

# FIU | Education

# STUDENT TEACHING

*Office of Clinical Experiences*



## What is Student Teaching?

Capstone clinical experience required for students in Initial Teacher Education Programs (ITEP).

Provides **full-time, supervised classroom practice** aligned with degree and Florida certification requirements.

## When Students Apply

- Fall placement → Apply during the preceding Spring semester
- Spring placement → Apply during the preceding Summer semester
- Must pass or have waived all 4 sections of the General Knowledge (GK) Test
- Must have valid district fingerprint clearance on file

## Student Teaching Pathways

*Options & Supports*



### Traditional Student Teaching

- Unpaid, full-time semester internship
- Matched with a Cooperating Teacher for mentorship and guidance
- Gradually assume teaching responsibilities
- Available in Miami-Dade, Broward, and select partner schools



### Teacher Residency

- Paid, full-time semester internship (eligible applicants)
- Hired into an open teaching position
- Assume instructional responsibility from the start
- Assigned a school-site Mentor Teacher
- Available in Miami-Dade and select partner schools



### Shared Structure & Requirements

- Same internship dates across pathways
- Assigned FIU University Supervisor
- Biweekly seminar support
- Formal observations and ongoing feedback
- Must complete all course requirements

# Clinical Supervision & Evaluation Structure

## Student Teacher / Resident



- Engages in a full-time, semester-long clinical experience
- Plans and delivers standards-aligned instruction
- Participates in required biweekly seminars
- Completes structured assignments and observation cycles
- Demonstrates proficiency across all 42 FEAP indicators
- Implements actionable feedback from multiple evaluators

## Cooperating Teacher/ Mentor Teacher



- Provides daily instructional modeling and mentorship
- Conducts four (4) formal observations aligned to FEAP and Key Teaching Skills
- Provides ongoing formative feedback
- Provides written and verbal performance feedback
- Communicates performance concerns to the University Supervisor

## University Supervisor



- Serves as primary instructor for Student Teaching
- Conducts three (3) formal observations aligned to FEAP and Key Teaching Skills
- Evaluates coursework and clinical performance
- Provides written and verbal performance feedback
- Serves as liaison between FIU and the school site
- Communicates with Clinical Experiences as needed

## Seminar Facilitator



- Leads biweekly seminars focused on professional growth
- Supports alignment between coursework and clinical practice
- Provides additional support for Teacher Residents
- Partners with Clinical Experiences on career-readiness initiatives



## Office of Clinical Experiences

- Manages placement processes and district partnerships
- Verifies fingerprint clearance and eligibility requirements
- Assigns University Supervisors
- Monitors evaluation timelines and documentation compliance
- Serves as a central coordination hub for school districts and faculty



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