

DISMISSAL FROM CLINICAL EXPERIENCE: STUDENT TEACHING AND/OR INTERNSHIP

All teacher candidates enrolled in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College must follow the ASU Student Code of Conduct, the Teachers College Satisfactory Academic Progress and Professional Conduct Policy, as well as all policies/procedures established by the local education agency, school district, and/or school in which they are engaged in clinical experience, which include student teaching and internships.

In the event of request for dismissal from an internship or student teaching placement for unprofessional behavior, the Office of Clinical Experiences will notify the teacher candidate and Office of Student Services (OSS) in writing of the reason(s) for the requested dismissal within three working days. The teacher candidate will be required to attend a meeting with the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College Assistant Division Director, the Senior Director of Student Services and other college representative as determined by the Assistant Division Director to discuss the reasons for request for dismissal from the internship or student teaching placement.

If it is determined that the allegations of a code of conduct violation for unprofessional behavior resulting in the request for dismissal from the school/district are warranted, one or all of the following actions may result. The teacher candidate:

- will be dismissed from the internship or student teaching placement.
- will receive a failing grade (E) for the internship or student teaching course*.
- will not be assigned another internship or student teaching placement during the same semester in which the teacher candidate was assigned a failing grade**.
 - may not withdraw from the internship/clinical experience course or student teaching course. If a withdrawal is processed by the Office of the Registrar, the grade will be administratively changed to an (E).
 - must withdraw from all courses that require concurrent enrollment with internship or student teaching.

*If a teacher candidate wishes to appeal the (E) grade, s/he can follow the grade grievance process as outlined in the Grade Appeal Policy on the Teachers College website. The first step in the grade grievance process is to meet with the Assistant Dean of Clinical Experiences.

** If a Teacher Candidate is dismissed from an internship or student teaching placement and/or assigned a failing grade, he/she may submit a petition for consideration to the Office of Student Services (OSS) to repeat the internship or student teaching in the semester following dismissal.

If a teacher candidate submits a petition to OSS for consideration to repeat the internship or student teaching and concurrent coursework for the semester following the dismissal, the teacher candidate must show evidence in the petition of how they plan to resolve the situation or circumstances which resulted in the removal from the internship or student teaching.

If the petition is approved, the teacher candidate will be required to meet with the Assistant Division Director and the Director of Student Services to develop a Professional Improvement Plan (PIP) outlining expectations for continued professional growth and academic development.

In the event that the teacher candidate violates the rules, policies, or procedures for conduct established by the school, district, local education agency, ASU, Teachers College, and/or the law while on a PIP for unprofessional behavior, the teacher candidate will be **disqualified** from the iTeachAZ program. Teacher Candidates who are disqualified may not petition to continue in their current academic plan, but may be eligible to pursue other degree options within Teachers College (i.e., Educational Studies) or within other colleges at ASU.

A Teacher Candidate may appeal any decision to the Teachers College Student Issues Committee resulting from a request for dismissal from the internship or student teaching. The appeal must include the reasons for dismissal or disqualification and a clear rationale for why reinstatement should be permitted.