3.4.c – Criteria for the selection of clinical faculty, which includes both higher education and P-12 school faculty

The Walter and Daisy Carson Latham Clinical Schools Network (LCSN) is a partnership between ECU and 38 public school systems in eastern NC. The school systems include: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Clinton City, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Duplin, Edenton-Chowan, Edgecombe, Elizabeth City/Pasquotank, Franklin, Gates, Granville, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash/Rocky Mount, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pitt, Roanoke Rapids, Sampson, Tyrrell, Vance, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weldon City, and Wilson. Within the network, there are approximately 564 schools with more than 22,500 teachers who participate in partnership efforts. The network has been in existence since the 1996-97 academic year, when all teacher education programs were restructured from a 10-week student teaching requirement to a year-long Senior Year Experience.

- LCSN Agreement
- UG Cooperating Teacher and University Supervisor Licensure Dashboard

Selection of the University Supervisor
The Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) and Local Education Agencies (LEA) within the LCSN, agree to the following criteria for the selection of the IHE University Supervisor:

A. A university supervisor must demonstrate thorough knowledge of public education and the various agencies involved in teacher education and capable of developing productive working relationships with interns, clinical teachers and all other persons involved in the teacher education process.
B. A university supervisor must demonstrate superior knowledge of both the subject matter and methodology of teaching.
C. A university supervisor must hold valid licensure as required by the State of North Carolina for any university methods faculty working with interns in any teacher education program.
D. A university supervisor must participate in staff development opportunities for clinical teachers and university supervisors as developed and agreed upon by the COE, their program area department, and the LCSN.
E. A university supervisor must be willing to follow all procedures set forth by the Office of Teacher Education (OTE) and enter all required documentation and/or information in the electronic system before the due dates.

University Supervisor Qualifications

Selection of the LEA Clinical Teacher
The IHE and LEA within the LCSN, agree to the following criteria for the selection of the LEA Clinical Teacher:

A. To serve as clinical teacher, a recommendation from a principal and/or liaison is required.
B. A clinical teacher must have completed a minimum of three years successful teaching experience and have a Standard Professional 2 (SP2) license. He or she must also have a recommendation from the principal and/or school district.

C. A clinical teacher must hold an appropriate subject area licensure and teach in this area the entire school day.

D. A clinical teacher must have received an overall rating of Proficient or a higher rating on each standard as reflected on the North Carolina Teacher Evaluation Rubric.

E. A clinical teacher must willingly undertake the responsibilities of observing and documenting the performance of the intern and preparing written summary evaluations. This includes completing the Certification of Teaching Capacity (CTC) Form for licensure indicating whether an intern has met or has not met all indicators in the five standards. The clinical teacher must also agree to reserve time daily and/or weekly to verbally communicate, as well as provide concrete feedback with the intern.

F. A clinical teacher must agree to participate in staff development opportunities for university supervisors and clinical teachers as developed and agreed upon by the LCSN and as required by the OTE. This includes online training as well as face to face training.

G. A clinical teacher must agree to submit all documentation either via hard copy (paper), or electronically, as required before the due date.

Clinical Teacher Qualifications

Selection of the Practicum Teacher
The IHE and LEA agree to the following criteria for the selection of the Practicum Teacher:

A. A practicum teacher requires a recommendation from his or her school principal.

B. A practicum teacher must hold at least a Standard Professional 1 (SP1) license.

C. A practicum teacher must agree to submit all documentation either via hard copy (paper), or electronically, as required before the due date.

D. A practicum teacher must agree to communicate, as well as provide concrete feedback, if required.

Practicum Placement Request Forms