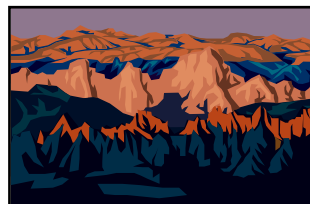


## Todd County Public Schools, Mission, South Dakota

Students who wish to student teach on an Indian Reservation may find the perfect opportunity on Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota. Since 1992 Hope students have participated in a May Term experience on the Rosebud working in the schools and learning about the culture of the Lakota Sioux. Several Hope students have also completed their student teaching experience there. Students interested in a student teaching experience on Rosebud Reservation should read on for further information:



### Information

- Students interested in learning more about Todd County Schools may contact Susan Cherup at [cherup@hope.edu](mailto:cherup@hope.edu) or visit <http://www.hope.edu/academic/education/May%20Term/Rosebud.htm> for information on the May Term experience or check out the Todd County Public Schools web site at <http://www.tcsdk12.org/Todd%20County%20School%20District/Welcome.html>. In order to be approved for student teaching the student must have participated in the May Term experience or present evidence of his/her readiness to work in this capacity to the Director of Student Teaching, Nancy Cook.

### Contacts

- Students interested in student teaching in the Todd County Public Schools should contact Professor Nancy Cook, Director of Student Teaching, as early as possible, but no later than a semester in advance. Information for application procedures will be reviewed and details about the program will be presented.

### Applications

- Students will complete **two application forms** – one for permission to *student teach off-campus* (Hope College Off-campus Application) and one for permission to *student teach* (Education Department's form).
  - The **Off-campus application form** is available through the Registrar's office or the Fried International Center on campus, or on-line.
    - When completing this application, care should be taken to construct a well-written rationale that outlines why student teaching in the Todd County Public Schools will be more beneficial than a West Michigan placement. Students should also connect teaching on an Indian reservation with career aspirations and/or the need to be off-campus.
    - The student's faculty advisor should review the application before signing off on it.
  - The Hope College Education Department's **application for student teaching** is available on-line at: [http://www.hope.edu/academic/education/studteach/student\\_teaching\\_application.html](http://www.hope.edu/academic/education/studteach/student_teaching_application.html). Application details and due dates will be discussed at mandatory meetings held on campus each semester prior to due dates.

### Deadlines

- **Off-Campus Applications:**
  - **February 15<sup>th</sup>:** **Off-campus** applications for the **fall semester** are due to the Registrar on or before **February 15<sup>th</sup>**.
  - **March 25<sup>th</sup>:** **Off-campus** applications for the **spring semester** are due to the Registrar by **March 25<sup>th</sup>**. Permission to leave campus for the spring semester is limited.
- **Student Teaching Application-Education Department:**
  - **First Friday in December or April (OR the announced due dates):**
  - **Education Department Student Teaching Applications** are due the **first Friday in December OR the announced due date** for student teaching placements the following **fall semester**.
  - **Education Department Student Teaching Applications** for the following **Spring** semester are due in the Education Department by the **first Friday in April OR the announced due date**.

Students should note their preference to student teach in Philadelphia in the “Comments” section of the Student Teaching application.

### **Approvals:**

- In order to student teach in the Todd County Public School District or any other off-campus placement, students must receive specific approval from the Education Department. Approvals typically take place in the semester prior to the student teaching experience, but remain contingent upon consistent demonstration of positive professional and personal dispositions, as well as successful performance in Education coursework *and* field placements up to student teaching. Any student who fails to meet all performance requirements (e.g.-minimum of C+ or higher in Education courses) *and/or* fails to receive a positive endorsement (e.g.-“Highly Recommended” or “Recommended”) from field placement mentors, will not be allowed to student teach off-campus.
- In addition, student teachers must receive a positive endorsement from his/her major department of study. Again, failure to secure full recommendation from the major department of study will result in a denial to student teach off-campus.
- Students who have been approved to student teach on probationary status will not be allowed to student teach in an off-campus placement, including the Todd County Public School District.

### **On-Site Visitation**

- Because of the distance between Hope College and the Todd County Public School District students are not required to visit prior to arriving for the student teaching experience.

### **Orientation**

- Students should meet with Professor Susan Cherup for an orientation to the Todd County Public School District and Rosebud Reservation.

### **Dates of Placements**

- Fall semester student teachers begin their experiences in late August in the Todd County Public Schools. They are not on Hope’s campus at all during the semester. The placement extends to the final day of Exam Week.
- Spring semester student teachers begin their experiences in early January, at the start of the spring semester. The placement extends to the final day of Exam Week.

### **Priority for Placements**

- Priority is given to student teachers who require one student teaching placement. Student teachers with dual student teaching placements may have more difficulty being accepted and placed.
- Special Education majors may *only* consider the Todd County School District student teaching option during the *spring semester*. (This is due to required courses that are only offered during the fall semester on campus.)

### **Student Teaching Seminar/Assignments**

- Students seeking off-campus student teaching placements must attend designated sessions of the Monday evening student teaching seminars during the *previous* semester. A calendar with the required sessions will be available on the Education Department’s website or directly from the Director of Student Teaching.
- The Todd County School District student teacher should plan to hand in required ST seminar assignments over the course of the student teaching semester.
  - Weekly written reflections will be submitted via email to the college supervisor.
  - A written, midterm self-evaluation of the student teacher’s performance will be submitted to the college supervisor.
  - A simulated interview should be arranged with the building principal. The ST should provide a copy of the rubric to the principal and submit it once scored to the Director of Student Teaching at Hope. This should be done no later than the final week of the student teaching experience. The rubric may also be submitted electronically, if requested in advance by the student teacher.
  - The professional portfolio scoring rubric should be submitted to the student teacher’s college coordinator, Debera Lucas, no later than the end of the student teaching experience.
  - Unit teaching plans should be submitted to the college supervisor.

- The Special Education Pre-referral Process assignment should be submitted to the Director of Student Teaching at Hope by the published due date (either by mail or electronically.) The assignment description is available from the Director of Student Teaching and should be secured prior to going off campus.

**EDUC 500-“Perspectives in Education” and the Senior Seminar requirement must be completed prior to student teaching in the Todd County Public Schools.**

**Certification Requirements**

- The student teacher should plan to be in contact with the Director of Student Teaching and particularly with Cher Schairer, Director of Certification, throughout the previous semester in order to submit appropriate materials for certification in a timely and accurate manner. All certification materials must be submitted ***PRIOR*** to leaving campus, unless the student teacher plans to return to Hope after student teaching in the Todd County Public School District.

**TB Test**

- Student teachers must provide proof of a current, negative TB test to Debera Lucas, college coordinator, at the beginning of the student teaching experience.

**Criminal Background Check**

- Students should be prepared to submit to a criminal background check depending on requirements for the Todd County Public School District and/or the state of South Dakota.

**Expectations**

- As always, it will be important for the student teacher to remember that permission to student teach in an off-campus placement is a privilege, not a right. The student must at all times be cognizant that he/she is representing Hope College while in this placement. Therefore, expectations for professional behavior, dress and conduct remain high and are maintained for all student teachers, but particularly for those in an off-campus placement.

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