



International Student Teaching Application

International/Intercultural Studies Appalachian State University

Appalachian State University promotes preparation for citizenship in the interdependent world of the 21st century. Hence, the Office of Field Experiences of the Reich College of Education strives to provide its students with a well-rounded education through multicultural and international opportunities. Students seeking the North Carolina teaching license are afforded opportunities to complete a portion of the student teaching experience in another country.

The Reich College of Education International Student Teaching Committee carefully screens candidates for this opportunity. Selected student teachers spend the first two-thirds of the student teaching semester in a North Carolina setting and the last one-third in an international school. International student teaching is an effective means of expanding understandings about teaching for the purpose of engaging in effective, culturally responsive teaching.

Student Teaching Opportunities

Dublin, Ireland
Nicoya, Costa Rica

Some knowledge of the local language is helpful but not required for placement.

Application Due Dates

Fall Student Teaching: **February 15**
Spring Student Teaching: **September 15**

Application Submission

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Acceptance notifications will be sent within two weeks after published deadlines. Students, in turn, have 10 calendar days to accept the extended offers.

International/Intercultural Student Teaching Conditions of Participation

I. Selection of Participants

Students in good academic standing who are eligible to register for student teaching may participate in international/intercultural student teaching. The following conditions must be satisfied.

1. All credentials must be completed and submitted by the published due dates. Only completed applications will be considered.
2. All references/recommendations must reference the candidate as performing above expectations and/or outstanding in the areas of teaching commitment, teaching ability, and character.
3. The screening committee, after review of the submitted credentials and the required interview process, will choose suitable applicants. Notification will come within two weeks.

II. Conditions for Continued Participation

1. The first ten weeks of the student teaching experience in the local placement area **MUST** be completed with a **HIGH DEGREE OF PROFICIENCY** in personal and professional skills.
2. All requirements of the North Carolina student teaching experience are completed as outlined in the orientation session and *Student Teaching Handbook*.

III. Financial Arrangements

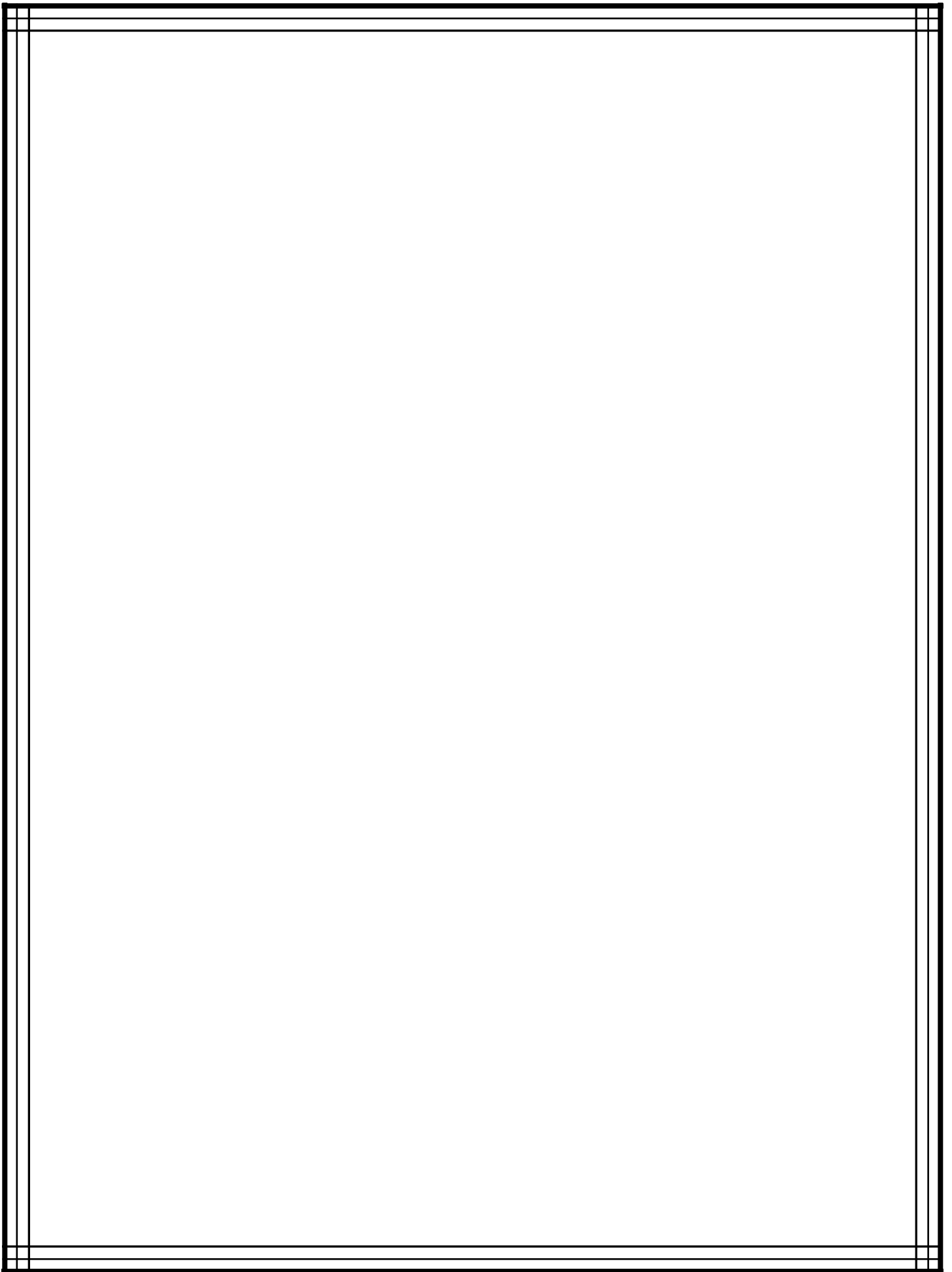
1. Travel cost, all subsistence, and all other incidental expenses are to be borne by the student teacher. These expenses include, but are not limited to, passport fees, insurance (through the Office of International Education and Development), medical expenditures, subsistence, placement fees, etc.
2. Housing expenses are to be borne by the student teacher.
3. All appropriate student teaching fees (tuition, activity, etc.) are to be paid to Appalachian State University according to regulations.
4. While in the international site, all local transportation expenses (including to and from the school, if necessary) are the responsibility of the student.
5. A non-refundable fee of \$150 (payable to Appalachian State University) must be submitted with the application. This fee includes payment for placement services and location of housing. *In rare occasions a supplemental fee must be charged. This fee is based upon requirements of the host site.*
6. A fee of \$100 will accompany the required application packet for the Office of International Education and Development. This packet will be completed upon acceptance into International/Intercultural Student Teaching.

**Criteria for Eligibility
International/Intercultural Student Teaching
Appalachian State University**

- ⇒ Overall GPA of 3.0
- ⇒ GPA of 3.0 in Major Field
- ⇒ Evidence of highly successful clinical and early field experiences, including block for K-6, 6-9, and Special Education.
- ⇒ Recommendations by:
 - A. Applicant's academic advisor
 - B. Two faculty members from the student's academic and professional/ clinical area
 - C. Outside source: character reference
 - D. The Office of Field Experiences will review the student's progress during the first ten weeks of student teacher. Students who have not achieved exemplary ratings will be asked not to participate.

*Recommendations must address the following:

- A. Academic ability
 - B. Competency statement regarding clinical experience, including student teaching
 - C. Ability to get along well with others
 - D. Ability to adapt to diverse social and cultural settings
 - E. Ability to function independently without constant supervision
 - F. Likelihood that the candidate would represent in a positive manner the United States and Appalachian State University
- ⇒ Resume (paper copy). Also send this document by email to angelrb@appstate.edu. A copy will be provided to the international school.
 - ⇒ *The first ten weeks of the student teaching experience must be completed with a **high degree of proficiency**. Those who do not exhibit a high degree of proficiency by the eighth week will be asked not to participate. **All student teaching requirements including midterm and final evaluations, impact project, technology competency requirements, dispositions and impact surveys must be completed before entering international student teaching.** Any and all expenses incurred by the student in preparation for the international experience will continue to be the responsibility of the student.*
 - ⇒ The selection committee, after review of the submitted credentials and interview, will recommend participants to the Office of Field Experiences where there will be a second screening before notification of acceptance.



Essay

Student Teaching in International Settings

The following items **MUST** be incorporated into a typed statement in essay form. The selection committee will review this statement as it relates to your application.

1. Discuss the reason(s) for your desire to student teach in an international setting.
2. Identify several personal and professional competencies which make you an ideal candidate for this experience.
3. Specify at least two major goals you have as a potential participant in the program.
4. Briefly describe some ideas relative to how you hope to broaden your understanding of other people and their customs while you live in their country.
5. Student teaching in another country offers the opportunity for some limited travel. Indicate your plans to travel during the experience.
6. During this assignment, it will be necessary to have spending money for food and other items, including essentials. Address your ability to be financially self-sufficient during this experience.
7. Students are generally placed in private homes. Local mores may impose some restriction and/or alterations of your social and personal lifestyle. Respond with supporting statements the degree to which you are willing and able to adapt to such modifications or changes.
8. Appalachian State University has established and maintained an excellent reputation for teacher training. How will your involvement in this program strengthen that reputation?
9. How do you plan to increase your ability to impact student learning in the public schools when you return?

Agreement to the Conditions of Participation Student Teaching Outside of the United States

Student teachers chosen to participate in this program ***must*** complete the appropriate ten-week assignment within the ***local*** supervision area of Appalachian State University. Student teachers ***may not*** make arrangements with any local or out-of-country school district for placement. ***All placements will be made by the Office of Field Experiences.***

Students must successfully complete all student teaching requirements during the first ten weeks. In the event that a student is not highly successful during the first ten weeks, termination of the out-of-country student teaching placement will occur. The student teacher must complete the remainder of the experience in the local supervision area if the degree and licensure is desired.

Student teachers must undergo ***criminal background checks***. Failure to produce a clean record can result in termination of the out-of-county placement. Student teachers can be required to undergo more than one criminal background check if necessary to determine eligibility to participate.

I have made myself aware of the conditions of participation and do wholeheartedly agree to abide by such conditions by completing satisfactorily ***all*** requirements for entering into student teaching outside of the United States.

I have read the conditions outlined in this application packet and agree to adhere to all requirements.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Selection Committee Signatures:
