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ARE YOU DOING EL?

One of the things we have discovered during this QEP development process is that our faculty already include a lot of EL activities in existing courses. We would like to share your story.

Please send a brief summary and a couple of pictures to katia.maxwell@athens.edu to have your experience highlighted in the newsletter!

INVITATION FROM THE TEAM

Please continue to participate in the multiple discussions that are found on the New QEP Blackboard organization. Students are encouraged to share their thoughts using this tool. Faculty can help by making students aware of this opportunity.

If you have questions on getting your students involved please email Katia (katia.maxwell@athens.edu)

BLACKBOARD

Everyone has access to the QEP Blackboard organization. Please take a look at this account as we will utilize it as one of the means to communicate with the campus community.



Experiential Learning: Teacher Field Experience

-By Dr. Tina Sloan

In the College of Education, preservice teachers participate in experiential learning through field experiences in real-world classrooms. During Instructor-Led Field Experiences, preservice teachers are placed in classrooms and tasked with creating lesson plans, teaching P-12 students, video-taping, and reflecting upon their lessons.

This experience, prior to internship (student teaching), provides preservice teachers with opportunities to implement best practices, develop classroom management skills, and collaborate with stakeholders. Observations are conducted by the university supervisor with follow-up debrief sessions for feedback and reflection.



Collaboration with select Professional Development Sites (PDS) during the summer semesters provides preservice teachers with further opportunities to design lessons in public schools that are hands-on and interdisciplinary in nature to include music, art, math, science, social studies, physical education, language arts, reading, and technology.

During the summer term, certified teachers model effective instructional strategies the first day of the program. For the remainder of the field experience, Athens State University preservice teachers lead the class while the cooperating teacher assumes the role of consultant.

University professors are placed at the PDS sites for the 2-week time period to supervise preservice teachers, observe lessons taught by Athens State University candidates, and provide daily feedback for further growth.

What Experiential Learning Means at Athens State

At Athens State University, Experiential Learning is a process through which students develop knowledge, skills, and values by applying theory and academic content to real-world experiences within the classroom, community, or workplace. Experiential Learning encompasses internships, undergraduate research, expeditions, community engagement, and other creative and professional work experiences.