**Unit Planning**

Student Teachers are required to write unit plans in the APT.  Usually, a unit plan is created several weeks in advance of teaching the unit to allow time to consider important ideas about how students will learn important concepts.  In the APT, Student Teachers will have a shorter time frame available to work with the Mentor Teacher to be involved with unit planning.

Important ideas to consider when unit planning are:

* How much time is available to teach the unit?
* What Curriculum Outcomes are being addressed?
* Is the content of the unit well understood beforehand?
* Can the needs of  the diverse students in the classroom be accomodated?
* What teaching resources are available?
* What instructional strategies should be used?
* How will  the students' understandings be assessed?

Another critical idea to consider prior to creating a unit plan concerns the conceptual goals for the unit.  Before selecting activities and instructional strategies, it is important to answer questions such as:

* What are the concepts that should underpin activities?
* How can concepts be linked together?
* How is this unit connected to previous student learning and to material yet to be introduced?

The links below provide access to sample unit plan templates.  The Faculty of Education, University of Alberta does **not** endorse one unit plan **nor** do we claim authorship.

* [Sample Unit Plan A](http://www.fieldexperiences.ualberta.ca/en/MentorTeachersSchoolCoordinators/Resources/%7E/media/fieldexperiences/sample_unit_plan_a.pdf" \t "_blank)
* [Sample Unit Plan B](http://www.fieldexperiences.ualberta.ca/en/MentorTeachersSchoolCoordinators/Resources/%7E/media/fieldexperiences/sample_unit_plan_b.pdf)
* [Sample Unit Plan C (Thematic)](http://www.fieldexperiences.ualberta.ca/en/MentorTeachersSchoolCoordinators/Resources/%7E/media/fieldexperiences/sample_unit_plan_c_thematic.pdf" \t "_blank)

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