



**Liberty University**  
**School of Education**  
**Partnership Satisfaction Survey 2020-2021**

**Description of the Instrument**

The mission of the School of Education's Partnership Program is to provide a forum for collaboration between the School of Education (SOE) and its education partners to ensure a mutually beneficial relationship for all involved in the Educator Preparation Program (EPP).

**SOE Partnership Model**

The SOE collaborates with P-12 school partners to design field experiences that reflect diverse settings to ensure that candidates demonstrate their developing effectiveness and positive impact on all students' learning and development. Field experiences, including technology-enhanced learning opportunities, are structured to have multiple performance-based assessments at key points within the program to demonstrate candidates' development of the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions, that are associated with a positive impact on the learning and development of all P-12 students.

**SURVEY:** Please select your level of agreement with the following statements. Answer the questions from your perspective as a partner school.

**Overall Question** *(Note: These headings are not used in the online version of the survey.)*

1. I am satisfied with the partnership with the School of Education.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Partnerships (2.1/A.2.1)**

2. There is a sense of shared responsibility for the success of the candidates.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. The partnership is mutually beneficial.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. The School of Education is accessible and responsive to partner questions or concerns.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Clinical Educators (2.2)**

5. The selection criteria for choosing the host teacher/educator is clearly defined.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Host teachers/educators and university supervisors are highly qualified.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Appropriate technology tools enhance the collaboration between the partner and the university.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

### **Clinical Experiences (2.3/A.2.2)**

8. Partner schools have the opportunity to provide input on the design of clinical experiences.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Early field experience, student teaching and/or internships provide candidates with the experiences they need to become an effective educator.

Strongly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Strongly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>
Slightly Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/>	Slightly Agree	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Is there any additional feedback you would like to provide regarding your school's partnership with the School of Education?

### **Development of the Instrument**

The Annual Partner Satisfaction Survey gathers perceptions from clinical partners regarding their satisfaction with the partnership between the school and the School of Education. The survey was developed by the Accreditation Team. Additionally, the survey was reviewed by the CAEP Standard Committee #2 and members of the Field Office for additional feedback.

The Annual Partner Satisfaction Survey was created to align with CAEP Standard 2. Survey statements were benchmarked with statements used by other institutions on partnership satisfaction surveys. One useful resource was found at Eastern Arizona College:

[https://www.eac.edu/surveys/partnership\\_survey.shtm](https://www.eac.edu/surveys/partnership_survey.shtm)

The Partner Satisfaction Survey has 10 questions. The first question is a general statement about the overall level of satisfaction with the partnership. Questions #2-4 align with CAEP 2.1/A.2.1. Questions #5-7 address clinical educators and align with CAEP 2.2. Questions #8-9 address clinical experiences and align with CAEP 2.3/A.2.2. Question #10 is an open-ended question which gives partners the opportunity to provide additional feedback. The survey uses a 6-point Likert scale with the following options: strongly disagree, disagree, slightly disagree, slightly agree, agree, and strongly agree.

### **Intended Audience**

The Annual Partner Satisfaction Survey was designed to be administered yearly to partner schools. Partner schools host practicum students, student teachers, or advanced licensure interns.

### **Validation Process**

In order to validate the survey, feedback was sought from P-12 partners regarding the content of the survey. An invitation letter was sent to a group of P-12 partners inviting them to participate in the validation process by completing two Google Forms. The first Google Form was a pilot of the Partnership Survey. After completing the survey from their perspective as a school partner, the participants were asked to complete the second Google Form. This form guided the participants in a detailed review using the criteria for surveys from the CAEP Evaluation Framework for EPP-created assessments (Sections 1, 2, 6, 7).

A total of seven P-12 partners participated in the instrument review. The participants held a variety of roles such as: LU Faculty Member (n=2), Subject Matter Expert (n=1), Present P-12 Practitioner (n=2),

Past P-12 Practitioner (n=4), Present P-12 Administrator (n=4), LU Alumni (n=3), and Current P-12 Parent (n=3).

The results from the Google Form were reviewed by the Accreditation Team. As a majority of partners agreed that the survey met CAEP's criteria for surveys, no additional revisions were made to the survey.

### Pilot Testing

The survey was pilot-tested in April 2020 with a group of seven P-12 partners. Partners felt the survey was short and easy to complete. Partners also appreciated that there is space for individual feedback on the form.

### Survey Launch

The survey was fully launched in May 2020 as an annual survey to be administered each spring. To respond to CAEP R2.1 in which "Partners co-construct *mutually beneficial* P-12 school and community arrangements for clinical preparation," the **Annual Partner Satisfaction Survey** was constructed to gauge the perceptions of the EPP partners that the collaborations were indeed perceived to be *beneficial*.

The survey was originated by the members of the EPP Standard 2 committee and refined by the members of the EPP Accreditation Team. The survey was reviewed and piloted by seven P-12 EPP Partners in early Spring 2020.

After the initial pilot, the survey was sent to all members of the CAC (Community Advisory Council) and the GAC (Global Advisory Council) in late Spring 2020.

### Spring 2021 Survey Data

Questions	CAEP Revised Standard R2.1	2020-2021	
Points possible: 1-6    Benchmark score: 5.0		N=28 of 77 36% response rate	
1.	I am satisfied with the partnership with the School of Education.	5.5	
	a. Strongly agree	17	60.7%
	b. Agree	10	35.7%
	c. Slightly agree	0	0
	d. Slightly disagree	0	0
	e. Disagree	1	3.6%
	f. Strongly disagree	0	0
2.	There is a sense of shared responsibility for the success of the candidates.	5.5	
	a. Strongly agree	18	64.3%
	b. Agree	8	28.6%
	c. Slightly agree	1	3.6%
	d. Slightly disagree	0	0
	e. Disagree	1	3.6%

f. Strongly disagree	0	0
3. The partnership is mutually beneficial.	<b>5.7</b>	
a. Strongly agree	18	64.3%
b. Agree	8	28.6%
c. Slightly agree	0	0
d. Slightly disagree	0	0
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
4. The School of Education is accessible and responsive to partner questions or concerns.	<b>5.5</b>	
a. Strongly agree	19	67.9%
b. Agree	7	25%
c. Slightly agree	1	3.6%
d. Slightly disagree	0	0
e. Disagree	1	3.6%
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
5. The selection criteria for choosing the host teacher/educator is clearly defined.	<b>5.5</b>	
a. Strongly agree	16	57.1%
b. Agree	11	39.3%
c. Slightly agree	1	3.6%
d. Slightly disagree	0	0
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
Not applicable	0	0
6. Host teachers/educators and university supervisors are highly qualified.	<b>5.5</b>	
a. Strongly agree	17	60.7%
b. Agree	10	35.7%
c. Slightly agree	0	
d. Slightly disagree	1	3.6%
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
7. Appropriate technology tools enhance the collaboration between the partner and the university.	<b>5.8</b>	
a. Strongly agree	13	46.4%
b. Agree	13	46.4%
c. Slightly agree	1	3.6%
d. Slightly disagree	1	3.6%
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
Not applicable	0	0
8. Partner schools have the opportunity to provide input on the design of clinical experiences.	<b>4.9</b>	
a. Strongly agree	9	32.1%
b. Agree	11	39.3%

c. Slightly agree	5	17.9%
d. Slightly disagree	3	10.7%
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
Not applicable	0	0
9. Early field experience, student teaching and/or internships provide candidates with the experiences they need to become an effective educator.	5.6	
a. Strongly agree	18	64.3%
b. Agree	10	35.7%
c. Slightly agree	0	0
d. Slightly disagree	0	0
e. Disagree	0	0
f. Strongly disagree	0	0
10. Is there any additional feedback you would like to provide regarding your school's partnership with the School of Education?	See below	

#### 2020-2021 responses

- The School of Education is very responsive to anything we need from helping to find teachers to problem solve with issues arise.
- I have hoped that those coming out of the education department would be coming in with strong technology skills and innovative ideas, but it is not what I have observed. They are good students, but are not bringing the innovation that I thought students might practically bring to their experience at the end of their programs.
- Very inclusive to engaging the community.
- Based on my school's location, I often receive interns and student teachers from the Lynchburg and Roanoke regions. Consistently, L.U. students are the best overall. Not just in job performance, but also in professionalism, work ethic, and attitude.
- Although we only place a few of your students, we find them well-prepared.
- Candidates report lack of response from Liberty faculty. Also complain about having to use a general email address as opposed to an address to a specific person. The communication process seems highly generic and can be extremely frustrating.
- Need for more Special Education Student Teachers; this semester schools have needs for even more elementary/secondary student teachers
- Happy for the opportunity so support pre-teachers!
- None.
- We have always enjoyed our partnership with LU. It has proven to be beneficial to both.
- Appreciate you guys!!
- Our collaborative partnership has been positive and mutually beneficial.
- I have enjoyed working with the School of Education at Liberty University. The Field Experience Office has always been helpful. The Liberty professors have been supportive, and I almost all of the collaborating teachers in the schools have been excellent mentors for our students. The students themselves have been motivated and eager to learn.
- We would love to participate in virtual recruitment events with the School of Education.
- Thank you for sending us exceptional candidates!