

CHILD CARE LAB TEACHER INFORMATION:

In the Child Development course, it is suggested that the teacher provide a lab experience for the students. The length of the lab will depend on the facilities available and the length of the Child Development course. If Child Care I is a course offered within the department, careful coordination and articulation will need to take place in the lab experience. Even a short lab experience can strengthen the guidance and parenting skills covered in Child Development and can often encourage students to enroll in the Child Care I course. If Child Care I is not offered at your school, it is vital that the students have a lab experience within this course.

Students are typically divided into teaching groups. A group can consist of 3-6 students, and the class may have 4-6 groups, depending on class size. A rotation schedule is then followed so that each group will have the opportunity to teach in the lab. The other days of rotation are then used for preparation, planning, observation, evaluation, and independent activities.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5
1	Teach	Observe	Plan and Evaluate	Activities	Activities
2	Activities	Teach	Activities	Plan and Evaluate	Observe
3	Activities	Activities	Teach	Plan and Evaluate	Observe
4	Observe	Activities	Activities	Teach	Plan and Evaluate
5	Activities	Activities	Observe	Plan and Evaluate*	Teach

* Evaluation for this group must be done outside of class or on the next rotation.

This rotation may then be repeated once or twice more, depending on the available class days and the number of groups.