

Newberry College – Diversity of Placements Formula

Candidates in the Newberry College Teacher Education Program have the opportunity to work with students from diverse groups in their field experiences and internship. Because Newberry College is a relatively small campus, the Clinical Experiences Coordinator has the opportunity to track students throughout their professional program ensuring that every effort is made to place candidates in a wide range of settings including: 1) High Poverty- Schools in which more than fifty (50) percent of students are eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch, 2) High Diversity/Hispanic- Schools in which the percentage of minority students is thirty (30) percent or greater, 3) Non-Diverse- Schools in which seventy (70) percent of students are made up of non-minorities, 4) Academically Diverse- Schools in which at least fifteen (15) percent of students are eligible for Gifted and Talented programs, 5) Out of District- Schools that are not located within the School District of Newberry County, and 6) Special Needs- Schools in which eight (8) percent of students are students with disabilities other than speech.

Tracking candidate placements for all clinical experiences increases the opportunities for candidates to observe a wide variety of instructional strategies that facilitate learning in all students. Candidates are then given the opportunity to use the strategies in future placements with other students from different backgrounds. By utilizing the resources of surrounding county school districts along with the School District of Newberry County, candidates are able to practice in diverse learning environments as well as experience diversity in race, culture, and socioeconomic differences. College Supervisors and P-12 mentors maintain close formal and informal contact in order to help candidates improve their skills in all instructional areas including working with diverse groups of students.

The Database of Placements will be available at the onsite visit to show how candidate placements are tracked.