

STUDENT TEACHING

Student teaching is a full-time placement during spring semester (late-January through mid-April) and is followed by a senior seminar (late-April through mid-May). Success during student teaching is a primary factor in determining your readiness for a teaching license. Your student teaching and fall practicum placements need to be at different school locations and in different cultural settings. This will help assure that you have experienced a variety of school placements. You will be requesting a student teaching placement in early October.

SELECTING A LOCATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING WITHIN 60 MILE RADIUS OF MORRIS

There are 5 schools that are primary locations for student teaching within a 60 mile radius of Morris. These locations include the towns of Alexandria, Barrett, Morris, Starbuck and Willmar . You should know that the West Central School in Barrett, the Minnewaska Secondary School near Starbuck, and the Morris Area Secondary School teach grades 7 -12 in the same building. Placements in these schools are limited because of their size. You should also realize that if you select one of these schools, you may need to drive a distance each day since housing opportunities are limited in Barrett and Starbuck. Alexandria and Willmar have separate Junior and Senior High Schools. If you select one of these locations we strongly suggest that you live in the community. Driving for 2 hours every day could be a problem and you would be less inclined to participate in school events outside of the teaching day.

TWIN CITIES

You may request a placement in a middle, junior, or senior high school in the Twin Cities area. Please be advised though, we cannot guarantee a placement for you in these locations. There is great competition for placements from many universities and colleges in the Twin Cities and schools are highly selective in choosing their student teachers.

CHICAGO AND EL PASO

Placements are available in both Chicago and El Paso. Junior and senior high schools in these locations are selected by UMM faculty and, in most cases, you will not be able to request a particular school. If you select Chicago for a student teaching placement we very strongly encourage you to complete a one-week practicum in a Chicago school in late-October. The elementary education students from UMM will also be completing a practicum at the same time and you can travel with them.

AUSTRALIA, EUROPE, NEW ZEALAND AND OTHER OVERSEAS LOCATIONS

UMM students may choose to complete student teaching in many overseas locations at either the middle or secondary level. There are many countries available for placement through UMM's Global Student Teaching (GST) program. If you are interested in student teaching in another country we suggest you first check out the web site: <http://www.morris.umn.edu/GST/>