

Conflict of Interest Education

Conflict of Interest for Preservice Teachers

Preservice Teachers (PSTs) are required to declare any 'conflict of interest' they may have in any school and will not usually be placed in locations where they themselves have a close association with the school.

In a placement situation, a conflict of interest is where a student has a relationship with, or private interest in, an individual or an organisation which may influence, or appear to influence, the proper performance of the student on placement.

The University requires PSTs to declare any conflicts of interest to ensure that they are not placed within an organisation which may negatively impact their professional experience. Some examples of a conflict of interest can include, but are not limited to, where a student:

- a) is or has recently been employed by the school;
- b) is or has recently been a volunteer at the school;
- c) has a family member, close friend/relative employed by OR attending the school;
- d) has been a student in relatively recent times (within the last 6 years)

Please declare all potential conflicts of interest by logging into InPlace, selecting the "My Details" section and providing the name of the organisation and your relationship with them in the *Additional Information: Conflict of Interest* section. If you require further assistance on what constitutes a conflict of interest, please seek advice from the appropriate academic in the Faculty of Education or the Placement Team in Careers UC via placements@canberra.edu.au.