

Table 4.4: Field Experience Required before Student Teaching

STATE	Is Field Experience Required Prior to Student Teaching?		Type of Experience Required Prior to Student Teaching:
	Yes 1	No 2	
Alabama	X		An integral part of every professional course. Also, at least five full days.
Alaska	X		Determined by the college.
Arizona		X	
Arkansas	X		Two semester hours during sophomore year.
California	X		Responsibility of college to meet state field experience standards.
Colorado	X		Planned experiences throughout program in diverse settings.
Connecticut	X		Determined by the preparing institution.
Delaware	X		
D.C.	X		Observation and participation prior to student teaching is required.
Florida		X	
Georgia	X		Part of state-approved programs.
Hawaii	X		One or two semesters of observation.
Idaho		X	
Illinois	X		100 clock hours of pre-student teaching clinical experiences.
Indiana	X		Classroom observation to begin early.
Iowa	X		At least 50 hours in a variety of school settings.
Kansas	X		Clinical observation and multiple practica throughout preparation.
Kentucky	X		150 clock hours of clinical and field experiences.
Louisiana	X		Practical experience in actual classroom situations during the student's sophomore year.
Maine		X	
Maryland		X	
Massachusetts	X		75 hours of monitored field-based training.
Michigan	X		Determined by the college.
Minnesota	X		Required as part of approved program.
Mississippi		X	
Missouri	X		A minimum of two semester hours of observation and aiding.
Montana	X		College responsible to meet state field experience standards.
Nebraska	X		100 hours of student contact required prior to the professional practicum.
Nevada		X	
New Hampshire	X		Programs required to provide observation and other early school experiences.
New Jersey		X	
New Mexico	X		Determined by the college.
New York		X	
North Carolina	X		Sequentially planned field experiences are to occur early in the program.
North Dakota	X		40 hours of observation and assistance is typical.
Ohio	X		300 hours of field and clinical experiences.
Oklahoma	X		Students required to spend a specified number of hours observing.
Oregon	X		Fifteen weeks of required practicum designed by colleges with approval by the commission.
Pennsylvania	X		Required in sophomore year or in the first year of enrollment.
Rhode Island		X	
South Carolina	X		Two semesters of field experiences required prior to student teaching.
South Dakota	X		Responsibility of college to meet state field experience standards.
Tennessee	X		Practicums are required early on.
Texas	X		At least 45 hours of pre-student teaching.
Utah		X	Not required by state, but all programs require it.
Vermont	X		60 clock hours of supervised field experiences.
Virginia	X		Determined by institution.
Washington	X		Minimum of 40 clock hours of field experiences.
West Virginia		X	
Wisconsin	X		100 clock hours of field experiences.
Wyoming	X		On- and off-campus, early, developmental and observe various levels.