

The Student Teaching Seminar and Other On-Campus Requirements

Student teachers are required to participate in the weekly seminar and other activities that are typically scheduled on THURSDAYS. No after-school activities should be scheduled on Thursdays.

If you must be absent for any of the events described below:

1. Speak with your college supervisor *before* the missed meeting
2. Write a one-page report of your week's experiences to be turned in to your college supervisor (this report should be thought of as a public document; it may be shared with the others at a subsequent meeting)

The Student Teaching Seminar. The weekly meeting with one or more members of the Warren Wilson College faculty and the other WWC student teachers has many purposes: camaraderie, information sharing, venting, program evaluating, materials finding and sharing, problem-solving-brainstorming, and more. There will be at least one extended seminar (scheduled for a full day) that will give more time for in-depth study and discussion of relevant topics. Seminar topics include revisiting content area and planning strategies; brainstorming about classroom management techniques; and clarifying legal, safety, and other professional issues facing new teachers. Additional emphasis is given to the roles of parents and the wider school community as encountered by the future teacher, as well as managing responsibilities, stress, and job hunting.

Student teachers are expected to be engaged and empathetic listeners to their colleagues! This is also an opportunity for student teachers to get to know all of the college supervisors, as it is typical for student teachers to be observed by more than one of the EDU faculty in the course of the semester.

Teacher Education Committee meetings replace student teaching seminars once per month. These meetings are also required (see note above about turning in a written report, if you must be absent). The Teacher Education Committee will ask each student teacher to report on his or her experiences. The TEC is made up of faculty from across the campus.

All-Program meetings/open meetings of student teachers will occur at least once in the semester. Student teachers are expected to participate and discuss their experiences with others who are progressing through the Teacher Education Program.

Other workshop opportunities will be publicized at the student teaching seminars, as well as job fairs. The program has a small budget that can support student teacher travel to conferences and other events sponsored by professional associations. A written request for financial support is necessary prior to attending the event.