



Got a Job Offer?

It's an exciting time of year – and not to mention Spring is here!

Students taking 400-level EDUC courses are out in their 2nd Field Experience, while students taking 500-level EDUC courses are in their 4th and final Field Experience. This is indeed a very busy, but very exciting time! On that note, interviews are taking place, and if an early hire opportunity is offered, here is what to remember when requesting a Dean's Recommendation Letter (all documents to be sent to upefield@ucalgary.ca):

- An email/official offer letter (including the start date)
- A letter from Alberta Education confirming that your teacher certification is complete OR send a screenshot of your TWINS checklist (with your login information at the top), so we can ensure you have submitted everything
- Your UCID number

To clarify, students who receive an *early hire opportunity* and who have submitted *all of their documentation* (and meet graduation requirements) would then receive the **Dean's Recommendation Letter** – which is meant to provide to the school/board so you can start subbing as soon as you have completed the program at the end of April. The **Dean's Recommendation** will automatically be sent to Alberta Education at the end of May for *all* graduating students.

The Field Experience Team

Experience, Experience, Experience!

As we look forward to seeing our graduating students cross the convocation stage in June, there are many of you who are looking forward to a summer break, and plan to come back and see us again in the Fall!

Summer is an excellent time to get face to face time with the K-12 demographic, and therefore add some real experience to your resume! Remember that when it comes time to apply for jobs within school boards, the most important experience will be that experience with the K-12 population. This means your Field Experiences, and any outside volunteer or work experience with those age groups.

Besides the obvious ways to work with these groups (summer camps through community centers, City of Calgary, and the YMCA), here are some other avenues to explore:

- Any institution that offers Educational Programming: museums, science centers, zoos or animal sanctuaries, community centers, libraries, historic sites (Fort Calgary and Heritage Park in Calgary, for example), other interpretive centers (the Calgary Police Interpretive Center, for example), and more!
- A local immigration educational society
- Other non-profits: Boys and Girls Club, Between Friends, etc
- Nannying and/or babysitting – build up references with parents!
- Coaching in the spring time (soccer is very prevalent in May and June)
- Volunteering in the schools for May and June!

As always, we encourage you to take advantage of the incredible resources offered to you by [Career Services](#), and our [Field Experience and Career Advising Team](#)!

Erin Mizzoni



Congratulations from Dr. Katherine Mueller, Director of Field Experience for Calgary and Area

Congratulations to those of you finishing your Field IV practicum! I have heard personally from so many of you who have shared your challenges and joys in Field IV. You have learned so much and developed strong networks with your Werklund classmates, and with your colleagues in your school placements. Keep in touch with these friends throughout your career. Many of you have shared how hard it's going to be to say good-bye to your students – the end of the school year will always be bittersweet for you, but the relationships you forge with your students will remain with you. I'm delighted to know that so many of you have had interviews and received contracts. On behalf of the entire UPE Field team, I wish you well in your career. See you at Convocation!

To our 400-level students: you'll just be finishing your Field II practicum when you read this. I've talked to many of you and have heard about your inspirational experiences and your challenges too. You've learned that teaching is joyful and satisfying work. You too are realizing how hard it will be to say goodbye to your students! I hope you've enjoyed being in your classrooms for the four weeks, and that you'll reflect on what you've seen and done and carry those experiences with you into Year 2.

I wish you all a restful summer – take time to recharge your batteries, to enjoy a holiday, to read, to reflect (and maybe to indulge in some professional learning opportunities!).

Katherine

A Message from our Associate Dean, Dr. Amy Burns

As the semester draws to a close, I am reminded of the excitement that this time of year can produce. For some of you, this summer will bring opportunities and experiences you can apply to your studies next year, either with us in your Education courses, or in other faculties as you complete the non-Education parts of your degree. For some, you will be considering the big question, what comes next? Will I take a position in a K-12 classroom? Will I take a position as a substitute teacher? Or, perhaps something altogether different? No matter what this summer holds for you, please remember as a current student or a soon-to-be graduate of the Werklund School of Education, you are a member of this community and we don't want to lose touch.

For those of you graduating, you will now become an alumnus of our program, and that really means something to us, and we hope to you, too. It is our goal to stay connected with you and build this incredible community into one that spans your career. So, consider coming to an event, mentoring an Education student, or just staying connected by providing a personal email so we can let you know what's happening.

Have a wonderful summer, and here is to the excitement of looking forward to 2019-2020 while taking time to remember the best of this past year.

Amy

Oh, the Places you'll Go!

As a UCalgary grad, you can receive career coaching, partake in webinars, and attend Alumni events which are not only educational but socially engaging. You have access to preferred rates on hot-ticket deals to Broadway shows and more! You can connect with your alumni community which is nearly 180,000 strong (30,000 Werklund alumni alone!) and spans more than 50 countries. Check out our websites at: [Wherever Life Takes You](#) or [Stay Connected](#)