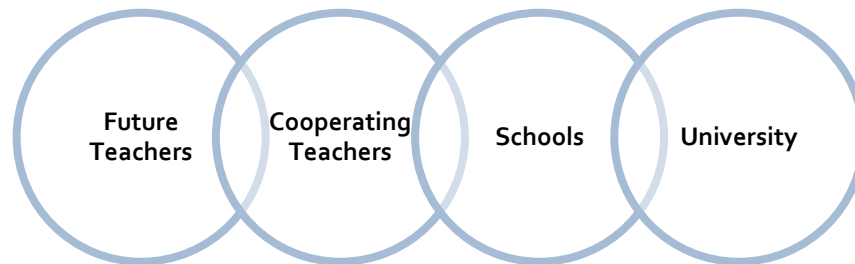


COOPERATING TEACHER CRITERIA

The Clinical Practice is a partnership among:



A brief review of general information about CSUSM's Clinical Practice Experience

What Does a Cooperating Teacher Look Like?

- Wants to make a difference in teacher education.
- Requests to work with student teachers.
- Communicates with others easily.
- Demonstrates the value of a strong supportive mentoring relationship with a novice teacher.
- Responds to student concerns.
- Appreciates a "give and take" situation.
- Demonstrates a commitment to own personal growth and learning.
- Works collaboratively with others.
- Remembers what it was like to be a new teacher.
- Guides high levels of learning for students.

What Is Expected of a Cooperating Teacher?

- Has a minimum of three years teaching experience.
- Provides positive as well as constructive feedback.
- Schedules student teacher time to take over class. (See Handbook timeline).
- Monitors student teacher progress consistently.
- Communicates openly with supervisor.
- Provides information to familiarize students with the school site.
- Knows the state content standards.
- Practices with California Standards for the Teaching Profession.
- Models effective teaching strategies.

What is Expected of a CSUSM Teacher Candidate?

- Provides Cooperating Teacher with a personal background sheet.
- Works hard and is committed to meeting the needs of all candidates through thoughtful and reflective teaching.
- Completes assignments for university courses in the clinical practice experience.
- Respects the host classroom in all ways.
- Takes responsibility for classroom as defined by state credential requirements.
- Places student learning as top priority.
- Becomes a part of school community.

What Can a Cooperating Teacher expect from CSUSM?

- Enthusiastic and professional student teachers.
- Support from University Supervisors.
- Innovative lesson ideas and strategies.
- Available workshops for Cooperating Teachers.
- Latest research on Instructional Best Practices.

How Is a Cooperating Teacher Compensated?

Cooperating Teachers receive a small stipend from CSUSM which is processed through to the district offices. The Cooperating Teacher payment is processed at the end of fall and spring semesters. Upon receipt at district offices, payment is disbursed to the Cooperating Teacher by their district payroll office.