

Edmonton Area Field Experiences Committee (EAFEC) Annual Report 2022-2023

The EAFEC had another busy year. First off, post-secondary institutions continue to be extremely grateful to all the teachers who host and welcome preservice teachers into their classrooms. Practicum experiences are an integral and key element of teacher preparatory programs and would not be successful without the many exceptional teachers who mentor beginning teachers. Thank you.

EAFEC continues to work with post-secondary institutions to explore many arising issues – many similar to those faced within school divisions. For examples, criminal record checks, anti-oppressive education strategies, and mental health. Post-secondary institutions are striving to be as proactive in developing policies and procedures and try to react as efficiently as possible in the face of new challenges.

One item to take note of is the success of the U of A's first year of their Foundations of Mentoring program. Mentor teachers who receive preservice teachers from the U of A receive a coupon to enroll in classes at no cost. This is a great opportunity for professional development and courses can be laddered into a graduate certificate and/or Masters program. It is important to note that coupons received for hosting a preservice teacher are not limited to the modules in this program, but can be applied to a whole catalogue of Education programs that this can be applied to.

Please continue to forward any questions or concerns regarding field experiences to the committee for consideration and discussion. Thank you for a great year!