

1. Can you please send these slides so we have access to the links? – Emily Lentz
 - a. Yes, they are attached to the email 😊.
2. What would make a student eligible to have an OOS waiver to be approved? Does it need to be a special circumstance of some sort? – Stacey Martin
 - a. You can request a waiver for an Out-of-State/Country Waiver leading to PA certification for the reasons indicated on the form: financial hardship, out-of-state placement near Educator Preparation Program (ex. EPP is located near another state and there is a lack of placements near the EPP), or other extenuating circumstance.
3. There seems to me to be a difference between field experience and the PDE-required 12-week placement, because the former is often broader than the latter. Thus, do we need to report for all field experience, or just that field experience that is completed based on meeting PDE requirements? – Michelle Blohm
 - a. The only thing that needs to be in-state at least 50% is the required PDE 12-week placement for those students in Instructional I programs and those final internships for Educational Specialist I and Supervisory Certificates. All field experiences completed in Stages 1-3 do not need to be 50% in PA.
4. Can you clarify out of state supervision, specifically classroom observation? - Amy Watson
 - a. If a student is placed out-of-state (either 50% or 100% with waiver), a supervisor should be trained in the PDE 430 to observe the student teacher. The supervisor can be hired by the university or volunteer to be the supervisor. Please see Field Directors and Certifying Officers at [Educator Preparation: Professional Education and Teacher Quality | Department of Education | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#).
5. Please clarify what is considered administrative 100% in state placement certificates when supervisory certificates are eligible. – Lorraine (no last name provided)
 - a. All principal and superintendent internships must be completed 100% in PA. Supervisory internships may be completed 50% out-of-state or apply for a waiver.
6. Will there be any updates on the assurance materials that some of us submitted as far back as April 2024? In Bucknell's case, these include assurances for: Assurances for Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education (DR-SE) Competencies Approval, Assurances for Structured Literacy Competency Approval (ESL), Assurances for Structured Literacy Competency Approval (PreK-4), and Assurances for Professional Ethic Competencies Approval? – Abe Feuerstein
 - a. Yes. Katina's team will begin to work on these in May. The plan is to have these approved in the coming months.
7. What are the hours of the summit? Is there a block of rooms at the hotel? – Maria Stetter
 - a. The summit will be held from 8-4:30 p.m. Breakfast will be served from 7-8 a.m. There isn't a block of rooms available as the conference is not overnight and wasn't included in the contract (per the hotel).
8. Where will we find the waivers for students who wish to complete part or all of their student teaching out-of-state? How and when should the waiver be submitted? Will it need to be uploaded or emailed to someone? Should it be submitted the semester before the student teaching is scheduled, or sometime before that? – Marianne Modica
 - a. The waiver can be found under Field Directors and Certifying Officers at [Educator Preparation: Professional Education and Teacher Quality | Department of Education | Commonwealth of Pennsylvania](#). The waiver needs to be

submitted by the EPPs Field Program Office before the placement is requested. You may reach out to the school entity to see if the placement would be accepted, but the placement cannot be approved until the waiver is approved. It will not be to be uploaded or emailed as the EPP Field Program Office is to complete the form.