

Frequently Asked Questions

SPED 4002/5002

Is it possible to do the field experience hours at two different schools?

NO. Due to the large number of students who take education classes each semester, it is not possible to assign students to two different schools for the SPED 4002 field experience. You must complete all of the required hours at the same school.

How many field experience hours are required for the SPED 4002/5002 class?

25 hours

Will I be assigned to a special education self-contained classroom?

No, you will be assigned to a regular education classroom where there are students who have been identified as having exceptionalities.

The school will not return my emails/phone calls, what do I do?

If you have not heard back from the school after 2-3 email attempts (3-5 days), you can call the school and ask to leave a message for the contact person. Please be available to accept a returned phone call. Check your voice mail if there's a chance you missed the call.

Once I receive the name of the field placement school, will I be assigned to a classroom based on my major? i.e., I am a music major; will I be assigned to a music class?

In most cases, yes. You will be assigned to a regular education classroom in your content area where there are students who have been identified as having special needs as determined by an I.E.P.

Is it possible to choose a school which is not on the online field placement choice list?

NO, it is not possible to choose a school which is not on the online field placement choice list. The only exceptions to this policy are for students who are currently employed in a school.

I am employed in a public or private school. Is it possible to complete the field experience hours at the school where I am employed?

YES, you can complete the field experience hours at the school where you are employed. The school of employment does not have to be on the school choice list. In this situation, your principal must fill out the Field Experience Documentation which is available at <http://www.augusta.edu/education/tal/fieldexperience.php>. (Under EDUC 2110/2120/2130 and SPED 4002 Field Experience/Additional Field Experience Information/Field Experience Documentation for Employed SPED 4002 students.).

I know someone who works at a school which is not on the school choice list. Can I contact the school and make my own arrangements for a field placement?

NO. A student is not allowed to make his/her own field placement. Students are not to contact any school until being given the field placement.

Can I make a change in the school that I have chosen?

YES. You can make a change IF:

The change is made while the placement system is still activated for student use.

You change to a school which is on the list of available schools.

I have received the name of my field experience school. What do I do next?

You will receive an email from the Field Experience Coordinator with the name of the building coordinator at your school. The next step is for you to contact the school (via email). The contact person at the school will give you the name of your classroom teacher. You will then need to contact the classroom teacher to work out a mutually convenient schedule for your field experience visits.

My field experience school asked me for a copy of the background check. How do I respond?

AU does not provide an actual copy of the background check. Students are not given a field experience placement until the background check has been satisfied. So, if you have been given a field experience placement that means that you have satisfied the process.