

CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

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The Center for Professional Practice (CPP) is a resource and service office located in the College of Education. CPP works with all educator preparation programs at TU. The primary role of the center is to assist programs in placing teacher candidates in a variety of settings for field experiences and internships and to develop, support and sustain Professional Development School partnerships.

Field and Clinical Experience Placements

Each Teacher Education student who has reached the appropriate level of competency will have a series of progressively responsible field experiences, which will culminate in a professional year internship. TU has developed a Network of Professional Development Schools to provide all students with an intensive and extensive internship.

Reflecting the Professional Education Mission and Vision statements, *students are assigned* by their department and/or the Center for Professional Practice to field and clinical experience placements that are diverse and inclusive. Placements are made in schools that provide the best experiences for future success as a teacher and that enable the Teacher Education student to meet state and national accreditation requirements. These requirements and the size and scope of our education program do not always permit personal preference or geographic convenience in placements.

Students enrolled in the professional year internships are charged an internship fee. This fee is used for remuneration to mentor teachers in schools where field experiences and internships are completed. Students are also responsible for any costs related to fingerprinting and background check requirements for the district(s) in which they are placed for internship. The requirements vary greatly by district and it is the responsibility of the intern to communicate with their supervisor to ensure they meet all necessary requirements for the district(s) in which they are placed.