

# INFORMATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT TEACHERS

This information sheet is designed to provide you with initial information that might be helpful in orienting you to Special Education student teaching and to assist you in understanding the process. Special Education student teaching will be completed the semester before your General Education student teaching. You will need to fill out the student teaching application form requesting Special Education student teaching the semester prior to the semester you would like to do your student teaching. It is required that you attend the student teaching meeting which is held the first Thursday of the Fall and Spring semester, then complete and return the application packet for student teaching by the deadline indicated in the packet to the location indicated.

In addition to completing the application for student teaching, a one-page application for practicum, (SPE 522/581), available in 208 Rowe Hall will need to be turned into the Department of Counseling and Special Education by the date indicated in the course-offering guide. If approved, add cards will be available for pick-up in 208 Rowe Hall by the date indicated in the course-offering guide.

During the Special Education student teaching semester, students will be completing an advanced practicum (SPE 522/581) of 6 weeks prior to their student teaching experience of 10 weeks. Satisfactory completion of the SPE 522/581 courses with a grade of C+ or better is required to begin the 10 weeks of student teaching. Special Education student teachers will be in one classroom placement within a 60-mile radius of Mt. Pleasant for both the 6-week practicum and the 10-week student teaching experience. Special Education student teaching placements are made by the Special Education Unit Field Experiences Coordinator.

**Special Education students will communicate directly with the special education department for their placement information. The education department does not handle the special education placements. Special education students need to remember that they will be going through the application process twice, once for special education and then again for regular education. Please save your application to a disk to make the second time around easier!!**