

## GLOSSARY

**Field Experience** - denotes the entire range of school or agency experiences, and including early field experiences through student teaching.

**Cooperating School/Agency** - a school or agency in which student teachers engage in professional laboratory experiences, but which is not administered by, staffed by, or under the jurisdiction of, the university.

**School Based Teacher Education or Cooperating Teacher** - the teacher with whom the field experience student is working. The teacher in a cooperating school or agency under whose guidelines and supervision prospective teachers engage in professional laboratory experiences.

**Campus Based Teacher Education or University Supervisor** - the person from the university who works with a field experience student on campus and/or in the school or agency. A teacher preparing institution faculty member whom has responsibility for the supervision and evaluation of student teachers for the guidelines under which these students accomplish their work.

**Director or Coordinator of Student Teaching** - the university staff member who is the supervisory or administrative head of teacher education work done in cooperating schools and agencies. The role of the coordinator or director of student teaching has been expanded to include the coordination of all field experience programs. As a result, broader titles include the following, Director of Student Teaching, Director of Field Experiences, Director of field Experiences and Student Teacher, Director of Educational and Community Services, Coordinator of Student Teaching, and Coordinator of Field Experiences.

**Executive Officer for Teacher Education** - the person directly in charge of the teacher education programs of a teacher preparing institution. This person can also be the designated certification officer for the institution.

**Observation** - professional laboratory experiences in which teacher candidates see and analyze teaching and learning. On site evaluation of the teacher candidate is provided by the cooperating teacher and/or the university supervisor.

**Professional Laboratory or Clinical Experiences** - an all inclusive term for all those supervised contacts with children, youth, and adults (through observation, participation, and teaching) which make a direct contribution to the understanding of the teaching and learning process by prospective teachers (includes all school or agency located field experiences).

**Student Teaching** - guided teaching in which the teacher candidate, over a period of consecutive weeks, is involved in the development and direction of teaching and learning activities applicable to a learner group.

**Student Teacher** - a teacher candidate engaged in student teaching.

**Diverse Student Populations** - populations of students representing varied ethnic, racial, socioeconomic, ability, and physical characteristics.

**Collaboration** - partnership between schools and universities that include shared decision making and mutual benefits, and are focused on simultaneous reform of school and higher education practices.