

JSU/Area P-12 Partners: Co-Teaching Memorandum

Dear Teacher Education Faculty,

At a recent *Professional Development School* conference a number of presentations were made on the benefits of using co-teaching methods in student teaching and practicum. The benefits were documented in both P12 student learning and pre-service teacher development. Afterward I reviewed the literature and discussed the topic with other universities. From that I was convinced it was a practice we needed to explore further. With the support of our Provost, experts from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota came to JSU in May to conduct a two-day, co-teaching workshop. Representatives from JSU faculty and staff and our P12 partners (Piedmont, Jacksonville, Oxford, and Calhoun County) came together for the two-day training. The training resulted in a commitment from all who attended to move forward and implement the co-teaching model at JSU starting fall 2012.

In order to bring everyone on board, we have developed a schedule to train others in the co-teaching model. You will note in the chart below JSU faculty are scheduled for training on **Friday, July 20th**.

I am urging you to commit to the training on that day. Although we will start small with only selected practicum using the co-teaching model fall 2012, it is important that all education faculty participate in the training. The reason stems from the need to include information/training specific to co-teaching in most, if not all, methods courses.

Date	Training	Participants	Place	Time
July 20	Co-Teaching	JSU Faculty	Inservice Center	8:30 to 4:30
August 14*	Co-Teaching	CT, US, Principals	Inservice Center	8:30 to 4:30
August 31	Co-Teaching	Practicum Students	Inservice Center	8:30 to 4:30
Sept 10 (Week of)	Pairs Workshop	CT/Inters – CT	Inservice Center	8:30 to 4:30

*Tentative

Below are links to relevant information from St Cloud State University you may want to review.

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/soe/tqe/default.asp>

http://www.aascu.org/uploadedFiles/AASCU/Content/Root/Programs/TeacherEducation/07_st_cloud.pdf

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/oce/coteaching/default.asp>

<http://www.learningfirst.org/visionaries/NancyBacharach>

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