

# ASSISTANT TEACHERS AS UM STUDENTS

## University of Mississippi Students as Assistant Teachers in your School District

**Who qualifies for this?** Paraprofessionals in a school district for one full academic year qualify for this program. If your teaching assistant meets this qualification, see below.

### ASSISTANT TEACHER ACADEMIC TIMELINE

YEAR 1 (Junior Year)	YEAR 2 (Senior Year)
<p><b>FALL SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete field experience. <b>This consists of 16 hours within or outside of your school district.</b> This takes place one day a week for two hours over the course of eight weeks. Placements for this field experience are scheduled by the UM placement office.</p>	<p><b>FALL SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete field experience in their original classroom, where they serve as a teaching assistant on a daily basis. <b>The field experience consists of 2 days a week.</b> During this time, students will be observed by a University Supervisor from UM.</p>
<p><b>SPRING SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Students are required to complete field experience. <b>This consists of 45 hours in a different grade level within your school district.</b> The UM placement office will work in conjunction with the building principal in order to assign a classroom.</p>	<p><b>SPRING SEMESTER</b></p> <p>Student teachers continue in their original classroom, where they served as a teaching assistant on a daily basis. <b>For the duration of the semester, student teachers continue to assist the classroom teacher and practice as a lead teacher.</b> During this time, students will be observed by a University Supervisor from UM.</p>

### Why this is a great program...

Teacher candidates do not lose their job/income nor do they have to stop working in order to attend school.

Teacher candidates are serving the district where they have the potential to continue working as full time licensed teachers upon graduation.

Teacher candidates build upon their experience through our nationally accredited teacher preparatory program.

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