

Hard-to-Convert Lab Class Proposal for Child Development and Education Classes

The teaching practicum course (course name/number) requires ____ hours of hands-on interaction between students and children which currently and previously have taken place at _____. Our observation and assessment course (course name/number) requires ____ hours of observation in early education classrooms/programs. Due to Covid 19, access for hands-on implementation for Fall semester 2020 may be limited, or eliminated, due to state licensing regulations and social distancing requirements. Students in teaching practicum and observing/assessing typically are placed in these classrooms to complete their state required lab hours. Pending state licensing requirements (that are likely to continue to change throughout summer 2020) to allow more children to attend child care programs and to allow for non-staff adults to enter the classroom, students access to lab classrooms may be reduced or eliminated for Fall 2020 semester.

To ensure students continued educational progress, we are proposing to livestream video from _____ to remote locations via Zoom as an alternative to the current face to face interactions. There will be a consent waiver used by the program sites to allow for digital streaming and recording for educational purposes only. In addition to using this alternative for our teaching practicum course, this process can be used simultaneously for our Observing and Assessing classes that requires ____ hours of observation.

This pandemic is also affecting our EDU course (_____) as students in that course are required to be in an elementary classroom setting for ____ hours during the semester. We propose using this technology for live streaming as well if by Fall 2020 K-12 systems are limiting or eliminating students in the classroom for these educational experiences. We would work with school districts with which we currently have MOUs.

These hard-to-convert courses present barriers for all CD and EDU programs at the Community College level and for 4-year institutions throughout California and in other states. We are working with our educational partners on the hard to convert lab courses into an online medium that will fulfill the COR requirements during this global pandemic.

After researching Zoom compliance for confidentiality, Zoom meetings are GEPR, CCPA, HIPA, FERPA, and COPPA compliant. We would also ensure privacy through password protected Zoom links for students to access. We are requesting that our legal department confirm that through all of these safeguards, we are able to move forward with the use of this technology as needed during the Covid 19 outbreak requirements for social distancing and state licensing requirements to protect the health and safety of students, faculty, staff, and children.