

Sample Verification Letter

According to the syllabus for [COURSE] Instructor [INSTRUCTOR NAME]:

During the field experience component, candidates will conduct literary activities within the public school early childhood classroom. Each candidate will also produce a literacy case study work on an individual child by using literary assessment techniques. Students will visit a Kindergarten, 1st Grade, or 2nd grade classroom 5 times during the semester. The purpose of the classroom experience is to provide a real-world experience in the literacy development of primary students. There are four dimensions to the field experience described below:

Lesson Plans---Candidates will prepare four different lesson plans on designated areas of literacy. Lessons will be taught in the field experience classroom. The classroom teacher along with the course instructor will approve the lessons to be taught. A copy of the lesson plan must be provided to the participating classroom teacher prior to the lesson being taught.

Week 1: Students will observe the classroom teacher and students during shared reading/guided reading (i.e. story book reading, guided reading instruction, etc.) The student is encouraged to take notes about the effective teaching strategies observed, student behaviors and the student-teacher interaction during this time.

Week 2: Students will teach a lesson on Phonemic Awareness---Working with Words, Sounds, Poetry

Week 3: Students will teach a Directed Listening-Thinking and Reading Activity

Week 4: Students will teach an Interactive/Assisted Writing Lesson---Creating a Class Big Book

Week 5: Students will teach a lesson involving Shared Reading and Independent Writing---Writer's Workshop

The UHCL instructor will provide a detailed description of each week's assignments which can be shared with the classroom teacher.

UHCL candidates are required to write a 2 page reflective summary regarding each field experience in which the student must describe the lesson, analyze the lesson and plan for future instruction.

Please feel free to contact the instructor of the course [INSTRUCTOR NAME] at [TELEPHONE NUMBER].