

**Placement Contract
for Educ 200: Analyzing Schools, Trinity College**

Trinity students work as **participant-observers** with classroom teachers for 8 three-hour sessions (or the equivalent) during a semester. Participant-observation means more than passively watching. Instead, we define this role as:

- learning alongside a student in a classroom
- tutoring students or working with groups in the classroom
- preparing materials for a class project or accompanying a field trip
- if invited by the teacher, planning and teaching a brief lesson
- guided observation (if requested by a Montessori teacher)

At the end of the semester, the classroom teacher will evaluate each Trinity student on their active and meaningful engagement in the life of the classroom, and responsibility for scheduling time, for 10 points of the student's final grade.

Important Dates for Trinity students scheduling school placements, Fall 2018

Wed Sep 12	CREC (Montessori) early release – professional day
Wed Oct 3	HPS early release
Mon Oct 8	CREC (Montessori) closed – Indigenous Peoples' Day
Mo-Tu Oct 8-9	Trinity Days (but you may continue observations)
Wed Oct 17	CREC (Montessori) early release – professional day
Tue Nov 6	HPS & CREC (Montessori) closed – professional day & election day
Wed Nov 12	HPS & CREC (Montessori) closed – Veterans Day
Wed Nov 21	HPS & CREC (Montessori) early release – Thanksgiving
Th-Fr Nov 22-23	HPS & CREC (Montessori) closed – Thanksgiving
Wed Dec 5	HPS & CREC (Montessori) early release – professional day/conferences
Th-Fr Dec 6-7	CREC (Montessori) early release – parent-teacher conferences

Your school may have additional early release days – check with your classroom teacher. For weather-related closures, check: <https://www.hartfordschools.org/> (Hartford Public Schools closure decision applies to both HPS and CREC/Montessori)

I commit to doing participant-observation during the following dates/times. If any changes are necessary, I will arrange them in advance with my classroom teacher.

Student Signature

Teacher Signature

Student phone/email

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Student: prepare and sign 2 forms: teacher keeps 1st, student keeps 2nd, and uploads a copy for the Educ 200 instructor