Dear Clinical Educator,

Welcome to the University of Delaware’s student teaching program for ETE teacher candidates who are completing a semester-long student teaching experience with you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your invaluable contributions to our program. Research suggests that the greatest influence on the quality of a teacher candidate’s experience is the clinical educator. With your participation in the partnership, we are able to prepare our teacher candidates to meet the challenges in today’s diverse classrooms. Your willingness to share your time and expertise is greatly appreciated.

A few notables about the student teaching experience:

* We implement the coteaching approach to learning to teach!
* Teacher candidates are in the field from Monday through Thursdays with two full weeks (M-F) during weeks 9 & 10.
* Teacher candidates take classes while they are student teaching.
* Teacher candidates will complete 2 weeks of independent practice where they lead planning, instruction, assessment, and management. During this time, you can still utilize the coteaching strategies to meet the needs of your students.
* Some teacher candidates will be completing their edTPA if required for their home state.
* Weekly newsletters will be sent to you from the university field instructor that will provide guidance and support for the upcoming week.
* You will participate in a mid-term and final formal conference, arranged by the university field instructor, regarding your teacher candidate’s progress.

During key times throughout the experience, you will receive e-mail messages from the Office of Clinical Studies (Jamie Bailey and Kim Cavallio). Additionally, all evaluation forms and reference materials may be found on our student teaching website:

**http://www.education.udel.edu/ete/student-teaching/**

Once again, please accept our sincere gratitude for your dedication and commitment to our teacher candidates.

Sincerely,

UD Field Instructors