Student Teaching Experience Testimonials

“The faculty and staff at New Market Elementary School are always eager to have a student teacher from Carson-Newman College. We have found them to be very knowledgeable of the current trends in education, as well as of the foundations necessary for teaching. We sincerely appreciate their professionalism and conscientiousness, and especially their caring attitude toward our students. Please send us more!”

Mrs. Vickie Forgety, Principal
New Market Elementary School
New Market, TN

“CNC has always sent very capable student teachers to work with me. The students are self motivated and very organized. I'm glad to be able to work with them!”

Lee Ann Parker, Music K-5 Teacher
Spring Hill Elementary
Spring Hill, TN

“I have enjoyed sharing time with 2 different Carson-Newman student teachers. I enjoy--and appreciate--the enthusiasm that these new teachers share as they work with the students in my classroom. The excitement and new ideas that the interns bring to my children helps me to remember why I became a teacher. I also enjoy learning new ways and ideas to teach the skills to my students.”

Jeri Whisler, Kindergarten Teacher
Primary School
Seymour, TN

“It is always refreshing to host a student teacher from Carson-Newman. They bring with them new ideas, an eagerness to learn, and a deep rooted desire to strive for excellence. Their ability to implement best practices, to bond with the students, and to leave an impression on the program makes being a mentor teacher worthwhile. Each time I mentor a student teacher from CN, it is a learning experience for both of us!”

Randy Greene, Coral Director
Morristown Hamblen High School East
Morristown, TN

“I always look forward to a Carson-Newman student teacher. Not only are they creative and enthusiastic, but they come ready to teach! The best teaching knowledge comes from experience and Carson-Newman interns are thirsty for it! The program for student teachers is easy to follow and flexible for the veteran/student teacher team. Keep'em coming!!!!”
Julie Humphress, 6th Grade Teacher
West Valley Middle School

“I have been teaching for 6 years at West High School and I am a Wellness teacher. I graduated from Carson-Newman myself so I have great admiration for the education department. I know as a Wellness teacher, I really appreciated my physical education professors. They did a great job preparing me. I have had several student teachers and I enjoy them more and more as the years go on. I feel like I can stay at the top of my profession through learning anything new I need to from my student teachers. I also enjoy sharing my learning experiences with them. I hope this helps in some way.”

Heather Sents, Wellness Teacher
West High School
Morristown, TN

“I have had the privilege of having several student teachers from Carson-Newman during my tenure here at Morristown-Hamblen West High. The last two were exceptional. They were very well prepared and knowledgeable in their subject area (English). I felt very comfortable turning over "my students" to them with no hesitation.

They both exhibited a love for students and a strong background in sound teaching strategies. Obviously, Carson-Newman's teacher education program takes its job seriously in preparing young and inexperienced teachers for the classrooms of public education. I myself am a product of this excellent plan and owe much of what I consider my success as a teacher to my mentors and professors at Carson-Newman.”

J. Earl Stroup, English Teacher
Morristown-Hamblen High School West
Morristown, TN

“I really benefited from the student teaching experience. I probably gained the most knowledge from the student teaching experience. Naturally, you learn a lot in class, but when you're able to apply this information is when the real learning takes place. I loved my placement. The hardest thing was giving the class back! It has been three years since I completed student teaching, but I still talk with my cooperating teachers. They offered so much help and gave me so much material! It was a great start for me!”

Meka Gates, Alumni, Class of 2003
Special Education Teacher (4-8 Resource)
Centerview Elementary School
Newport, TN

“As I entered Student Teaching, I felt prepared for the tasks that I would face throughout the semester. I adapted well to the classroom environment, the students, and my cooperating teacher. I had a wonderful student teaching experience, and learned so many
great ideas that I plan to incorporate into my classroom when I begin teaching. Carson-Newman prepared me well to be an effective teacher. People out in the public schools tell me that they know a Carson-Newman student teacher when they see one. What a great compliment for Carson-Newman Education graduates!”

Amanda (Manis) Headrick,
2005 Student Teacher