning Michigan Teacher Certification in our Accelerated Certification with Residency Program (ACR). Their experiences in working with students vary.

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How Long is Traditional Student Teaching?

- PK-3 and 3-6 Grade Band=16 Weeks (12 weeks in major grade band & 4 weeks in the other grade band)
- PK-3/3-6 & Special Education=20 Weeks (12 weeks in Elementary Ed & 8 Weeks in Special Education)
- PK-3/3-6 & Specialty Area (ESL, World Languages, K-8 certification in ELA, Math, Science or Social Studies)=16 Weeks (12 weeks in Elementary Ed & 4 weeks in Specialty Area)
- Secondary Ed. (Grades 6-12)=15 Weeks
- Secondary Special Education=12 Weeks
- K-12 Certification in Visual Arts, PE/Health, Music or World Languages (French & Spanish)=16 Weeks

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How Long is ACR?

- Co-Teaching-1st Day Staff Reports in August-End of the SVSU Winter Term (Early May)
- Paid Residency-1st Day Staff Reports in August-End of the School Year

- More about these later



SVSU Mentor Requirements

- Must have a minimum of 2 years of experience in your school
- Must have 2 consecutive evaluation ratings of Effective or Highly Effective.
- Be fully certified in the area that the student teacher is seeking certification in
- Have the ability to directly observe the student teacher and provide them with feedback.
- The mentor cannot be a member of the school's leadership team (Principal, Asst Principal, Curriculum Director, Dean of Students, Superintendent.)
- For ACR students, the mentor and student teacher must meet a minimum of 1 time per month. A Mentoring Log will be kept and reviewed.

ACR Admission Requirements


Earned a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution by May 30, 2024

Earned a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in their degree program. We will consider candidates who fall below this.

Must take and pass a MTTC Subject Area Test by May 12, 2024

Pass an interview with a SVSU faculty member.

Must be fully admitted to SVSU by June 1, 2024.



ACR Residencies

Paid Residency

- Teacher is the Teacher of Record. They are responsible for all functions within the classroom.
- Rate of pay is negotiable between the school and the candidate. SVSU does not become involved in this.
- **NOT RECOMMENDED FOR CANDIDATES WITH LITTLE OR NO EXPERIENCE IN CLASSROOMS.**

Co-Teaching

- Very similar to Traditional Student Teaching.
- Student teacher is paired with a certified teacher to learn the art of teaching.
- The school is not under any obligation to pay the student teacher. If not paid, the student teacher is eligible for the MI Future Educator Stipend (Approximately \$19,200 for the school year).

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Student Teaching "Have Tos":

- They must have a certified mentor.
- Student Teaching must be in an assigned classroom. Cannot "float" between multiple classrooms during the day.
- They cannot act a "building subs" or paraprofessionals.

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"I'm
Interested"

- Please send an e-mail to our Placement Coordinator, Mary Mudd, at coeplacement@svsu.edu

**"I HAVE
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Contact me at csztuczka@svsu.edu or call me at 989-964-4979. My office hours are 8:00-4:30 Monday-Friday

If You Have Candidates Interested In ACR

All candidates must attend a Virtual Information Meeting.

The days/times of our remaining meetings for the 2024-25 school year are:

Saturday, February 17-10:30-12:00

Monday, March 11-5:30-7:00

Monday, April 15-5:30-7:00

Thanks!

