

Qualifications for Cooperating Teachers

STUDENT TEACHING

Cooperating teachers who supervise UMM elementary and secondary education students in their student teaching experience must be tenured, have three or more years of teaching experience, be licensed in the area of instruction, and have the approval of their administrator. A signed agreement between the district and UMM Education must be on file in the division office.

ADVANCED FIELD EXPERIENCES

Cooperating teachers who supervise UMM elementary and secondary education candidates in most (including EEd 4111 and SeEd 4103) must be tenured, have three or more years of teaching experience, be licensed in the area of instruction and have the approval of their administrator.

EARLY FIELD EXPERIENCES

Cooperating teachers who supervise UMM elementary and secondary education candidates in early field experiences must have a at least one year of experience, be licensed in the area of instruction, and have the approval of their administrator.

For all placements, administrators must base approval for cooperating teachers on the following criteria. Candidates for cooperating teachers must:

1. Show high levels of instructional competence based on their positive impact on student learning for all students,
2. Manage classrooms effectively,
3. Demonstrate collaborative skills when working with parents, teachers, staff, and administrators, and
4. Show potential for successful mentorship based on interest, skill set, and/or previous experience.