

## Mid-Program Candidate Feedback

### Pre-Internship Block

Course(s): ED 411/511, ED 444/544, ED 445/545, ED 446/546, ED 448/548

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*f* = frequency of the responses

List those things that you perceive as strengths or aspects of your degree program that are most valuable to you.	<i>f</i>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• I felt that writing lesson plans for each subject was the most helpful for me.</li><li>• I think the tasks are incredibly helpful and I love Dr. Gilmore's explanation for lesson planning.</li><li>• I was extremely prepared to go into the classroom because of the classes I took this semester.</li><li>• The providing of samples for new assignments.</li><li>• The amount of lesson plans.</li><li>• The task workshops.</li><li>• The assignments are very beneficial.</li><li>• Lesson planning was much clearer to me this time around!</li><li>• I loved the ELA classes. In Methods block, the ELA was lacking and these classes helped get us up to speed.</li><li>• Task workshops.</li><li>• Lesson planning practice.</li><li>• Having workshops for each task.</li><li>• The math course and reading/writing courses were awesome. They both prepared us so well to be able to lesson plan and have more creative activities.</li><li>• The focus on lesson planning was very appreciated.</li><li>• Going to AMSTI training was very eye opening.</li><li>• Creating lesson plans for each subject (except math) that was counted as a grade, helped us to know if we were on the right.</li><li>• We learned a lot of information about lesson planning and thinking more deeply about next step instruction for each student.</li><li>• Understanding effective lesson planning (other than math).</li><li>• Understanding the feedback and development behind tasks.</li><li>• Gilmore's class (made me enjoy reading again).</li><li>• The task workshops.</li><li>• The checklist for the different lesson plan formats.</li><li>• Task commentaries.</li><li>• edTPA lesson template.</li><li>• After this block I can say that I feel 100% prepared to teach in my own classroom. It was fun and very effective.</li><li>• edTPA prep.</li><li>• Reading course.</li><li>• AMSTI training.</li><li>• Some strengths that I found are how much we spend on lesson planning. I loved how prepared I felt to write them.</li><li>• Receiving all of those examples of how to teach and examples of things like stations was amazing.</li><li>• Applicable assignments.</li><li>• Assignments preparing me for internship.</li></ul>	26

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ELA/Reading were the most valuable classes to me.</li> <li>• The content-designated classes.</li> <li>• The practice lesson plan assignments for each subject.</li> <li>• The workshops to go over the five tasks.</li> <li>• Giving students the opportunity to write lessons before placement was beneficial.</li> <li>• Practicing all of the tasks each week.</li> <li>• Teaching multiple times for each subject.</li> <li>• All the tasks that were given before internship.</li> </ul>	
<p>Professors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with the professors, especially our supervisor. Having great communication with Dr. Smajic made the experience.</li> <li>• Professors were very helpful. They provided us with the knowledge needed for pre-internship block.</li> <li>• The availability to talk to each professor.</li> <li>• The professors are willing to help you with things you don't understand <u>about lab</u>.</li> <li>• The professors were <u>all</u> so helpful with anything we needed.</li> <li>• My supervisor was amazing. I felt prepared to go into the classrooms and complete the tasks assigned.</li> <li>• Support provided by professors.</li> <li>• Open communication.</li> <li>• Supervisor was very hands on and helpful in placements.</li> <li>• The feedback on the tasks and commentary.</li> <li>• Being available when needed for support and assistance.</li> </ul>	9
<p>Placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Getting the experience of a teacher.</li> <li>• Lab placements.</li> <li>• Length of time in lab.</li> </ul>	3
<p><b>List those things that you perceive as growth areas or specific ways in which your degree program could be improved.</b></p>	<i>f</i>
<p>Classes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I wish there was another Teaching of Math prior to Pre-Internship.</li> <li>• Lesson plan review would be a great help before writing new ones.</li> <li>• More work in Science and Math. I feel like we didn't get a lot of practice with lesson plans in these areas.</li> <li>• It would be beneficial for professors to provide a more detailed explanation of what edTPA is...</li> <li>• More social studies classes.</li> <li>• More lesson plan feedback.</li> <li>• I wish that we were able to complete the math lesson planning before going into placements.</li> <li>• Instead of only having ELA in methods block and then every other subject in pre-internship block I think it could be helpful to spread the subjects out more.</li> <li>• Spending more time specifically in math and reading courses to gain more content knowledge and strategies about each subject.</li> <li>• Preparing us for tasks and what data we need for each. Was often confused on directions and felt unprepared.</li> <li>• Math lesson planning.</li> <li>• Going into depth of expectations on tasks workshops (the last workshop was the most effective for me).</li> <li>• Feedback on lesson planning in placements.</li> <li>• Task workshops.</li> </ul>	18

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The technology course would be beneficial during this block because we need the skills for edTPA.</li> <li>• One thing I would perceive as a growth would be to actually teach us how to teach a topic. We were given the opportunity to write a lesson plan but not to actually teach it. I think it would better prepare us for our observed lesson and in real life if we were given the opportunity to teach to our peers.</li> <li>• Time/Length of class – hard to focus for long periods of time with THAT MUCH info thrown at you.</li> <li>• Spending more time with the math and science lesson plans before placement.</li> <li>• 445 could be split into 2 semesters. I do not feel like there was enough time for that class.</li> <li>• I think the program would benefit from consistent communication. I didn't have many problems, but I feel as though many classmates would find confusion with deadlines or assignments or instructions due to one being told one thing and someone else being told another.</li> <li>• All having the same expectations on lesson plans.</li> <li>• Examples of lesson plans before lab (math).</li> </ul>	
<p>Placements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The only thing I would like “improved” is I wish our placement time was longer. I understand the importance of meeting with the professors, but the hands on part of placement really has an impact on learning.</li> <li>• More time in lab.</li> <li>• I know a lot of the students this semester wished they knew more details about placement/task before placement.</li> <li>• Allowing placements to be completed at the start of the semester, then doing the in-class part at the end. This way, we can discuss questions with the entire class.</li> </ul>	4
<p>Supervisors/Professors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My supervisor did not provide me with much constructive feedback to make stronger plans. I felt like I was just being checked off a list, not really helped to grow.</li> <li>• <u>Please</u> work with students if they are struggling at the end of the semester and talk to them like human beings who are dealing with other things besides this!</li> <li>• Giving feedback with the students after grading the edTPA tasks.</li> </ul>	3
<p>Praxis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Praxis date setbacks (setting dates aside to take praxis). I know there isn't a lot of control with this but I do feel could be beneficial to people who have jobs.</li> <li>• Review for praxis tests.</li> </ul>	2
<p>Program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The attendance policies are harsh and need to be revisited.</li> </ul>	1
<p><b>Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall quality of your program.</b></p>	<b>f</b>
<p>Very Satisfied</p>	17
<p>Satisfied</p>	10
<p>Neutral</p>	2
<p>Unsatisfied</p>	0
<p>Very Unsatisfied</p>	0

### **Additional Comments:**

This was my favorite semester!

I was extremely pleased with the layout and all of the qualities that were instilled within this block! I wouldn't change a thing! Thank you all so much for everything!

I feel like I went through the entire first 8 weeks feeling very confident about what I was doing, then once lab hit, everything I did was wrong. If you are going to nitpick us, please be consistent throughout the semester so I am not blindsided. Be very clear of your expectations on assignments throughout the entire semester. I feel like AMSTI training was a huge waste of time when we could've been doing something more beneficial to our lab placement, lesson plans, or tasks to help us understand better. At least give us a grade for AMSTI training!!!

Vast improvement over Methods Block.

This has been my favorite block! 😊

I appreciate the effort to make this block better.

This semester was challenging and stressful. I have felt discouraged and often like I needed to reset.

I loved my placements this semester and I do feel like I will continue growing in many areas. However, I do not feel all classes teach the actual "real" expectations in a classroom. I understand it is difficult, but I do feel like a few teachers could do better as they have done previous semesters.

No comments. I was very satisfied with the way pre-internship block was handled.

I felt like the task workshops did not help much. I usually followed the example task provided and still did not do well on them. I felt like if we were able to have time at the end of the semester to ask questions or get advice on how to be more successful with the tasks, it would be very beneficial.

I really enjoyed this semester in pre-internship. I really thought methods block would be my favorite but then I changed my mind afterward going through this block.