



FIELD EXPERIENCES OFFICE

Please note: The information in this letter applies to students in the **Education** track only.

Welcome to Martin Luther College!

The staff of the Field Experiences Office is looking forward to meeting you, getting to know you, and working with you. The purpose of this letter is to acquaint you with two of the experience courses in which you will be involved during your first year at MLC.

EDU3405 Individual Field Experience (IFE) Hours

Individual Field Experience Hours are service learning opportunities found outside your other courses. The hours should be related to the work of the teaching ministry. To complete the course, you are required to record a minimum of 70 hours of experiences. The activities should include work in three categories: A. Congregational Service, B. Teaching and Instructional Activities, and C. Youth Service (ages 0-18). For a complete description of IFE categories and requirements, visit mlc-wels.edu/field-experiences/ife/.

The 70 hours of experiences are to be completed by the time you apply for student teaching, which usually occurs in the spring semester of your third year. All experiences must have been gained after you graduated from high school. As a result, activities you are doing this summer are acceptable and may be reported for IFE hours. If you would like to submit IFE hours already this summer, use the “Click Here” icon on the IFE webpage. Note: You will need your Portal login information to access the submission form.

EDU1401 Early Field Experience I (EFE I) January 15 – January 19, 2024 (J-Term)

All first-year students in the Education track and Staff Ministry track will participate in EFE I from Monday, January 15 through Friday, January 19, 2024. The activities of EFE I are designed to introduce you to a variety of aspects of the teaching ministry. The activities listed below are a sampling of what you will do during the five days of EFE I.

1. Hear an inspirational speaker present an overview of the teaching ministry.
2. Participate in small group sessions with teachers who describe the various roles of the Christian teacher.
3. Discuss selected educational articles and videos.
4. Participate in teaching brief lessons to your peers.
5. Participate in sessions on communication and interpersonal skills.
6. Develop learning activities for children.
7. Guide children from an area Lutheran elementary school in a learning activity.
8. Enjoy a variety of practical, educational activities.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions about information in this letter or field experiences in general, please send an email to fieldexperiences@mlc-wels.edu or call the Field Experiences Office at 507-354-8221 ext. 282.

Education and Staff Ministry students enrolled in EFE I should plan to arrive on campus on Sunday, January 14, 2024. EFE I will begin promptly on Monday morning. Regular semester 2 classes begin after EFE I at the conclusion of J-Term on Monday, January 22, 2024.

God's blessings on your summer. We'll see you in August!