

## **POLICY ON EARLY / MIDDLE YEARS PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND MUSIC SPECIALIZATION**

Teacher candidates with specialties in Physical Education or Music may be allowed to arrange up to 50% of their school experience in any given practicum block in either or both of the two years of the program in their area of specialization.

It should be understood that there is no compulsion upon the teacher candidate to make this kind of arrangement if they do not wish to do so and, there is no compulsion on the part of the school to accommodate the request if circumstances within the school do not lend themselves to making the accommodation. For example, specialist teachers in Physical Education or Music may not be willing or able to supervise teacher candidates in some schools.

If you have a major / minor in Physical Education or Music and wish to do some of your practicum work in your specialty area, you should approach school personnel and your Faculty Advisor prior to the block to see whether or not some accommodation can be made in this regard. Hopefully, where it is done, it can be done in such a way as to minimize any disruption to the classroom experiences you will have.

The purpose of this change is to better prepare candidates who may wish to go on to specialize in areas where there is deemed to be a shortage of prospective teachers. For any further assistance regarding this policy, please see your Faculty Advisor or Stream Leaders.

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