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Welcome from the Director

Welcome to the beginning of your Residency Year!

On behalf of Clemmer College of Education and Human Development and the Office of Educator Preparation, I want to congratulate and wish you the best during this exciting year. During Pre-Residency, you had the opportunity to experience the first few weeks of school and begin to build relationships with your mentor teacher, students and school faculty.

During Residency I, your university supervisor will add another level of support as you begin co-teaching with your mentor teacher, engage with other school faculty, and continue to support and teach students. Residency is an exciting time, and we encourage you to make the most of this experience as you continue to grow as future educators. Remember, residency is a year-long job interview!

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if we can support you in any way.

Best,

Important Dates

Tuesday, August 22: Residency Candidate and Supervisor Virtual Meet & Greet, from 1-2 PM

Friday, August 25: Last Day of Pre-Residency

- All Pre-Residency hours must be submitted and approved by mentor teacher in Watermark.
- EDA Self Assessment must be completed in Watermark.

Monday, August 28: First Day of Residency I

Residency I Requirements

In addition to logging your hours in Watermark each week, candidates will need to complete the following requirements with their mentor teachers during the Residency I semester.

• ***The Candidate and Mentor Teacher Reflective Discussion Summary*** completed collaboratively between residency candidate and mentor teacher (once a month in Residency I (September, October, and November)

• ***Residency Candidate Performance Checklist*** completed by mentor teachers (required during each supervisor observation visit -3 times during Residency I)

• ***Teaching Lesson #1: Informal Teaching Observation*** completed by mentor teacher (By September 30)

• ***Teaching Lesson #2: Informal Teaching Observation*** completed by university supervisor (By September 30)

• ***Teaching Lesson #3: TEAM Observation*** completed by university supervisor (By October 30)

• ***Teaching Lesson #3: Informal Teaching Observation*** completed by university supervisor (By November 30)

Residency Handbooks

The 2023-2024 Residency Handbook provides expectations, information, and useful resources to support residency candidates throughout the residency year. Candidates have received an emailed copy of the Residency Handbook and can also access the handbook using the link below:

2023-2024 Residency Handbook

https://www.etsu.edu/coe/educator-preparation/residency/documents/residency_handbook_2023_2024.pdf

With Residency I starting on Monday, August 28, be sure to refer to the Residency Handbook for your residency expectations. Candidates should also check their ETSU email daily and respond to emails in a timely manner. The Office of Educator Preparation will only communicate with candidates via ETSU email.

Residency and Supervisor Meet and Greet

August 22, 2023 1:00-2:00pm Virtual Meet and Greet

On Tuesday, August 22 from 1:00-2:00, we held our first annual virtual Residency Candidate and University Supervisor Meet and Greet. This event was created to allow you to meet and get to know a little about your university supervisor in a low-stress environment.

Over the course of Residency I and Residency II, your university supervisor will serve as an additional mentor by visiting your placement and offering guidance and support. The supervisor's goal is to help you navigate your placement and give constructive advice, so you feel prepared when you enter the field of teaching.

Watermark Time Log & Approval

Watermark Student Learning & Licensure is a platform that allows residency candidates, instructors, mentors, and supervisors to create, share, and collaborate on educational curricula. Candidates can upload their work and other documents to share with their instructors and other stakeholders.

During the residency year, candidates, mentor teachers, and university supervisors will connect on this shared space, complete observations and assessments, and attach additional documents (reflection summaries, performance checklist, etc.) related to the candidates' residency placement. Candidates will also log their residency hours in Watermark so their mentor

teachers can approve and university supervisors can monitor.

Accessing Watermark Student Learning & Licensure Login:

1. The log in site can be found on the ERTC's [website](#)
2. Use your ETSU username and password to log in to Watermark
3. If you cannot log in, you will need to reset your password [here](#).

Once you access Watermark you will need to complete the following Pre-residency requirements:

1. Log your hours each day and include a brief description of your activities for each day. (Please go back and log any hours that you completed before you had access to your Watermark account)
2. There are two required assignments you will need to complete by August 25th:
 - Complete the EDA Self-Assessment by August 25, 2023.
 - Complete the Residency Placement Information Document with your mentor teacher by August 25, 2023. (You can save this document to your computer and attach in Watermark)

We have also included some links to helpful instructions and videos below:

- [Entering Time Log Data](#)
- [Navigation in Student Learning & Licensure](#)
- [Submitting an Activity \(Assignment\)](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the ETRC (Educational Technology Resource Center) 423-439-7128, or email the Office of Educator Preparation at edprep@etsu.edu.

Communication

The Office of Educator Preparation continues to try to improve the communication efforts between our office and residency candidates. We offer updates regularly in our monthly Residency Newsletter and on our website.

ETSU Residency website

- <https://www.etsu.edu/coe/educator-preparation/residency/default.php>

Monthly Newsletters to Residency Candidates

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