

Field Observation Experience is a requirement of the Teacher Certification Program for all participants, even if the participant is employed as a full time teacher of record in a public, private, or a charter school.

EPI 0020 is a 2 credit course in *Professional Foundations*. EPI 0940, a 1 credit course, is a required assignment of 15 hours of *field observation experience* related to and taken concurrently with EPI 0020. The instructor for EPI 0020 will distribute and evaluate the Educator Accomplished Practices (EAP)/artifact assignments for EPI 0940, as well.

EPI 0030 is a 2 credit course entitled *Diversity in the Classroom*. EPI 0945, a 1 credit course, is a required 15 hour assignment of *field observation experience* related to and taken concurrently with EPI 0945. The instructor for EPI 0030 will distribute and evaluate the Educator Accomplished Practices (EAP)/artifact assignments for EPI 0945, as well.

TCP participants who are not employed in public, private, or charter schools must individually contact a public, private or charter school to arrange for and complete field observation experience. Not all schools participate. Alternately, if your valid Statement of Eligibility is in K-6, a *field observation experience* agreement is in place with JFK Medical Center Charter School (Grades K-5), which is near the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus. Contact an advisor in the Teacher Certification Program or TASHE scholarship office for the procedures and forms to request field experience hours. Similarly, if your valid Statement of Eligibility is in a content area for Middle Grades 5-9, a field observation experience agreement is in place with Poinciana Day School, which includes grades 5-8. If your valid Statement of Eligibility is in High School 6-12, a *field observation experience* agreement is in place with G-Star School of the Arts for Motion Pictures and Broadcasting (Grades 9-12), also near the Palm Beach State College Lake Worth campus. Contact an advisor in the Teacher Certification Program or TASHE scholarship office for the procedures and forms to request field observation experience hours with G-Star.

TCP participants who are employed in public, private, or charter schools must secure permission from their department chairs and/or principals to complete their required field observation experience hours during their preparation time.

DOCUMENTATION:

- At <http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/x6167.xml> are two printable letters to bring to the school(s) in which you request your field observation hours. One is a letter of introduction; the other is a letter to the principal.
- At http://www.palmbeachstate.edu/Documents/Academic_Services/FOLogSheet.pdf is the printable log sheet which will document your field observation experience hours. These signed, completed sheets must be submitted for verification to the instructors of your EPI 0020/0940 and EPI 0030/0945 at the completion of those courses **AND** must be submitted at your Exit Interview for the Teacher Certification Program.