



**Statement on Spring 2014 Internship II/Student Teaching
 in Light of Extreme Weather Conditions**

Many of the schools/school systems in which WCU licensure candidates are completing Internship II/Student Teaching have already missed several instructional days due to the extreme weather. It is likely that more days will be missed. In most cases, there will be adequate time for candidates to complete all requirements for graduation and licensure within the semester. It is not WCU's intention to prevent anyone from graduating or being licensed due to weather conditions over which we have no control.

To that end, we ask that each licensure candidate work with the cooperating teacher, university supervisor and, as appropriate, with the academic supervisor to create a plan for making up instructional days in order to fulfill NCDPI and WCU requirements for program completion. NCDPI requires a minimum of 50 days of student teaching; WCU requires a minimum of 50 days carrying or sharing the full teaching load. edTPA/Electronic Evidences and the Certification of Teaching Capacity must also be completed.

It is expected that candidates will attend and participate in instruction on Saturdays and holidays designated as makeup days by the school/school system. On optional teacher workdays (e.g., when there is no school for students), the intern should follow the lead of the cooperating teacher. If the cooperating teacher is going to school, the intern should attend *if it is safe to travel*. If the cooperating teacher does not plan to attend, the intern should *make a decision based on current conditions*.

The WCU Internship II/Student Teaching semester normally goes through the final day of classes (May 2, 2014), though the last several days are often used for observation rather than for instruction. If necessary, instruction may continue through May 2 or even into the first days of exam week in order that candidates complete all requirements.

Special circumstances, including conflicts with designated makeup days, must be communicated in a timely manner to the Director of the Office of Field Experiences at ofe@wcu.edu and will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. In those cases, please complete the chart below and attach it to a plan for completing the semester.

NAME:		SCHOOL:			SCHOOL SYSTEM:		
First Day Attended	First Day of Full Load (Carried or Shared)	Late Start Dates	Early Dismissal Dates	Snow Days Attended	Snow Days Not Attended	Make-up Saturdays Attended	Make-up Saturdays Not Attended
Intern:							
Cooperating Teacher:							
University Supervisor:							

