

**Bemidji State University**

**Spring 2025**

**ED 3410/5410 - Secondary Science Methods**

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**Field Experience Fact Sheet**

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| **Course Number/Name** | ED 3410/Secondary Science Methods |
| **Expectations of Student** | As much interaction with the science students as permitted: teaching small and large group lessons (e.g., tutoring, providing remediation, walking around classroom helping students during practice/homework/lab time, etc.), providing demonstrations, facilitating discussions, or other.  Teach a minimum of 1 class, a period-long lesson (~ 50 minutes) observed/evaluated by mentor/cooperating teacher.  Keep a journal of the experience as you will be asked to write a reflection paper about the practicum experience. |
| **Field Experience Hours** | 25 hours (minimum) |
| **Expectations of Teacher** | Encourage candidate to work with you as much as possible, within your comfort level. Allow the candidate to teach one ~50 minute lesson (this is often the candidate’s last semester before student teaching); complete an evaluation form of candidate during the teaching of the lesson, and discuss with candidate after lesson is over.  Guide/mentor teacher in classroom routines and share information about demographics, curriculum, instruction, classroom management, engagement strategies and assessments used in your classroom. |
| **Course Instructor(s)  & Contact Information** | Dr. Michael Urban  Department of Professional Education  Bemidji State University  1500 Birchmont Dr. NE, Campus Box 35  Bemidji, MN 56601  michael.urban@bemidjistate.edu  (218) 755-3782 |

Dear Field Experience Cooperating Teacher:

Thank you for hosting a BSU teacher candidate!

We use an online tool, SL&L by Watermark, to track and manage data we need for our program and for teacher licensure. You will be asked to do two things in SL&L:

1. Your teacher candidate will record in SL&L the hours they spend in your classroom. Then, you will go into SL&L and verify those log hours.

2. Near the end of the semester, please complete the brief teacher candidate disposition form in SL&L regarding the candidate’s dedication/responsibility, compassion, curiosity, and integrity during their field experience with you. This information allows us to identify and address any dispositional concerns before the teacher candidate begins student teaching. This data will also be utilized to inform change in our teacher preparation program. It should only take a few minutes to complete the form.

Instructions for how to access SL&L can be found here: <https://www.bemidjistate.edu/offices/teacher-education/student-resources/sll-by-watermark/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding field experience or the student placed with you, or if you are experiencing technical difficulties with SL&L, please email teaching.clinicals@bemidjistate.edu and we will get your message to the right person.

Thank you for opening your classroom and taking a future educator under your wings!

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