

Southern Connecticut State University
Professional Development Schools Network
A collaboration between the university and public schools

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To: Field Experience Candidates
From: Frank Carrano, Professional Development Schools Coordinator

You may be enrolled in courses that require field experiences. I am sure that you share our expectation that your field experience will provide you with a positive and productive learning opportunity. To this end we have developed our Professional Development Schools network. Over sixty schools in nine districts have agreed to participate. These districts include: New Haven, West Haven, East Haven, Milford, Amity, Hamden, Branford, Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School, Wallingford, Meriden, Ansonia and Derby. You will have an opportunity to select **three** of these network schools. One of them will become your field placement site.

Please refer to the School of Education website's link to Field Experiences and Professional Development Schools at:

<http://www.southernct.edu/education/fieldexperiencesandprofessionaldevelopmentschools/>

From there, you will be able to go to the **field experience manual**, which provides further information about the field experience requirements in your program. Please download the manual for further use.

Your professors will discuss this matter further with you during the first week of classes. Field experiences are an integral component of the curriculum and are designed to provide learning opportunities for you that are classroom based. You should plan to take full advantage of this important learning opportunity.

Following is the procedure that you should follow;

- Contact me at pds@southernct.edu with your Banner ID, 3 school choices, the course name and number and content area if a Secondary Major;
- You will then contact the school coordinator through information that I will provide. When you contact the school, please indicate "PDS Request" in the subject line;
- You will be assigned a teacher by the coordinator;
- You and the teacher will agree on a schedule for your field placement

I look forward to hearing from you and assisting in your field placement.

I am sure that you will have a rewarding field experience at one of our PDS Network schools.

Sincerely,
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PDS Coordinator

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