Summary of Early Field Experience I Activities

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**Required Field Experiences**

**Field Experience 1:** Interview the agricultural educator.

**Field Experience 2:** Interview a special education resource person.

**Field Experience 3:** Interview the principal or another administrator in the high school.

**Field Experience 4:** Observe one career and technical education class (industrial arts, family and consumer sciences, business, etc.) in the same school and interview the teacher.

**Field Experience 5:** Observe the ag teacher in the process of teaching two lessons. (One lesson should be direct instruction, while the other lesson should be lab-based or student-centered instruction).

**Field Experience 6:** Reflect on the ag teacher as an instructional leader after observing at least two consecutive courses.

**Field Experience 7:** Observe student engagement.

**Field Experience 8:** Teach one unit of classroom content (2-5 days).

**Field Experience 9:** Visit an alternative education school (any age level, any location). Interview a teacher in the school.

**Field Experience 10:** Obtain a copy of the ag teacher’s classroom rules/expectations. Create your own rules/expectations.

**Field Experience 11:** Planning for summer activities.

**Field Experience 12:** Help judge a CDE and proficiency award competition (any level for both). Write separate responses for each activity.

**Field Experience 13:** Explore FFA activities and opportunities.

**Field Experience 14:** Explore Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) programs.

**Field Experience 15:** Develop your educational philosophy statement as a future agricultural educator.

**Suggested Field Experiences (must complete 2)**

**Suggested Field Experience 1:** Attend a section IAVAT meeting.

**Suggested Field Experience 2:** Attend an FFA banquet (at student teaching location or another site).

**Suggested Field Experience 3:** Attend an in-service (teacher professional development) program with your cooperating teacher.

**Suggested Field Experience 4:** Describe the layout for the agriculture mechanics lab or greenhouse.

**Suggested Field Experience 5:** Attend an advisory council or FFA Alumni meeting.