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Video Permission Forms

Video permission forms are required for any type of recording that residency candidates do in the classroom. This includes assignments, lesson plans, and edTPA.

Candidates are responsible for keeping record of all video permission forms for the entire residency year. The Video Permission Roster should be completed and uploaded to Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark, once the platform is ready for uploads.

Below are links to the English and Spanish versions of the Video Permission Letter.

English Video Permission Letter
Spanish Video Permission Letter

A digital version of both formats can be found on the Residency Handbook and Resources webpage.

Residency Spotlight

ETSU Alumni, Mentor Allison Berry, Johnson City Schools, incorporates the co-teaching model in her classroom. Alongside Residency I teacher candidate, Hillary King, Ms. Berry assists students as Ms. King delivers instruction and pulls small groups. While Hillary taught students to identify sentence subjects and sentence predicates at the technology table, Ms. Berry circulated to check for understanding and offer clarification as students completed a variety of tasks. Together they supported student engagement and learning.

Substitute Teaching Guidelines

- Residency Candidates are **NOT allowed to be pulled to watch or monitor a classroom without another adult present** (teacher, Instructional Assistant, substitute teacher). This is a liability issue.
- Residency Candidates **CAN be used as a substitute teacher only if they have completed the district substitute training and HR payment paperwork**.
- Residency Candidates that are in specific programs such as the RITE, CAT and KAT programs will follow their specified guidelines.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines and requirements, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation using the contacts below or check in the Residency Handbook.

Praxis Subject Assessments

In order to advance to Residency II, candidates will need to have taken all required Praxis exams for your program of study. Please check with ETS Praxis for the correct Praxis exams that are required in Tennessee using the link below:

- https://www.ets.org/praxis/site.html

- Whether testing at home or at a testing center, be sure that both ETSU (**TEST CODE 1198**) and TN Dept. of Education (**TEST CODE 8190**) are listed as recipients, as they will **NOT** automatically send, and there will be an additional fee to send them to a recipient at a later date.

Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark

Student Learning & Licensure (SL&L) by Watermark is a platform that allows residency candidates, instructors, mentors, and supervisors to create, share, and collaborate on educational curricula. Candidates can upload their work and other documents to share with their instructors and other stakeholders.

During the residency year, candidates, mentor teachers, and university supervisors will connect on this shared space, complete observations and assessments, and upload additional documents (reflection summaries, performance checklist, etc.) related to the candidates' residency placement. Candidates will also log their residency hours in SL&L by Watermark so their mentor teachers can approve and university supervisors can monitor.

**At this time, we are still trying to work through some of the hiccups associated with the implementation of the new platform, and have asked all mentors to only use SL&L to approve their residency candidates hours. Any observations, performance checklists or reflective summaries should be completed on paper and help until you receive notification to upload these documents.

Accessing Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark Login:

1. The log in site can be found on the ERTC's website
2. Use your ETSU username and password to log in to Student Learning & Licensure
3. If you cannot log in, you will need to reset your password here.

All residency candidates should be logging their clinical hours on a weekly basis. Your mentor teacher will review and approve these hours at the end of each week. You should also follow the school protocol for signing in and out of the school each day. If you are going to be absent or tardy, you should at minimum, send one email notifying your ETSU supervisor and mentor

teacher and school office or principal.

If you or your mentor teacher are having difficulty accessing SL&L by Watermark, please contact the Office of Educator Preparation, immediately so the issue can be resolved. It is important that your are logging your hours and these are being approved by your mentor.

Important Upcoming Dates & Reminders

Important Upcoming Dates:
December 8: Last day of Residency I
- 135 hours completed and approved by mentor teachers
- All Student Learning & Licensure by Watermark requirements should be completed (observations, assessments, candidate performance assessment, etc).

Reminders:
- Candidates must submit each lesson plan 2 days prior to an observation to allow the mentor teacher time to review it.
- See the Observation and Evaluation Schedule to keep up-to-date with lesson plan and other assessment deadlines.
- Refer to the Residency Key Roles to make sure you are keeping up with residency candidate and mentor expectations.

Communication

The Office of Educator Preparation continues to try to improve the communication efforts between our office and residency candidates. We offer updates regularly in our monthly Residency Newsletter and on our website.

Office of Educator Preparation
- Warf Pickel, Room 305, Open Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m.

ETSU Residency Candidate website
- https://www.etsu.edu/coe/educator-preparation/residency/default.php

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