

5.3.c Policies and Practices to Assure Clinical Faculty Meet Unit Expectations

The Teacher Education Code for The State of Alabama establishes criteria for the selection of cooperating teachers who supervise students in clinical experiences. These criteria may be found in [290-3-3.02\(7\)\(s\)](#) as noted below. The Code may be viewed in its entirety by clicking the URL found within this document.

When the nature of a placement or situations beyond our control in partnering school systems result in our students being placed with a cooperating teacher who may not satisfy all criteria outlined in 290-3-3.02(7)(s), system administrators must request that an exception be granted by completing the [JSU Exceptions Form](#) that is found following the Teacher Education Code in this exhibit.

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290-3-3-.02(8)(a)5.

(r) Criteria for school faculty who supervise interns shall be clear and made known to all of the involved parties.

(s) P-12 clinical faculty (cooperating teachers) who supervise interns shall be accomplished school professionals who are properly certificated at the Class A level for their present assignment, have at least three years of educational experience in their field of specialization, and are currently teaching classes in the intern's area(s) of specialization. If no teacher with Class A certification in the intern's area(s) of specialization is available in the institution's service area, then the unit head may document and grant an exception for a cooperating teacher who meets the other criteria but holds a valid Class B Professional Educator Certificate rather than a Class A Professional Educator Certificate in the intern's area of specialization.

(t) P-12 faculty shall provide regular and continuing support for interns through such processes as observation, conferencing, group discussion, and e-mail and the use of other technologies.

(u) Faculty designated as program specialists and/or other faculty in academic disciplines, as agreed upon by the unit and the program area, shall share responsibility for supervising interns seeking teacher certification in their academic areas.

Link to the Teacher Education state code: [https://docs.alsde.edu/documents/66/chapter 290-3-3 teacher education part i adopted 8-3-09.docx](https://docs.alsde.edu/documents/66/chapter%20290-3-3%20teacher%20education%20part%20i%20adopted%208-3-09.docx)

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I recommend _____ to serve as a
Cooperating Teacher for _____ at
_____ during the _____ Spring 2012 _____ Semester.

_____ meets all other criteria of a cooperating
teacher but holds a valid Class B Professional Educator Certificate rather than a Class A Professional
educator Certificate in the intern's area of specialization.

School System Administrator

Signature

Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Jacksonville State University

Dean of CEPS Signature _____

Date: _____