Effective fall 2007, students pursuing a teaching certification at Bloomsburg University must have documented experience working with diverse students as indicated above. Field experience must be a minimum of 30 hours, and must include exposure to all five diversity requirements. These requirements must be met prior to your student teaching placement. Failure to meet the diversity categories will mean that Bloomsburg University will not be able to recommend you for certification in teacher education.

While it is the student’s responsibility to find placements for this field experience, the Teacher Education Unit will provide demographic data on schools in the area, as well as outside the area, to assist students. Visit the Teacher Education Admission website at http://www.departments.bloomu.edu/cps/TeacherEd_Admission.html for more information. Please do not approach any schools in the Columbia/Montour areas, as they are being used primarily for student teaching placements. Questions should be addressed directly to your advisor and/or department chair.

Student Reflection/Attach Sheets

1. In each of the five defined diversities (ESL, Exceptionalities, Gender, Race/Ethnicity and SES), choose examples from your field experiences (practicum, student teaching, internship, observations, etc.) of strategies that will enhance your skills as a teacher.

2. How have your experiences working with diverse learners impacted you?