



SCHOOL of EDUCATION

Cooperating Teachers Shape the Future

Clinical experiences in the School of Education are deeply grounded in Cal Poly's Learn by Doing philosophy. Teacher candidates work alongside Cooperating Teachers to co-plan, co-teach, co-assess, and co-reflect on all aspects of the classroom. This collaboration, together with the guidance of an expert University Supervisor, forms 'The Triad' and is the keystone of clinical experience at Cal Poly. Cooperating Teachers shape the development of teacher candidates as the coach, resource person, role model, helper, critic, and confidante. There is no better way for candidates to learn how to be successful in their own classrooms than by getting hands-on experience alongside master educators.

WHAT TO EXPECT AS A COOPERATING TEACHER

- Training and resources to help you in coaching and co-teaching with a teacher candidate.
- Support and facilitation from a Cal Poly University Supervisor as part of The Triad model.
- Rich collaboration and dialogue with a high quality Cal Poly teacher candidate.
- Increased student success and better outcomes through a decreased student-to-teacher ratio and more 1:1 teacher support and attention for diverse learners in the classroom.
- Access to online learning modules, professional development resources and in-person workshops to help you continue to grow as a teacher and mentor.
- Possible CEUs or stipends for participating in special workshops or partnerships with the SOE.

ARE YOU READY TO BE A COOPERATING TEACHER?

- Do you have 3-years of teaching experience, as well as knowledge of the standards, Teacher Performance Expectations, and best practices in education?
- Are you open to new ideas and eager to try different strategies in your classroom?
- Are you collaborative and excited to co-plan, co-teach, and co-assess together with a teacher candidate in a shared partnership?
- Are you a lifelong learner, looking to learn from a teacher candidate and a new professional experience?
- Are you an inclusive educator, who can help a teacher candidate to navigate education spaces with diverse students, families and colleagues?

"We all have mentors, and we all have teachers, and professors, and coaches that have helped us out along the way. For that, I am grateful, and this is a way to kind of give back and to pay it forward...to the greater good and to the greater capacity that we have as educators."

— Cal Poly Cooperating Teacher

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Check out the SOE website with resources and videos for Cooperating Teachers

soe.calpoly.edu

READY TO APPLY?

Fill out the Cooperating Teacher Interest Form online

soe.calpoly.edu/ctapplication