

Title II Tips for Reporting Supervised Clinical Experience

Section I.d Supervised Clinical Experience requires institutions to report data on supervised clinical experience. Data on the following elements of supervised clinical experience will be reported:

- Average number of clock hours of supervised clinical experience required prior to student teaching;
- Average number of clock hours required for student teaching;
- Average number of clock hours required for mentoring/induction support;
- Number of full-time equivalent faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year;
- Number of adjunct faculty supervising clinical experience during this academic year (IHE and PreK-12 staff); and
- Number of students in supervised clinical experience during this academic year.

Supervised clinical experience

Supervised clinical experience is defined as a series of supervised field experiences (including student teaching) with PreK-12 students that occur as a sequenced, integral part of the preparation program prior to the candidate becoming the teacher of record. Section 202 (d)(2) of the *Higher Education Act*, as amended in 2008, describes features of clinical experience. Courses in the curriculum that include the activities described in Section 202(d)(2) may be considered clinical coursework. The curriculum policies of each state and its institutions will identify coursework as nonclinical or clinical. Alternative route programs can work with their state to determine what courses are supervised clinical experiences if the alternative route program's courses do not meet the definitions above.

Clock hours

“Average number of clock hours required” refers to the actual number of hours required for a teacher preparation program participant. To the extent possible, responses are to separate pre-student teaching clinical experience from student teaching. The intent is not to aggregate across teacher preparation program participants, but rather to assess per-person clock hours. “Clock hours” does not refer to semester or credit hours, but actual time spent on these activities. In the term “supervised clinical experience,” it’s the overall experience that is supervised, not every moment of the experience. No faculty to student ratio is required, nor expected.

Mentoring/induction support

Mentoring/induction support is not formally defined in Title II, but it is essentially the coaching and instruction that a candidate receives while serving as the teacher of record in a classroom. For traditional programs, there likely will not be any required mentoring/induction support, since the candidates in traditional programs are typically NOT considered the teacher of record in a classroom and traditional programs tend to instead require student teaching and other forms of clinical experience. However, for alternative programs which offer pedagogy instruction and courses while the candidate is actually the teacher of record in a classroom, there might be a significant amount of mentoring/induction support as part of their preparation program.

Supervising faculty and calculating FTE

Supervising faculty are defined as all persons whom the institution regards as having faculty status, who were assigned by the teacher preparation program to provide supervision and evaluation of student teaching and who have an administrative link or relationship to the teacher preparation program. When reporting on the number of faculty in supervised clinical experience, do not weight the number of faculty based on the number of teacher preparation program participants they are supervising or the number of credit hours their supervision represents. A full-time faculty member is counted as 1 FTE. A half-time faculty member is counted as 0.5 FTE.

Adjunct faculty and Pre-K–12 staff

IHE and preK-12 staff (whether teachers or other educational leaders) who are engaged significantly with the teacher-candidates during their supervised clinical experience – in terms of spending significant amounts of time working with them – should be counted in the adjunct faculty count. When calculating the number of adjunct faculty, please count the actual number of individuals, rather than an FTE calculation. In other words, please count each individual as 1, regardless of the full-time or part-time status, or the amount of time supervising teacher-candidates. We suggest three criteria, any one of which would imply inclusion in the count:

- If they spend a number of hours each week observing, supervising or discussing the clinical experience with the teacher-candidates or other teacher preparation program faculty;
- If they receive a stipend from the teacher preparation program for their participation;
- If they are considered part of the teacher preparation program, in terms of recognition in brochures or other program descriptions provided to the state or the general public.