

ASSESSMENT WEBSITE INFORMATION

College: Humanities and Social Sciences
Chair/Director: Jerry Ball

Degree Program: English BSE

DATA SAY:

The overwhelming majority of students admitted to the program finishes it and finds employment in the school system. Many of those go on to some form of graduate study. The program minimum GPA is 3.0 in content-area courses, and all our candidates meet this requirement prior to their internship. Our candidates surpass the 80% Praxis II pass-rate required by NCTE.

SO WHAT:

NCATE and it's assessment unit in NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) found that the program needed the following: (1) In the assessment of the Three-week Unit assignment, the assessment rubric needed stronger alignment with NCTE standards; (2) the curriculum needed a stronger component of non-Western literature; (3) the supervision of the interns needed more comprehensive collaboration between the clinical supervisor (the classroom teacher) and the university supervisor; and (4) the curriculum needed a stronger component of oral communication.

HOW WE CHANGED:

Effective in 2010, our English BSE Program requires a non-Western literature course to be taken by all candidates. Our Check Sheet (program of study) advises that candidates should fulfill this requirement early by taking "Introduction to World Literature" as a General Education course but also that the requirement can be satisfied later with a major elective.

Prior to Fall 2009, the clinical supervisor (cooperating teacher) collaborated only on the Summative Evaluation (final grade) of the intern. This role has been expanded to include collaboration on other assignments required of the intern: (1) Teacher Research Project and the Comprehensive Portfolio. (2) Reviews of data and programmatic changes are duties shared by the four members of English BSE Committee. In addition, the beginning Summer 2010 the English BSE Committee will include a practitioner (a licensed secondary English teacher) among its members. This will help ground our programmatic changes with real-school experience.

For Fall 2010, The English BSE Committee will revise the Three-week Unit rubric to include appropriate NCTE standards alignments.

WHAT WE GOT:

Data are being collected

