

Cultural Institutions in Teacher Education (CITE) Partnership The Field Museum

PARTNERSHIP OVERVIEW: Through its partnership with Loyola University Chicago (LUC), The Field Museum (TFM) will begin to reach a new segment of teachers before they reach the classroom. Together with LUC, TFM will contribute to the important work of

preparing teacher candidates to meet the challenges of teaching in a 21st century classroom with the skills and confidence necessary for success.

The Field Museum

TEACHER CANDIDATE ENGAGEMENT

During Phase 1: Exploration, teacher candidates will:

- Engage in free-choice exploration while observing teaching and learning in action at the museum.
- Participate in a focused learning experience to compare focused and free-choice learning.
- Explore the *Crown Family PlayLab* and reflect on the developmental theories that informed its design.
- Apply developmental theories discussed in class across diverse learning environments.

During Phase 2: Concentration, teacher candidates will:

- Explore and become familiar with the resources in the *N. W. Harris Learning Collection*.
- Learn about and practice object-based learning strategies that can be implemented across multiple content areas.
- Explore inquiry methods in science and social studies.

INTENDED OUTCOMES

During the academic year, teacher candidates will:

- Gain a deeper understanding of teaching and learning broadly, and of their own learning style, specifically within the context of The Field Museum and how it relates to learning in formal settings.
- Expand their repertoire of instructional practices to include object-based and inquiry-based learning strategies.
- Understand the range of learning resources available at The Field Museum and become empowered to utilize them in the classroom.

BROADER IMPACTS

As a result of the partnership, The Field Museum will:

- Provide the foundation for further engagement with future educators.
- Better prepare future educators to successfully utilize the various resources at The Field Museum.
- Deepen connections with Loyola University and the schools in which teacher candidates are embedded.