

Scaffolding in Education

Practicum in Teaching is the capstone class for education majors. We had to have 50 hours inside a classroom, teaching and interacting with students. I was placed at Powell High School in a science classroom. The focus of my experience is the importance of scaffolding students. Scaffolding supports students by providing structured guidance, allowing gradual independence. It also helps bridge knowledge gaps, increases engagement and promotes a deeper understanding of topics. I provided scaffolding through whole class and small group teaching sessions, one on one sessions, advising, and teaching students new ways to approach problems. Students also provided scaffolding as they work with partners and small groups, learning from and with one another.