

Focus Group Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

Purpose of Focus Group

We are currently making revisions to our field experiences in an effort to continually improve our program and provide more meaningful learning for our candidates and local school children. The purpose of this focus group is to obtain input from Newberry College faculty, candidates, and community school partners in order to make these decisions together.

Ground Rules

What you can expect from me:

- Confidentiality
 - your name or school will not be included in my reports
- Unbiased point of view
 - I volunteered to hold these focus group meetings because I am the newest faculty member and you cannot possibly offend me regarding the current program.

What I expect from you:

- Honesty
- Engaged and Respectful Dialogue

Questions

1. **Students:** What parts of your field experiences have been the most meaningful? Least meaningful? Explain.
Mentors: What are the successes you have encountered with our current field experiences? What problems have you encountered?
2. What areas do we need to improve related to current field experiences?
3. How can we address these issues and concerns?
4. How can field experiences be more meaningful for Newberry College students and local school children?
5. We are in the early stages of revising our field experiences, what specific changes would you suggest?
6. Based on your knowledge of other education programs and how they do field experiences, are there any things you would like to see done at Newberry College?

Summary Statements and Closing