

Appendix E: Resources for Field Experience Course Instructors

As part of our course reform efforts, the project team created a resource folder for new course instructors. The folder is an exhaustive teaching and curriculum resource that includes a course overview, a list of web resources, 25 methods activities (each of which is explicitly linked to the national standards and course goals), and a variety of other support documents.

The resource folder can be downloaded from the PTEC digital library at:

<http://www.compadre.org/ptec>

The specific Digital Library address for the resource folder is the following:

<http://www.compadre.org/ptec/items/detail.cfm?ID=5280>

It can also be downloaded from this location:

http://pages.towson.edu/csandife/phystec/Elem_Internship_Resources.zip

This zipped set of files contains a host of resources for elementary (K-8) methods instructors and field experience supervisors. The resources include flexible activities and assignments for pre-service elementary education students. These were compiled, developed, and tested at Towson University as part of our PhysTEC project, which was focused on (and succeeded in) increasing the science inquiry understanding and practice of our students. The activities could be used in designing a new methods or field experience course, or used to supplement an existing course. Ideally, these resources would be used in a course or course combination that includes science inquiry learning (by the preservice teachers), methods instruction, and a science-focused field experience.