



INTERNSHIP CONTRACT AGREEMENT

by and between

BRANDMAN UNIVERSITY

and

William S. Hart Union High School District

- **Multiple Subject Internship Credential**
- **Single Subject Internship Credential**
- **Education Specialist Internship Credential**

An Internship Credential authorizes the same service at the same level as the Preliminary Credential with some exceptions. The Internship Credential is only valid in one school district or consortium under the preconditions established by State law (see Appendix A).

For this reason, interns must have a contract before a credential can be issued. Each intern candidate is to work under the direct and continuing supervision of a Brandman University Supervisor, from the Antelope Valley Campus, and District Mentor who provides general support at the classroom level of the cooperating school. Also, the Internship Credential shall be issued initially for a two-year period. (Education Code Section 44455).

I. General Provisions

a. The UNIVERSITY agrees and verifies that:

- i. Each Intern Teacher shall have met the requirements for enrollment in its Credential Programs
- ii. Each Intern Teacher must have completed the minimum number of preservice hours of University Credential Program course work, as required by the CCTC for issuance of the Intern Credential.
- iii. Each Intern Teacher shall apply for the Internship Credential through the Teacher Accreditation Department at Brandman University, upon verification of employment from the School District.

b. The DISTRICT agrees and verifies that:

- i. The intern assumes full teaching and legal responsibility for their classroom from the first day of the teaching assignment as a paid employee of the District for at least one academic year, subject to the District's personnel policies and State law(s).

- ii. The intern will attend department and faculty meetings and parent-teacher conferences when appropriate. No intern may coach extracurricular activities nor be required to attend meetings that present a conflict with his/her internship responsibilities at Brandman University.
- iii. The intern is expected to attend all school and district in-service training sessions whenever possible. The intern will also attend assigned District and School orientations that occur prior to the start of the school. If there is a conflict between University and District training, University meetings shall take priority during the Internship period.

II. Support and Supervision Requirements

Pursuant to California Education Code §44321, the supervision and support of interns is the responsibility of both the Commission-approved teacher preparation program and the employer. The Commission requires that each approved intern program must have a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the respective responsibilities of the program and of the employer.

a. General Support and Supervision Provided to All Interns

The UNIVERSITY and DISTRICT together shall provide a minimum of 144 hours of support/mentoring and supervision to each intern teacher per school year including coaching, modeling, and demonstrating within the classroom, assistance with course planning and problem-solving regarding students, curriculum, and development of effective teaching methodologies. The minimum support, mentoring and supervision provided to an intern teacher who assumes daily teaching responsibilities after the beginning of a school year shall be equal to four hours times the number of instructional weeks remaining in the school year. A minimum of two hours of support/mentoring and supervision must be provided to an intern teacher every five instructional days.

- i. The UNIVERSITY shall select supervisors that have current knowledge in their subject matter area; understand the context of public schooling; ability to model best professional practices in teaching and learning, scholarship and service; knowledge about diverse abilities, cultural, language, ethnic and gender diversity; and understanding of academic standards, frameworks, and accountability systems that drive the curriculum of public schools.
- ii. The UNIVERSITY shall provide supervision and ongoing support for a minimum of 72 hours per school year. University supervisors will conduct classroom observations a minimum of four times each term that include pre and post observation discussions. Supervisors will maintain weekly contact

with the intern to provide support related to planning, curriculum, and instruction in addition to problem solving regarding students.

iii. The DISTRICT shall select mentor teachers who meet the following qualifications:

- (1) valid corresponding Clear or Life credential,
- (2) three years successful teaching experience, and
- (3) the English Learner (EL) Authorization (if responsible for providing specified EL support).

If the mentor does not hold an EL Authorization, the district must identify an individual who does have a valid EL authorization and who is immediately available to assist the intern with planning lessons that are appropriately designed and differentiated for English learners, for assessing language needs and progress, and to support language accessible instruction, through in-classroom modeling and coaching as needed.

iv. The DISTRICT shall provide supervision and ongoing support for a minimum of 72 hours per school year with a minimum of two hours of support/mentoring and supervision per week. The mentor(s) role is to provide support specifically addressing issues in the intern's classroom (See Appendix B for examples of support/supervision activities). Interns without an English Language Authorization must also receive focused English Language instruction support.

v. The UNIVERSITY shall provide orientation and training for the district mentors and university supervisors.

vi. The UNIVERSITY provides the 10 hour CTC mandatory mentor training.

vii. The DISTRICT requires mentors complete the CTC mandatory 10 hour training.

viii. The University Supervisor and District Mentor shall meet together regularly with the intern to ensure the intern is following the California Teaching Performance Expectations.

ix. The UNIVERSITY shall monitor the completion of university and employer-provided support/mentoring to ensure that interns teachers are receiving the minimum 144 hours of mentoring via forms submitted by the interns in LiveText.

x. The District Mentor and site administrator shall participate in surveys that provide feedback to the university regarding the internship experience.

b. Support and Supervision Specific to Teaching English Learners

The following additional support/mentoring and supervision shall be provided to an intern teacher who enters the program without a valid English learner authorization listed on a previously issued multiple subject, single subject, or education specialist instruction teaching credential; a valid English learner or Cross-cultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) authorization:

- i. The UNIVERSITY shall provide 45 hours of support/mentoring and supervision per school year, including in-classroom coaching, specific to the needs of English learners. The minimum support/mentoring and supervision provided to an intern teacher who assumes daily teaching responsibilities after the beginning of a school year shall be equal to five hours times the number of months remaining in the school year. The support/mentoring and supervision should be distributed in a manner that sufficiently supports the intern teacher's development of knowledge and skills in the instruction of English learners.
- ii. The DISTRICT shall identify an individual who will be immediately available to assist the intern teacher with planning lessons that are appropriately designed and differentiated for English learners, for assessing language needs and progress, and for support of language accessible instruction through in-classroom modeling and coaching as needed. The identified individual may be the same mentor assigned pursuant to section I above provided the individual possesses an English learner authorization and will be immediately available to assist the intern teacher. (See Appendix B for examples of support/supervision activities).
- iii. An individual who passes the California Teaching of English Learner (CTEL) examinations prior or subsequent to the issuance of the intern credential may be exempted from the additional 45 hours of support/mentoring and supervision specific to the needs of English learners.
- iv. The UNIVERSITY shall monitor the completion of university and employer-provided support/mentoring to ensure that interns teachers are receiving the minimum 45 hours of support/mentoring specific to the needs of English learners via forms submitted by the interns in LiveText.

III. THE PARTIES MUTUALLY AGREE

- A. The parties mutually agree each shall provide and maintain commercial general liability insurance or self-insurance acceptable to both parties in the minimum amounts of \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$3,000,000 general aggregate and upon request shall furnish proof thereof in the form of a certificate of insurance within 30 days of the effective date of this Agreement. Each Certificate of Insurance shall specify that should any above described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

- B. The UNIVERSITY agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the DISTRICT, its agents and employees from and against all loss or expense (including costs and attorney fees) resulting from liability imposed by law upon the DISTRICT because of bodily injury to or death of any person or on account of damages to property, including loss of use thereof, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement and due or claimed to be due to the negligence of the UNIVERSITY, its agents or employees.

The DISTRICT agrees to indemnify, hold harmless, and at the University's request, defend the UNIVERSITY, its agents and employees from and against all loss or expenses (including costs and attorney fees) resulting from liability imposed by law upon the University because of bodily injury to or death of any person or on account of damages to property, including loss of use thereof, arising out of or in connection with the Agreement, and due or claimed to be due to the negligence of the DISTRICT, its agents or employees.

- C. Both parties acknowledge they are independent contractors, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to create an agency, joint venture, franchise or partnership relation between the parties and neither party shall so hold itself out. Neither party shall have the right to obligate or bind the other party in any manner whatsoever, and nothing contained in this Agreement shall give or is intended to give any right of any kind to third persons.
- D. Any failure of a party to enforce that party's right under any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed or act as a waiver of said party's subsequent right to enforce any provisions contained herein.
- E. Notices required or permitted to be provided under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if mailed first class to the parties that signed this agreement and to the addresses below.

**FIELDWORK SITE CONTACT
INFORMATION:**

William S. Hart Union High School District
21380 Centre Pointe Parkway
Santa Clarita, CA 91350
Attn: Michael Vierra
Phone: 661-259-0033 ext.

**UNIVERSITY CONTACT
INFORMATION:**

Brandman University
16355 Laguna Canyon Road
Irvine, CA 92618
Attn: School of Education, Dean
Fax: (800) 775-0128

- F. If any term or provision of this Agreement is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other term or provision, and this Agreement shall be interpreted as if such term or provision had never been contained in this Agreement.
- G. In the event of any material default under this Agreement, which default remains uncured for a period of twenty-one (21) days after receipt of written notice of such default, or in

the event of the loss of WASC accreditation by the UNIVERSITY, this Agreement may be immediately terminated by the non-defaulting party.


- H. This Agreement fully supersedes any and all prior agreements or understandings between the parties or any of their respective affiliates with respect to the subject matter hereof. No change, modification, addition, amendment, or supplement to this Agreement shall be valid unless set forth in writing and signed and dated by both parties hereto subsequent to the execution of this Agreement.
- I. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California in effect at the time of the execution of this Agreement. Should either party institute legal action to enforce any obligation contained herein, it is agreed that the proper venue of such suit or action shall be Orange County, California.


IV. TERM AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Brandman University and the William S. Hart Union High School District, agree to all the conditions of this Internship Contract Agreement as outlined above, to be effective on 07/01/2021, and continuing until 07/01/2024 (3-year maximum). This agreement may be terminated and the provisions of this agreement may be altered, changed or amended by mutual consent of both parties upon sixty (60) days written notice.

SIGNATURES:

**DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVES:**

Signature: 
Name: Mike Kuhlman
Title: Superintendent
Date: 7/16/2021

Signature: 
Name: Kathy Hunter
Title: Educational Services, Assistant Superintendent
Date: 7/16/2021

UNIVERSITY:

Signature: _____
Name: Phillip L. Doolittle
Title: Executive Vice Chancellor of Finance and
Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Date: _____

APPENDIX A

Preconditions Established for Internship Programs

For initial program accreditation and continuing accreditation by the Committee on Accreditation, participating districts and universities must adhere to the following requirements of state law or Commission policy.

- (1) **Bachelor's Degree Requirement.** Candidates admitted to internship programs must hold baccalaureate degrees or higher from a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Reference: Education Code §§44325, 44326, 44453.
- (2) **Subject Matter Requirement.** Each Multiple Subject intern admitted into the program has passed the Commission-approved subject matter examinations(s) for the subject area(s) in which the Intern is authorized to teach, and each Single Subject intern admitted into the program has passed the Commission-approved subject matter examination(s) or completed the subject matter program for the subject areas(s) in which the Intern is authorized to teach. Reference: Education Code § 44325(c) (3).
- (3) **Pre-Service Requirement.**
 - (a) Each Multiple and Single Subject Internship program must include a minimum of 120 clock hour (or the semester or quarter unit equivalent) pre-service component which includes foundational preparation in general pedagogy including classroom management and planning, reading/language arts, subject specific pedagogy, human development, and teaching English Learners.
 - (b) Each Education Specialist Internship program includes a minimum of 120 clock hour (or the semester or quarter unit equivalent) pre-service component which includes foundational preparation in pedagogy including classroom management and planning, reading/language arts, specialty specific pedagogy, human development, and teaching English Learners.
- (4) **Professional Development Plan.** The employing district has developed and implemented a Professional Development Plan for interns in consultation with a Commission-approved program of teacher preparation. The plan shall include all of the following:
 - (a) Provisions for an annual evaluation of the intern.
 - (b) A description of the courses to be completed by the intern, if any, and a plan for the completion of preservice or other clinical training, if any, including student teaching.
 - (c) Additional instruction during the first semester of service, for interns teaching in kindergarten or grades 1 to 6 inclusive, in child development and teaching methods, and special education programs for pupils with mild and moderate disabilities.
 - (d) Instruction, during the first year of service, for interns teaching children in bilingual classes in the culture and methods of teaching bilingual children, and instruction in the etiology and methods of teaching children with mild and moderate disabilities.

(5) Supervision of Interns.

(a) In all internship programs, the participating institutions shall provide supervision of all interns.

(b) University Intern Programs only: No intern's salary may be reduced by more than 1/8 of its total to pay for supervision, and the salary of the intern shall not be less than the minimum base salary paid to a regularly certificated person. If the intern salary is reduced, no more than eight interns may be advised by one district support person. Reference: Education Code § 44462. Institutions will describe the procedures used in assigning supervisors and, where applicable, the system used to pay for supervision.

(6) Assignment and Authorization. To receive program approval, the participating institution authorizes the candidates in an internship program to assume the functions that are authorized by the regular standard credential. Reference: Education Code § 44454. The institution stipulates that the interns' services meet the instructional or service needs of the participating district(s). Reference: Education Code § 44458.

(7) Participating Districts. Participating districts are public school districts or county offices of education. Submissions for approval must identify the specific districts involved and the specific credential(s) involved. Reference: Education Code §§ 44321 and 44452.

(8) Early Program Completion Option. Each intern program must make available to candidates who qualify for the option the opportunity to choose an early program completion option, culminating in a five year preliminary teaching credential. This option must be made available to interns who meet the following requirements:

(a) Pass a written assessment adopted by the commission that assesses knowledge of teaching foundations as well as all of the following:

- Human development as it relates to teaching and learning aligned with the state content and performance standards for K-12 students
- Techniques to address learning differences, including working with students with special needs
- Techniques to address working with English learners to provide access to the curriculum
- Reading instruction in accordance with state standards
- Assessment of student progress based on the state content and performance standards
- Classroom management techniques
- Methods of teaching the subject fields

(b) Pass the teaching performance assessment. This assessment may be taken only one time by an intern participating in the early completion option.

(c) Pass the Reading Instruction Competence Assessment (RICA) (Multiple Subject Credential only).

- (d) Meet the requirements for teacher fitness.

An intern who chooses the early completion option but is not successful in passing the assessment may complete his or her full internship program. (Reference: Education Code § 44468).

- (9) **Length of Validity of the Intern Certificate.** Each intern certificate will be valid for a period of two years. However, a certificate may be valid for three years if the intern is participating in a program leading to the attainment of a specialist credential to teach students, or for four years if the intern is participating in a district intern program leading to the attainment of both a multiple subject or a single subject teaching credential and a specialist credential to teach students with mild/moderate disabilities. Reference: Education Code § 44325 (b).
- (10) **Non-Displacement of Certificated Employees.** The institution and participating districts must certify that interns do not displace certificated employees in participating districts.
- (11) **Justification of Internship Program.** When an institution submits a program for initial or continuing accreditation, the institution must explain why the internship is being implemented. Programs that are developed to meet employment shortages must include a statement from the participating district(s) about the availability of qualified certificated persons holding the credential. The exclusive representative of certificated employees in the credential area (when applicable) is encouraged to submit a written statement to the Committee on Accreditation agreeing or disagreeing with the justification that is submitted.
- (12) **Bilingual Language Proficiency.** Each intern who is authorized to teach in bilingual classrooms has passed the language proficiency subtest of the Commission-approved assessment program leading to the Bilingual Crosscultural Language and Academic Development Certificate. Reference: Education Code Section 44325 (c).

APPENDIX B
Support and Supervision Activities

Potential Support & Supervision Activities to be Provided by the District
Demonstration Lessons and/or Co-teaching activities with mentor
Classroom Observations and Coaching*
Content Specific Coaching (for example: math coaches, reading coaches, EL coaches*)
Grade Level or Department Meetings related to curriculum, planning, and/or instruction
New Teacher Orientation
Coaching (not evaluation) from Administrator
Co-planning with Special Educator or EL expert to address included special needs students and/or English learners*
Logistical help before and during school year (bulletin boards, seating arrangements, materials acquisition, parent conferences, etc.)
Review/discuss test results with colleagues (CELDT and standardized tests)*
Activities/workshops specifically addressing issues in the intern's classroom—co-attended by intern and mentor(s)
Intern Observations of other teachers and classrooms including observations of SDAIE/ELD lessons*
Support & Supervision Activities Provided through the University
Classroom Observations and Coaching*
Weekly Online Seminars (problem solving issues with students, curriculum, instruction, TPEs, etc.) including EL support*
Weekly Contact with Supervisors via email, phone (voice, text), and/or video conferencing
Intern Observations of other teachers and classrooms including observations of SDAIE/ELD lessons*

**May also be used towards the 45-hour EL Support & Supervision Requirement.*