

Verification of Experience with Children/Adolescents Form

Southwest Minnesota State University School of Education

Experience with children and/or adolescents prior to entrance into the Teacher Preparation Program at SMSU is required as part of the criteria for admission. These experiences must include direct interaction with organized groups of children/adolescents:

- 1.) Over a period of time (**a minimum of 30 hours**); If candidate needs to have more than one experience considered to meet the 30 hours minimum requirement, please use a separate form for each experience.
- 2.) May be volunteer or paid
- 3.) Within four years of application for admission to the Teacher Preparation Program
- 4.) **Cannot use experience from lab hours from a college class**
- 5.) Reference cannot be from a relative (parent, grandparent, sibling, etc.)
- 6.) Babysitting for a family cannot be used.

Examples of possible experiences with organized groups of children/adolescents include crafts program, camp counselor, park and recreation programs, playground supervisor, scouting programs, church school, coaching organized sports, child care centers, after school activity program, preschool or day care homes, classroom volunteer work.

Candidate's Name: _____ Mustang ID: _____

Name of the organization: _____ City/State: _____

Type of setting: _____

Ages and number of children/adolescents: _____

Beginning and ending dates of experience: _____

Daily/weekly amount of time: _____

Types of activities you performed: _____

What did you learn/gain from this experience? _____

Supervisor's Recommendation for this candidate for SMSU's Teacher Preparation Program:

Highly Recommended Recommended Recommended with Reservation Not Recommended

Comments: _____

Signature of Supervisor of Experience: _____ Date: _____

Email/Phone number of Supervisor: _____

By signing this form, I verify that I have completed the experience as described and it meets the above criteria for working with a group of children or adolescents.

Signature of Teacher Preparation Program Candidate: _____ Date: _____