

# Mentor a Future Teacher!

## New Spring 2016 Placement: Cooperating Teachers Needed!

Starting in January 2016, the U of I College of Education will begin a new placement experience for our Year 1 students (juniors) called EDPR 250 ELE. This unique experience will allow students to learn teaching methods through their methods courses on campus during the first 8 weeks of the semester while attending the placement on Friday, at an arranged time that is convenient. Then, starting Monday, March 28 (immediately following U of I's spring

break), they will attend a collaborative placement in a local school instead of attending their education courses. These placements will allow two to three students to work with a team of 2-3 teachers throughout their placement. **Ideally, we are looking for several teams across grade levels or content areas that will host these students, allowing them to collaborate and rotate among the various classrooms.** Our goal is to have students in

placements Monday through Friday during regular school hours, but some students may have to leave during certain times to attend general education classes. While in the placement, students will be visited and observed by U of I faculty. All teachers who work with a student in this placement will earn a tuition waiver.



### Important Dates for this placement:

**January 22 – March 18:** Student attend placement on Fridays only for 3 hours (arranged times)

**March 19-March 27:** U of I Spring Break

**March 28 - April 22:** Students attend placements M-F all day, as schedule allows

\*Please note: If your spring break overlaps with the dates of the placement, you cannot take a student during this placement

## Should I host a student?

Before you commit to hosting a student in this placement, consider the following:

\*Do you have other teachers in the building with whom you already have a collaborative relationship?

\*Will you allow a pre-service teacher the opportunity to teach and work closely with students and your colleagues?

\*Do you feel comfortable guiding the development of a future teacher?

**If so, then please consider this opportunity!**

### To request a student observer or student teacher:

- Visit <http://education.illinois.edu/sce/request-forms>
- Print out and complete the form
- Fax, email or mail it back to us!