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."

- **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
US locations being considered

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

Denver Christian Schools
Inspired Equipped Engaged
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
How do I decide if this is for me?

- Are you independent... in a healthy way?
- Are you flexible?
- Are you 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:

**TBD**  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

December:
Complete general application – indicate your interest

January:
Site locations announced. We will send information out to those on email list.
Off Site application available.

February:
Supporting documents due to Mrs. Buteyn – FALL interns.
Feb.28: Off Site applications due with recommendations, etc.

March:
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?