

Abstract

Education Practicum is a course that allows students to spend 10 weeks in the classroom. During this time, we are able to put the knowledge we've gathered throughout our course work to the test and get hands-on experiences. It also provides an important opportunity to get involved in the school ecosystem interacting with teachers, paraprofessionals, substitutes, and more.

After completing my experience in this 6th grade Social Studies setting, as someone who has always intended to teach in high school; this opened my eyes to the possibility of being in a middle school setting in the future. Throughout my eighty-plus hours in the classroom, I was able to learn more about classroom management, forming meaningful relationships in the school, and designing effective and engaging lessons. The time I was able to spend in the classroom this semester has undoubtedly been the most impactful part of my education journey so far. This time has allowed me substantial professional development, growth, and understanding.