APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING

Welcome to the first step on your student teaching journey! Student teaching is one of the most exciting and important aspects of the Central teacher preparation program. Student teaching takes place over an entire semester at Central College and your timely and thorough completion of the application will help ensure that you receive the best possible placement.

Student Teaching Placement Policies
A. Education Department policy for placing student teachers from Central College takes into account the following factors:
   1. Students will be placed in classroom settings based on their endorsement areas.
   2. Cooperating teachers are selected by the building administrator on the basis of effective teaching and mentoring skills. Cooperating teachers must be in at least their third year of teaching and be willing to mentor a student teacher.
   3. Each participating school district must sign a contractual agreement with Central College for the field experience.
   4. Every effort is made to place students within a reasonable driving distance. Students are responsible for their own transportation.

B. It is sometimes possible, in very extenuating circumstances, for the student to request special placement that is outside of Central’s driving distance (typically this would be anything more than 60 miles from Pella). The following conditions are applicable to such a situation:
   1. The student makes a written request to the Education Department that presents a rationale for an exception. This request must be turned in with the student teaching application. The final decision regarding the placement will be made by the Education Department.
   2. The Director of Clinical Experience/Student Teaching will contact an accredited four-year college in the vicinity to check the feasibility of having supervision done locally by a member of their staff. The student may provide the names of appropriate schools but the student should not make the contact.
   3. Once a supervisor is secured, the supervisor will follow Central College guidelines concerning number of visits and required paper work.
   4. The Central College student is responsible for covering fees and expenses of the supervisor and the cooperating school.

Complete the application on the back of this page. You must provide complete and accurate information. Your application must include all endorsements you intend to receive so that you will be placed in the correct content area and grade level (music/art/PE – be sure you indicate if you will be eligible for both K-8 and 5-12 or just one level). If you are requesting a specific geographic location or have any other special circumstances that might impact your student teaching attach additional sheets to thoroughly explain your request or circumstances (this includes participation in college sanctioned activities). Anything not included in this application will not be considered when making student teaching placements.

PLEASE NOTE: completing this application is not a guarantee that you will be allowed to student teach. Prior to receiving a tentative placement, you must be registered for all courses in the student teaching semester. In addition, the teacher education committee will review all of your materials (clinical evaluations, course work, major department recommendation, GPA for your major department and overall) and will determine if you will be recommended for student teaching.
COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS APPLICATION to the Educ. Dept. with 2 copies of your resume by January 30, 2013

Your resume should also be submitted in PDF format to Linda Steddom (steddoml@central.edu)

Term you expect to: Student Teach: Fall _____ Spring_____Year ________ Graduate: Term _____Year ________

Name: ___________________ Cell Phone # ______________ Campus Box# ______________

Your Major ______________________

List the Endorsements you are seeking (Incorrect listing of endorsements may result in incorrect placements and may affect licensure.)

Endorsement Name ___________________ ______________

Endorsement Number ___________________ ______________

For the Middle School endorsement what areas? Soc St _____ LA _____ Math _____ Science______

Preference for student teaching: ____________________________

I am in CTA Grade _______ Teacher _______ School __________________

CTA Teacher’s preference for placement: 1st Placement ______________ 2nd Placement ______________

ELEMENTARY ONLY

What grade level/location was your Block I experience? __________________

What grade level/location was your Block II experience __________________

What grade level/location was your Block III experience? __________________

SECONDARY OR K-12 MUSIC, ART, PE ONLY

List schools/teachers where you have completed field experiences: __________________

Where did you attend high school? __________________

EVERYONE

If you have a specific need for a certain location for your placement, attach an additional sheet explaining the reason.

Please describe any reasons you should not teach in a specific location, i.e., aunt teaches there, brother is principal, etc. __________________

Do you have a car available to drive to placements: (circle one) Yes _____ No _____

Are there any special concerns/requests that will impact your student teaching semester? (Consider participation in extracurricular activities, family obligations, etc.) Attach additional sheets to provide a complete explanation.

- Have you ever had an education related license revoked or suspended? YES _____ NO _____
- Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than parking or traffic violations? YES _____ NO _____
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES _____ NO _____
- Have you ever had a founded report of child abuse made against you? YES _____ NO _____

If yes to any of the above questions, please explain on a separate sheet of paper

The information I have provided on this application is accurate.

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________