



# A Career in Teaching

## Guidelines for Field Experience

Candidates enrolled in an *alternative certification program* after January 1, 2009 are required to comply with [Texas Administrative Code Title 19 Rule 228.35](#) stating that *each candidate must complete a minimum of 300 clock-hours of coursework and/or training that includes 30 clock-hours of field-based experience to be completed prior to internship.*

### Candidate Requirements:

- ◆ Complete **30** hours of field experience *prior* to beginning a teaching position.
  - Observe teachers in the classroom. Participate as an active learner. Provide written reflection of experiences.
  - Up to 15 hours may be completed using an **approved** technology-based method. There are currently 2 DVDs that are available for viewing.  
NOTE: These account for only **8** hours of observation time, which also includes discussion with your instructor(s).
- ◆ Field experience must be *relevant* to your certification area.
  - Example, *4-8 Core* candidates will complete hours observing grades 4, 5, 6, 7 and/or 8.
  - Additional appropriate activities that may be deemed as acceptable include: individual or small group tutoring, department meetings, extracurricular academic or athletic events, or district initiated workshops. *You may contact A.C.I.T. to determine the validity of an activity or event.*
- ◆ Provide completed Observation Form(s)/Reports associated with your field experience hours.
  - You must provide **one** form per class hour/subject.
  - You may provide a *detailed summary* of an all-day experience within a single classroom setting to include answers from the Observation Form.
  - You must document the date, hours, location, activity and the SIGNATURE of the campus administrator or teacher.
  - ALL forms/reports must be turned into *A Career in Teaching-EPP* prior to beginning a teaching position.
  - Any incomplete documentation or observation forms will not be accepted.

***Program standards will change to meet any new or updated requirements as set forth by the SBEC and/or T E A.***

**I have read and understand the field experience requirements.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_