



Watson School of Education  
Professional Development System University-School Partnership

## Extended Partnership Teacher Training for the Internship Semester

# TaskStream

**What is it?** TaskStream is a web site where interns will be posting lesson plans and projects during their intern semester. It is being piloted as a way to improve communication and collaboration between interns and the university. It is also being piloted as a way to collect data from our interns more efficiently.

**Why?** By placing the lesson plans and projects online, university supervisors are able to review and make comments on lessons before and after site visits. This improves communication between the intern and the university supervisor. It also gives the intern and the university supervisor a continuous record of interaction. If the intern chooses to, he/she can allow students or parents to access lessons for resources or to see lessons for days the student was absent.

**How?** All interns will be given training on using TaskStream before they are placed into their schools. At the beginning of their intern semester students will be asked to give their partnership teacher an introduction to the TaskStream web site. Since the web site requires a user name and password, it will not be possible for the partnership teacher to view intern work unless the intern is at the computer with them. Partnership teachers will not be required to purchase a TaskStream account. Partnership teachers will also not be responsible for checking work without the intern present.

**When?** Whenever the partnership teacher would like to see a lesson plan or product, such as the INTASC product or the technology product, the partnership teacher and intern will sit down at a computer and go through the lesson plan or project together. Students can also print out copies of their lesson plans or projects for partnership teachers to review. In addition students have the ability to email their lessons and projects to teachers. Sending the documents through email lets the partnership teacher view the documents only; they are not able to make comments directly to the project.

**Where?** TaskStream can be accessed on any computer that has an internet connection. This may be in the partnership teacher's classroom or in the computer lab/media center of a school.