Are you interested in gaining teaching experience in a high school classroom?

This month-long seminar will focus on the skills needed to teach at independent high schools. Using the University of Chicago’s Lab School as our home base, we will (1) learn how teaching strategies for high school differ from those used in the university setting, (2) participate in a month-long mentorship that includes classroom observation and at least one opportunity to lead a lesson, and (3) discuss the experience with staff from the Chicago Center for Teaching. You will leave this practicum with a better understanding of the high school teaching environment and enhanced classroom management skills for your college teaching spaces.

The practicum begins with a mandatory training session on high school pedagogy led by Noah Rachlin, the Dean of Teaching and Learning at Lab’s High School. During the month of February, you will participate in a classroom mentorship experience. We will match you with a member of the faculty in your academic area of interest, and the two of you will design the mentorship. Afterward, the Chicago Center for Teaching will lead a debrief session to discuss the experience and offer suggestions for the future.

For more information, contact Michele Ferris (mmferris@uchicago.edu). Also consider attending the affiliated event, “High School Teaching Careers Trek to the UChicago Laboratory Schools” on January 14.