

The lab teaching experience prepares ATCP Candidates for the realities of the classroom. Lesson plans, activities, resource and time management can be learned and practiced without students, but the art of teaching lies in the spontaneity of students.

#### Lab Teach Experience:

1. Candidates prepare a lesson plan based on a TEKS or topic from the assigned school curriculum.
2. The lesson plan includes a Closure and brief Assessment. The Assessment may be a quiz, worksheet or other product. An activity used for Independent Practice may be used as an Assessment.
3. The Candidate prepares for the class, including gathering or coordinating for all materials and classroom resources. Candidates may use any available resource from HT ATCP or from the school.
4. On the day of the lab teach, the Candidate arrives at the school and classroom in enough time to be prepared to teach. This may include being introduced and meeting the class, setting up materials and resources, gaining access to the network, and so forth.
5. The Candidate teaches their lesson from beginning to end without interference from the classroom teacher or ATCP observer. Classroom management and lesson delivery are their responsibility.
6. If a student needs to be disciplined, the actual classroom teacher will provide it.
7. Following the lab teach, the observer will deliver an onsite critique.

#### Responsibilities:

##### **ATCP Director:**

1. Coordinate days and times with host school.
2. Assure all candidates have completed DPS background checks and local district policy checks.
3. Facilitate assignment of the TEKS/topic from the school to the candidate.
4. Assign an ATCP staff observer.
5. Review lesson plans *prior* to the lab teach.

##### **ATCP Candidate:**

1. Provide a day and times available for the lab teach. The ATCP Director will consider work schedules.
2. Provide a preference for subject or topic, although not all requests can be accommodated.
3. Prepare lesson plan (M. Hunter, 5-E or district/school adopted format) and present for review to the ATCP Director.
4. Organize, collect, create, or arrange for all classroom resources and materials.
5. Teach their lesson at the appointed day and time.
6. Participate in the onsite critique with the ATCP staff observer. Students from the classroom may be asked to also participate.

##### **School & Classroom Teacher:**

1. Provide access to the campus and class.
2. Provide TEKS or curriculum topics in advance of the lab teach.
3. Remain in the classroom for school liability purposes only.