

Team Assignments, Field Placements & Internship Preferences

Team Assignments

Upon admission to Teacher Education, students are assigned to a particular TE Team.

- Elementary Education -- Team 1, 2, or 3
- Secondary Education -- Team 4
(*except as noted below*)
- Music Majors & Audiology and Speech Majors - Not assigned to teams. Placements are arranged directly by their major departments.

Field Placements

Students enrolled in TE 301 through TE 402 are placed for field work in the greater Lansing area in order to minimize travel time. For the internship year, field placements are made in the Lansing area and in selected sites that are distributed more broadly. A list of sites available for internship placement is provided with a survey which students complete prior to internship placement.

The first consideration in making field and internship placements is to prepare you for certification in Michigan.

To do that, we place you in situations that match the teaching certificate you intend to earn, and which prepare you to teach diverse students in diverse settings. We also seek to place you in settings which best fulfill your educational needs as we see them. Our second consideration is to place you in schools with which we have developed good working relationships and which support a productive combination of course work and field work. Our third field placement consideration is your preference of a location for the internship year. We attempt to honor your preference, provided that we can satisfy the first two considerations and have enough placements in a given location for all who want internships there.

Under no condition are students allowed to negotiate their own placements.