

Sociology 314 L  
Education, Culture & Society

Dear Cooperating Teacher,

Greetings and welcome to a new semester! Christopher Newport University is grateful and thrilled that you are participating with us to provide the first field experience that will be meaningful for our CNU students. We, in turn, hope that they will be able to provide you with assistance in the classroom that will be beneficial both to you and your students.

### **The Field Experience**

The objective for this experience is for the CNU student to apply social science theory to the everyday interactions that take place in schools. During this field experience each student will complete **30 hours** where they will be expected to **observe, tutor** and **serve** in an actual K-12 classroom to gain “real-world” experience. Please communicate with your student to find common times that will be convenient for both of you. We encourage them to attend at different times and days in order to get as real an experience as possible.

### **Your Participation in the Field Experience**

Your participation in this experience will be in serving as the model for the students and providing them with opportunities to observe and complete a variety of classroom activities. A list of suggested activities is attached.

You will also need to sign or complete:

1. Field Experience Log Sheet – Your signature is needed for verification of the CNU student’s attendance in your classroom.
2. Field Experience Disposition Assessment Form – This form assesses the student’s evidenced behaviors. A copy is attached for you to review. Please complete it at the end of the semester. Place it in a sealed envelope and give it back to the student who will turn it in.

Once again, thank you so much for your willingness to work with our CNU students. Your experience and modeling are invaluable to their readiness in the profession. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

