

Combined Elementary Midtier Practicum and Social Studies Methods in Elementary Education Summer 2010

Program Goals

1. To increase CMU students' global awareness through a short-term international education experience.
2. To give CMU students experiences in an urban and multi-cultural school setting while in London.
3. To enhance CMU students' understanding of U.S. classrooms and to gain an understanding of schools in the U.K. through observation and teaching.
4. To provide a meaningful connection between students' midtier classroom experience, teaching pedagogy, and the history and culture of England.

Faculty Leaders

Dr. Kathryn Dirkin teaches the EDU 343 portion of the program while Dr. Ray Francis teaches the midtier practicum and cultural experience course. Both Dr. Dirkin and Dr. Francis will instruct students in Mt. Pleasant and London.



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Combined Midtier Practicum and Learning and Evaluation in the Elementary Classroom Cohort Program in London, England – Summer 2010



Program Description

In this program students complete EDU 343, Social Studies Methods in the Elementary Classroom, and EDU 361, Midtier Practicum, simultaneously during four weeks over the summer. During the first two weeks students begin EDU 343 on campus and start their midtier experience in Mt. Pleasant area K-8 schools.

The second half of the program is in London, England where students complete their EDU 343 course work while finishing the midtier practicum through observing and teaching in a London area elementary school. The program integrates the educational psychology content of EDU 493 with the classroom observation and field experience of the midtier practicum.

This unique program offers several advantages to elementary education students including an opportunity to enhance global perspectives; to experience an urban, multi-cultural school system, and to complete two required courses in one intense summer month.

The program also includes one group field trip to an important cultural and educational site. In addition, students will have ample free time to explore London and some may choose to take advantage of London's central location to travel on to other European destinations after the program finishes.

Course Credit

Students will earn credit for EDU 343, Social Studies Methods in the Elementary Classroom, and EDU 361, Midtier Practicum, and EDU 508, International Field Experiences to England. 6 credits total.

Program Dates

The program takes place over a period of five weeks, from early May to mid June.

Location

The program is set in the London borough of Enfield, located 12 miles from Central London or approximately 25 minutes via train. Enfield is London's most northern borough and also one of the largest with an incredibly diverse population that includes 87 different ethnic groups. Numerous restaurants and stores are located in the heart of Enfield and a train takes you easily to and from Central London and all it has to offer.

Accommodations

During their time in London, students stay in pairs with an English family in Enfield. This home stay includes all meals and provides students with a unique cultural opportunity. The price of room and board is included in the overall program cost.

Eligibility

To participate in this program, students **must** be admitted to the Teacher Education Program by the Fall 2009 deadline. For admittance criteria, please see the Center for Student Services' website (www.ehs.cmich.edu/x18512.xml) under "Admission Criteria and Getting Started." You may also contact the Center for Student Services by phone at 989-774-3309.

Deadlines

Teacher Education Program: The London experience of EDU 361 for Summer 2010 is limited to 20 students. The deadline for applications for the program is 4:30 p.m. on September 28, 2009. If there are still available spots in the program, a final round of applications will be accepted on February 1, 2010. Students who have been recently admitted into the Teacher Education program to become an elementary teacher and are interested in the London experience should contact either Dr. Dirkin or Dr. Francis immediately. Students may need to arrange coursework in their program to take advantage of the coursework offered next summer. For example, a student may wish to complete all the cohort courses with the exception of EDU 361 and EDU 343 during the 2009-10 academic year.

Costs

The estimated cost of this program ranges from \$1,500 - \$1,800. This price includes housing, food, administrative fees, and field trips. Additional costs include: regular tuition for the three classes, airfare, passport, health insurance, and spending money.

Financial Aid

CMU students are encouraged to apply for scholarships offered at CMU and nationwide. Financial aid provided by CMU may be applied to the cost of this program. It is also possible to apply for aid based on the program's additional cost. For more information, contact CMU's Scholarships and Financial Aid office at 989-774-3674.

The CMU Office of International Affairs website, www.oie.cmich.edu, also lists scholarships available for study abroad.