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Educational Leadership Candidate and WPU Field Advisor/Supervisor

Now that the school year is well underway and the Cohort XI leadership candidates have established a working relationship with their new school based mentors, it's time for the WPU program advisors/supervisors to begin their work with the candidates. According to the Wallace Foundation (2008) a high quality field experience is considered an essential component for any successful educational leadership program. In order to ensure the William Paterson University Educational Leadership Program reflects this commitment to excellence, the following expectations are being shared with candidates so they know what is expected with respect to their WPU field experiences.

- Field advisors are expected to complete site visits a minimum of two times per semester.
- Each field visit should include:
 1. Review of the candidate's field log using MS Access. Field advisors are expected to review candidates' field logs to ensure compliance with total number of hours specified by the NJDOE and the balance of those field experience hours across the six ELCC standards.
 2. Review of the candidate's "tracking sheet" to ensure the required experiences are being planned and completed throughout the two year field experience
 3. Feedback and discussion of journal entries submitted five times periodically throughout each semester. Advisors should review and respond by e-mail, phone, and/or in-person.
 4. Feedback and discussion of the proposed and/or implemented action research project. Field advisors serve as the research project consultant throughout the implementation of the action research proposal as well as a mentor for the formal write up of the CARP for M.Ed. candidates.
 5. Feedback and discussion of the Personal Leadership Plan (PLP) as it is updated each term. Field advisors are responsible for collecting and submitting to the program director, the candidates' disposition surveys that are part of the personal leadership plans (PLP) maintained by candidates and reviewed by advisors.
 6. A brief meeting with the candidate's mentor at least once per semester to ensure cooperation and serve as a liaison between the school and the university etc.

The role of the field advisor/supervisor is critically important to a successful field experience. It is hoped these guidelines will provide a framework for the field experience to become a cornerstone of our leadership training program.

Please be reminded that all forms, expectations etc. are included on the William Paterson Blackboard web link for your convenience. This information is available at <https://bb.wpunj.edu/webapps/login/>. Each candidate and advisor/supervisor has been given access rights to enter this web site. Please let me know if you experience problems or have any questions.