Master Supervising Teacher Program
(MaST Program)
Lamar University

Under traditional methods of supervision, teacher interns are assigned to a cooperating teacher and a university supervisor. The cooperating teacher is present almost constantly and the supervisor makes from four to six observations in a full semester placement. Under this system, there is a tendency for cooperating teachers to defer to the college supervisor, even though the cooperating teacher sees the teacher interns more frequently.

Master Supervising Teachers (MaSTs) are elementary, middle school, and secondary school teachers selected to participate in an innovative intern (student teacher) supervisory program. MaSTs are unique because they combine the roles of college supervisor and cooperating teacher and work in teams, when possible, to cooperatively supervise interns. MaSTs cannot defer to the college supervisor since there is none. They must fulfill both roles. Professors do not observe teacher interns, rather they work with MaSTs to support their efforts with teacher interns. Lamar University contracts with MaST teachers as a onetime contract pay. A copy of your social security card is required each semester that you host a student teacher. This will allow our office to request payment of $500 per full semester intern placement and are entitled to a variety of university benefits.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Because MaSTs combine the roles of cooperating teacher and college supervisor, they take full responsibility for supervising teacher interns, completing all paperwork and recommending a final grade for the teacher interns. The MaST director is available to consult with and assist MaSTs when requested.

- To prepare for the total responsibility of supervision, training will be provided each semester for participating teachers. Teachers must attend the training, one time only, in order to participate in the MaST program. This training has been approved as professional development hours through Region V. Special arrangements can be made if scheduling makes attendance impossible. The MaST program and the grading process are covered in detail during the training sessions.

- The goal of the MaST Program is to place two to six interns on one campus so that those interns and teachers form a team. This team will meet as often as desired for support, reflection, sharing and discussion of problems, new ideas, programs, materials, etc.

- MaSTs can observe lessons of other interns who are members of the team. This will provide the support and feedback which may be helpful when assigning the intern’s grade.
MASTER SUPERVISING TEACHER (MaST)

Criteria and Selection Process

A Master Supervising Teacher should have the following requirements:

- Minimum of 3 years teaching experience preferably in their content field and/or certification level
- Recognition as an exemplary teacher
- High standards for herself/himself, students, and interns
- Leadership qualities
- Active in professional activities
- Ability to work with a minimum of supervision
- Good team member
- Ability to provide constructive critiques
- Willingness to work collaboratively with Lamar University faculty
- Willingness to commit time and effort to MaST
- Ability to integrate technology
- Recommendation from Lamar faculty member (oral or in writing)
- Willingness to attend professional development/mentor training

Selection Process

- Each semester a “MaST Selection Committee” will meet to determine appropriate placement for students for the following semester. Students are required to complete observations and some field assignments with their MaST teacher. Students and their MaST teachers will be notified in writing the first part of November for spring placements and the first part of March for fall placements. Students will observe and complete assignments during the semester prior to student teaching.
- The “MaST Selection Committee” will look closely at all MaST teachers and at each of the students and their needs. The committee will attempt to place the students in the best possible assignment.
- New participants will be selected at the beginning of each semester. The number of MaSTs chosen will be based on the number of students who need to be placed in a student teaching assignment. There is a wide variation from semester to semester in the numbers and in the particular levels and/or content areas. We allow students to request a district and do our best to honor the district placement if at all possible.
- The committee will work hard to rotate placements so that as many schools as possible may participate.
- The MaST Director will continue to communicate with area districts and involve as many MaST teachers as possible.
- MaST teachers will be required to have the above qualifications and must be willing to participate in the training process in order to be selected. If you have not attended a training session, we will not select you as a MaST teacher.
Application Information

The following information should be submitted with the MaST Application form as the cover page for the application:

1. Concise vita or resume (Listed below are suggestions of data you may wish to include):
   - name/current job placement
   - educational background/degrees held
   - honors, awards, recognitions
   - number of years taught
   - certifications held
   - documentation of technology integration
   - professional development activities, workshops, conferences
   - documentation of involvement in professional organizations
   - evidence of leadership roles

2. Letters of recommendation from
   a. your principal
   b. two peers and any other optional letters.


Applications can be sent at any time during the year. New schools and teams are encouraged. For additional information, please contact Gayle L. Fairley at 409-880-8033 or by email at fairleygl@my.lamar. Please mail completed application packet to:

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MaST Application

**Please fax this page to 880-2132 A.S.A.P. We will notify you by email that we have received your application and will expect the remainder of your information to follow. If you do not have an email we will notify you by mail.**

Name:___________________________________________________________SSN:__________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________________
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Phone:_____________________________________Email:_______________________________________________

School:___________________________________________________District:________________________________

School Phone:__________________________________________Fax:______________________________________

Grade:____________________________________________Subject:_______________________________________

Are you departmentalized?_________________________Yes______________________________No

Are you self-contained and teaching all subjects?____________________Yes__________________No

How many years have you taught?___________________________________________________________________

Have you previously supervised a student teacher?___________________Yes__________________No

If yes when and where?____________________________________________________________________________

Thank you for your interest in the Master Supervising Teacher Program.