



Memorandum

To: Southern California School Districts and School Sites (Los Angeles County, Ventura County, and surrounding areas)

From: Dr. Colleen Marie Tripp, Professor of English; Associate Chair; English ESM/FYI/JYI Advisor

Re: Early Field Observation Hours for CSUN English Students

This memorandum serves to inform local Southern California school districts and school sites that students enrolled in the California State University, Northridge (CSUN) English Department's [ESM \(English Subject Matter\)](#), [FYI \(Freshman Year Initiative\)](#), and [JYI \(Junior Year Initiative\) options](#) are required to complete **20 hours of early field observation** as part of their preparation for admission to the CSUN Single Subject Credential Program in English and other credential programs.

These observation hours are embedded within the following required coursework:

- **ENGL 250FE** – Perspectives on English Studies
- **ENGL 406** – Advanced Expository Writing for Teachers
- **ENGL 429** – Adolescent Literature
- **ENGL 495ESM**– Multigenre Literacy in a Global Context

The completion of these early field experiences ensures that students meet the observation requirements established by the CSUN Credential Office and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

We appreciate your partnership in supporting our students' professional preparation. Should you have any questions regarding these observation hours or the structure of the program, please contact me at colleen.tripp@csun.edu.

Sincerely,

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