

**Bemidji State University**

**Spring 2025**

**Field Experience Fact Sheet**

**PHED 4870/5870 Practicum in Physical Education Teaching**

**Instructor: Dr. Shannon Norman**

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| **Course Number/Name** | **PHED 4870/5870 Practicum in Physical Education Teaching** |
| **Expectations of Student** | Students are expected to begin by observing a licensed PE teacher in the K-12 setting. Students should engage in the lesson, interact and encourage students during participation. Set up equipment when needed and other duties allowed by the teacher. If possible, the student should teach a lesson or parts of a lesson approved by the teacher. The student should schedule and spend 1 full day in the PE environment to observe a full day teaching experience.  Student is expected to display professional dispositions of a teaching professional: be on time, communicate schedule, interact with classroom students in a professional manner, abide by all school policies and procedures. |
| **Field Experience Hours** | A minimum of 30 hours required for entire experience  If applicable participate in more than one grade level. (k-5) (6-8) (9-12) |
| **Expectations of Teacher** | Engage student in physical education lessons when possible—helping students in small group settings, give responsibilities to student such as preparing materials for lesson, setting up equipment, allowing them to engage with students in the classroom. If applicable allow student to teach a minimum of 1 lesson during a PE unit or parts of a lesson such as the introductory activity and/or skills and games. If there are multiple university students doing practicum experience, possibly allow for co-teaching opportunities for more than one lesson.  Complete a 3-minute online dispositions survey on the teacher candidate(s) in SL&L account and verification of hours. |
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**Students: Give a Fact Sheet to each of your cooperating teachers.**

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/>

**I**f 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](mailto: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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