The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Office of Field Experiences

UTRGV Application for Cooperating Teachers

Clinical Teaching Program
College of Education & P16 Integration
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

The role of the cooperating teacher during the clinical teaching semester is to serve as a teacher educator through effectively modeling, mentoring and facilitating the professional growth of the university clinical teacher. The cooperating teacher essentially shares the responsibility with the university in the final preparation phase of the clinical teacher. Since the cooperating teacher has the most actual contact with the clinical teacher, he/she will have great influence on the clinical teacher's future career.

Therefore, to serve as a cooperating teacher, this application must be completed, to show they meet the following qualifications for effectively mentoring a clinical teacher.

Legally, the cooperating teacher must:

a) be an educator collaboratively assigned by the office of education and preparation program (EPP) and campus administrator;
b) have at least three years teaching experience in area of the clinical teacher assigned;
c) be an accomplished educator as shown by student learning;
d) have completed cooperating teacher training by OFE within three (3) weeks of being assigned to the clinical teacher;
e) be a certified teacher in the state of Texas n the area of the clinical teacher assigned
f) guide, assist, and support the clinical teacher in areas such as planning, classroom management, instruction, assessment, working with parents, obtain materials, district policies; and report the candidate's progress to that candidate's field supervisor.
g) complete this application and agree to serve as a Cooperating Teacher

Professionally, the cooperating teacher should:

h) have a positive attitude toward learning and professional growth
i) be creative, innovative and welcome new ideas and change
j) promote and model a learner-centered approach to teaching/learning
k) promote and model an interactive and language-rich classroom environment
l) genuinely care for children and the preparation of university students
m) promote and model effective classroom management strategies
n) be willing to devote extra time as needed to effectively mentor/coach the clinical teacher

Please complete the following fields.

Cooperating Teacher Full Name: TEA Number:

Cooperating Teacher E-mail:

Clinical Teacher Name:

Degrees Bachelor's Major: Minor:

Master's Major:

Endorsements/Certificates:

Current Teaching Assignment: Grade Level:

Number of Years in Above Area:

Number of Years Teaching Experience:

Cooperating Teacher Training: UTRGV Virtual Training (within the past 2 years) ☐ Other

No Training ☐

Current School: District:

Campus Principal Name:

Principal E-mail address:

Cooperating Teacher's Signature: Date:

Please complete & submit to University Supervisor by Semester Deadline

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Please have one of your administrators certify the following document

Date:

School District:

Campus:

Administrator Name:

Title:

To: UTRGV Office of Field Experiences

I hereby certify that the following statements are true and correct:

(name cooperating teacher), assigned to mentor

(name of clinical teacher), meets all requirements defined in the **Texas Administrative Code 228.2 (26)**: *the mentor/cooperating teacher has at least three years of teaching experience; is an accomplished educator as shown by student learning; and is currently certified in the certification category in which the clinical teacher candidate is seeking certification.* As an administrator of

School (school name), I can verify that

(name cooperating teacher) accomplishments as an educator and qualified mentor are based on the following:

- ☐ Exemplary Student Achievement Data
- ☐ Exemplary Student Growth
- ☐ Classroom Observations
- ☐ Employee Evaluations (T-TESS)
- ☐ Teacher Leadership Responsibilities
- ☐ Demonstration of Instructional Leadership and Coaching
- ☐ Service Record

Sincerely,

Campus Administrator

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