Off Site Student Teaching Opportunities

Who is in the room?

- Interns for the 17/18 year? Other?
- Talk with someone next to you and identify WHY you are here.
 - Interested for next year
 - Interested in a particular school/setting
 - May be interested for future
 - Meeting an EDUC 102 requirement ©
 - Other

WHY should I consider completing my teacher internship outside of Western MI?

Diversify context/classroom experience

"Be flexible. People do stuff differently; immerse yourself!!!"

Fosters professionalism – focus is on internship

"Seeing an entirely new part of the country, exploring and adventuring in the West, and learning about a culture that is completely different than my own. It was also interesting to be away from friends/family and in a teaching position. This made it feel more like a real position and less like class work or student teaching."

Practice establishing self in new community

"I would highly recommend this!! I feel so much more prepared to teach out of state after student teaching out of state because I already had the experience of being away from my family and friends for a few months in a new place at a new school. "

"Students saw me as a teacher not just another Calvin student teacher or Calvin student helper."

Leads to potential job opportunities

"I was able to broaden my network and start fresh in an area not closely linked to Calvin."

- o Sometimes offers a unique cultural experience
- See another part of the US/world & learn about educational opportunities there

What are some "NOT so good " reasons for considering these opportunities:

- You want to save money and live with a relative
- You want to go back to your "home" community
- You want to avoid something at Calvin
- You think it will be easier ©

Would you recommend this to other students?

"Yes, yes, yes! I loved it in New Mexico and in Rehoboth. For future off-site student teachers, I would say to come ready for an adventure. That is honestly the best perspective I think that one could have in this situation. Try not to have too many expectations, and get ready for a life-changing experience. The culture is so, so different from anything in Michigan. I really feel like a positive attitude and an open heart are the biggest things that made this a successful experience for me."

- Sam Steiner, FA15

"I would absolutely recommend this experience. It was an excellent chance to see a new country, learn a new culture, and learn about teaching in an international school. I grew a lot in my teaching experience and confidence."

Elizabeth Kusserow, FA15

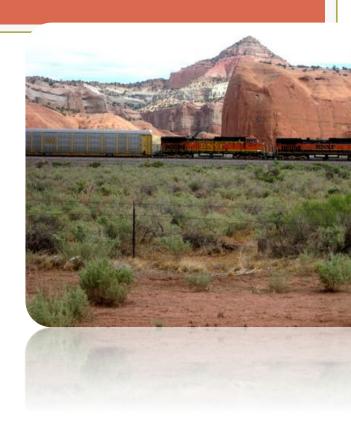
What about living arrangements?

Host family

Dorm – style living

JS locations being considered

- Gallup, NM Rehoboth Chr & Gallup Public Elementary, Secondary & Special Ed.
- Denver, Colorado: Denver Christian
- o Texas
- Washington
- New Jersey
- Southern CA
- Chicago semester spring semester overlaps with interim



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Rehoboth Christian & Gallup Public







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Chicago Semester



International sites being considered:

Nicaragua Christian Academy - Managua, Nicaragua





Indonesia: Sekola Pelita Harapan (SPH), an international school run by a strong foundation (YPPH)





Few more details:

- What does the supervision look like for these placements?
- Dates for these sites may vary from Calvin's local placements

ow do I decide if this is for me?

- Are you independent...in a healthy way?
- Are you flexible?
- Are your willing to take initiative?
- Are you flexible?
- Will you look for the positive rather than dwell on the challenges?
- Are you flexible?
- Do you need to get outside of your comfort zone?

Fee for US sites: \$1050.00 on top of tuition

- This fee covers cost of housing.
- Transportation TO site and AT site is responsibility of intern.
- Food & misc expenses: responsibility of intern
- Chicago Semester: Fees differ

Fee for International Sites:

Hope to be able to limit fee to \$1050.00.

- Housing: Part of the fee varies with site
- Transportation: Intern's responsibility
- Living Expenses: Intern's responsibility
- Add'l costs: Passport, Visa, Immunizations

Application Process

ecember:

Complete general application – indicate your interest

anuary:

Site locations announced. We will send information out to those on email list.

Off Site application available.

ebruary:

Supporting documents due to Mrs. Buteyn – FALL interns.

Feb.28: Off Site applications due with recommendations, etc.

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Supporting documents due to Mrs. Buteyn – SPRING interns Interviews of students for Off Site placements – Fall & Spring

Additional Requirements:

- GPA of 3.0 with no previous Student Support Forms
- Approval by Student Life Division
- Interview
- Recommendation by 2 professors (1 from EDUC, 1 from major or minor)
- International placements may have add'l requirements!

Chicago Semester

- Complete Calvin's general application to ST
- Complete Off Campus application
- Participate in Interview.
- Complete Chicago Semester Program application(multiple documents) & pay application fee – after approved by Calvin.
 - Fall due date: March 1**
 - Spring due date: May 1
- Full fee due at point of acceptance

Questions?

