



## Southern Connecticut State University

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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'm 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 ninety schools in ten 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, North Branford and Derby. You will have an opportunity to **select one** of these network schools in order to complete your fieldwork experience.

Early childhood majors, please note that many elementary schools have Pre K classes for you to consider. All teacher education programs have slightly different requirements for the fieldwork placement. Your professor will explain the requirement for your course during the first week of class. Therefore, **please wait to select your school until the professor has informed you of the type of placement required for your class.** In addition, your professor will provide a letter of introduction to be given to the mentor teacher who supervises your fieldwork. This letter will include a detailed explanation of expectations, requirements, and evaluation processes during your fieldwork.

Once your professor has explained the type of placement you need for your course, you should refer to the School of Education's website for a complete list of the schools in the PDS Network. Click on the link to Field Experiences and Professional Development Schools at:  
<http://www.southernct.edu/education/fieldexperiencesandprofessionaldevelopmentschools/>

Attached to this email is a student information form. YOU MUST:

- Complete the information form
- Attach the form in an email to me at: [pds@southernct.edu](mailto:pds@southernct.edu).

Once I reply to your email, you should send the same form to the contact person at the school. Please communicate by email only.

I'm sure that you will have a rewarding field experience at one of our PDS Network schools. I look forward to hearing from you and assisting in your field placement.

Sincerely,

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