

Responsibilities of the University Coach

The university coach is vital to the development of a high quality field experiences program. As the liaison representing the Darden College of Education and Professional Studies and Old Dominion University, the coach will observe, evaluate and confer with teacher resident and the Clinical Resident Coach. This collegial team facilitates the planning, implementation and evaluation of experiences that will increase the professional competence of the teacher resident.

Specific Responsibilities

- *Visitations and observations by the coach:* Visits: observations of the teacher resident occur **as often as possible with a target of once every other week** during the internship experience. More visits/observations may be required if the teacher resident is experiencing difficulty.
- The initial visit should occur during the first two weeks of the internship experience.
- At least two observations should be scheduled when the teacher resident assumes partial responsibility for the classroom.
- At least two observations should be scheduled when the teacher resident assumes full responsibility for the classroom.
- **If a resident is having difficulty, a university coach will model needed skills.**
- The final observation should occur shortly before the final evaluation.
- The university coach assists the Clinical Resident Coach in evaluating teacher residents by providing equal input for the mid-term and final evaluation.
- University coaches **will** maintain a copy of all written feedback provided to residents. All written documents/e-mails will be required to be submitted for residents recommended for no hire.

