

Field Experience Requirement for Employed Students

To obtain an Oregon License with a SPED Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE) endorsement, students must complete the field experience requirements of the EI/ECSE master's program. Follow these steps to ensure that your current job can support you in meeting these requirements.

- 1. Ask your supervisor/employer if you can complete 120 field experience hours in a non-primary work setting.**
 - Licensure students must spend at least 120 of their required 600 field experience hours in a setting or with a population where they need more experience, such as Birth–3, inclusive preschool classrooms (approved by the EI/ECSE program), or home visits.
 - Students pursuing an added endorsement must spend at least 48 hours in a non-primary work setting, within 240 field experience hours over two terms.
 - Exceptions to this requirement can be reviewed by the EI/ECSE faculty on an individual basis. For instance, a student who is focused solely on a career serving birth to 3 in early intervention or working only in an ECSE classroom, and not the other, may be waived of this requirement. Contact the practicum coordinator (Gounah Choi, gounahch@uoregon.edu) to discuss exceptions.

- 2. Discuss with your supervisor/employer different options to fulfill this requirement.**
 - Option A: 4 hours per week in a non-primary work setting for 10 weeks each term (40 hours per term X 3 terms = 120 hours/year)
 - Option B: 12 hours per week in a non-primary work setting during Summer or Spring term (12 hours X 10 weeks = 120 hours/year)
 - Option C: Leave your primary work setting for 10 weeks in the Spring term and spend 36 hours per week in a non-primary work setting (36 hours X 10 weeks = 360 hours / year)

- 3. Notify the practicum coordinator (Gounah Choi, gounahch@uoregon.edu) your plan** to fulfill the field experience requirement 2-3 months before starting the field experience.

By following these steps, you can ensure your current employment aligns with the EI/ECSE licensure program requirements.