

 BRANDON UNIVERSITY	Credit for Field Experience	Approved by: Education Faculty Council
Faculty of Education Administrative Policy	First Approved: April 2003	Updated: May 2018

1.0 Policy General Purpose

The Faculty of Education believes that each of the following steps is essential to the development as an effective teacher:

- a program of field experience which begins with orientation to the classroom and proceeds in skill-building steps, culminating in the ability to take control of a classroom on a full time basis for three to five weeks.
- each placement should support the development of the teacher candidate by providing supervision and support from both a certified cooperating teacher and an advisor representing the Faculty of Education.

2.0 Policy Guidelines

A minimum of 24 weeks in-school teaching experience must be completed:

- through a university
- involve a mentoring relationship with a cooperating teacher
- be supervised by the university
- be in a K-12 school environment or a Manitoba Teacher Certification approved educational environment benefiting teacher education growth as an educator.

Advanced standing for Field Experience at any level will not be granted **except in the following cases:**

- a graduate of a Bachelor of Teaching program who is upgrading their certification
- a graduate of a 4-Year Bachelor of Education Program who is upgrading their certification
- a graduate of the ED 1 Certificate Program
- an individual who successfully completed a student teaching placement through an accredited Faculty of Education, and received evaluation reports from a certified cooperating teacher and a faculty advisor.

In each of the above cases, advanced standing will be based upon the Field Experience credits obtained in the previous program.

Credit will not be granted for experience such as:

- teaching in a university or college
- teaching in an athletic program
- teaching music

- teaching in a mini-university or other summer/recreation program
- working as a teaching assistant in the public school system
- working in a day-care facility
- working as a substitute teacher
- teaching on a letter of authority or limited teaching permit
- teaching in an adult education or upgrading program.

3.0 Scope of the Policy

Applies to all students in Faculty of Education programs.

4.0 Definitions

None

5.0 Reference to Other Policies

Manitoba Education and Training has specified that for teacher certification, a program should have no less than “24 weeks **in-school** experience”.

6.0 Approval Process

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7.0 Appendices

None

Procedures

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