

TO: COST Applicant

FROM: Dr. Tracy M. Windle, Director of Field Experiences and Clinical Practice
The Office of Clinical Experiences

RE: COST Program Pre-Application, Requirements, & Application Information

Thank you for your interest in the COST Program.

The COST Program is open to all College of Education students currently enrolled in the teacher education program. More information regarding the teaching areas available for COST placements can be found at <https://www.gvsu.edu/cost/> under "Programs".

Deadlines

The deadlines for the COST Program applications are outlined below. Please note that the application process begins a year before the internship semester:

Fall COST participants

- Pre-Application and Essay due by **December 1st**
- Formal Application and documents due by **March 1st**

Spring COST participants

- Pre-Application and Essay due by **May 1st**
- Formal Application and documents due by **September 1st**

Requirements

The requirements for the COST Program are outlined below. Please review this information and indicate your understanding of these requirements by completing the information at the end of this document.

1. In order to be approved to proceed with the Final Application, COST applicants must meet the following minimum requirements:
 - Have a current 3.0 GPA
 - Successful completion of all field experience placements required by the certification program
 - No Reasons for Concern on file within the Department
 - Be recommended by their department and/or program
 - Have good standing in the College of Education and University of Alabama

- Meet all required state certification tests (i.e. Praxis, Foundations of Reading, etc.) prior to being approved to proceed with the Final Application.
- Participate in an in-person interview with Dr. Tracy Windle, Director of Clinical Experiences

In order to maintain approval to participate in the COST Program, COST participants must meet the following requirements:

1. The semester prior to internship:

- Complete the COST Formal Application
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Continued successful completion of field experience placements.
- Continued recommendation by their department and/or program.
- Continued good standing in the College of Education and University of Alabama.
- Be approved to complete an internship placement during the following semester.
- Meet all CheckPoint 1 and 2 requirements prior to the internship semester.
- Admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) prior to the internship semester.
- Complete the Capstone International Application.
- Participate in the Capstone International Pre-Departure orientation.
- Pay \$1,800 placement fee

2. During the local internship placement:

- Maintain the 3.0 GPA
- Be successful in the local internship placement
- Be successful and pass edTPA
- Continued recommendation by their department and/or program
- Continued good standing in the College of Education and University of Alabama
- Participate in a Pre-Departure orientation with the Office of Clinical Experiences

COST Participants will receive a local internship placement to be completed from January to March. COST Participants must successfully complete this placement and edTPA in order to continue to the COST placement.

Those who wish to apply for the COST Program should submit an Essay and this pre-application either in person or by email to the following:

Dr. Tracy M. Windle
 Mrs. Melinda Alsobrook
 107 Carmichael Hall
educlinicaloffice@ua.edu

Essay

Write a brief essay (2-3 pages) describing the events and experiences that led you to seek a placement through the COST program. You may wish to include a description of your family, honors received, memberships in organizations, work, and travel experiences.

Briefly describe your philosophy of education and the personal goals you hope to achieve through this experience. Highlight any special area of interest that relates to your student teaching placement. You should also explain why you are interested in student teaching through COST, and describe specific ways the overseas student teaching experience will contribute to your personal and professional development.

Hosts are particularly interested in the type of cross-cultural and teaching experiences you have had. DO NOT include a preference for a particular location in your essay since it may be sent to more than one site. This essay may be shared with a prospective host family.

(Note that this Essay may be reused for the COST Formal Application)

Additional information will be provided regarding the documents required for the Formal Application after the pre-application and essay are received. It is important that you start collecting the documents necessary for the Formal Application now while your pre-application is being processed.

____ I have read and understand these requirements for the COST Program.

____ I understand that my participation in the COST Program may be revoked at any time if I fail to meet any of these requirements.

Student Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email Address: _____

CWID: _____

Area of Certification: _____