

FAQ's for the Teaching Professions Program

Who? Teachers willing to serve as field experience mentors for the Teaching Professions Tech Prep students at Beaver Local.

What is the Teaching Professions Tech Prep program? It is a program to help Junior and Senior students interested in becoming teachers better understand the challenges and rewards of being a classroom educator. The students will be learning about various aspects of teaching in the Teaching Professions classroom; however, the best way for them to learn about the profession is to observe and talk with experienced and enthusiastic teachers. The coursework is based on standards established through a partnership of the Ohio Department of Education and the Board of Regents, and addresses topics such as: educational foundations, communication skills, and college readiness. Student assessment culminates in a portfolio based on criteria developed by the Ohio Department of Education and the Board of Regents.

What will a mentor teacher have to do? Offer a positive experience that will allow the student to observe and participate in the many tasks teachers perform and complete a periodic checklist or evaluation of students (approximately once a month). For those of you new to this opportunity, I've attached a list of suggested activities the students can perform, some general information about the program, and student guidelines.

How can the Teaching Professions students help mentor teachers? They can serve as teachers' aides or tutors, help with make-up work or with students needing extra attention, make a lesson or even teach a class.

When will the field experiences occur? Students will participate in field experiences two to three mornings a week. Currently the students have field experiences on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but we can be somewhat flexible. Students will have the opportunity to rotate among mentor teachers to expand their experience.

If you can provide a field experience, please email me any times and dates that will be convenient for you at tami.james@ccctc.k12.oh.us and we will try to make a match!

Thanks for your consideration!

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