Concordia University Appraisal of Classroom Teaching - EC-6 SCIENCE

DIRECTIONS: This instrument is used to evaluate the teacher candidate's performance as he/she teaches a 45-60 minute lesson. Mark the box to rate the student teacher's performance for each item using the following scale.

Needs Improvement (<59): The candidate's performance must improve to be competent on this criterion.

Not Observed: The criterion is not observed during the course of the lesson.

Observation Report (a	II fields required):		Observation	of
*Candidate's Name				
*Observer's Name			Mentor Teacher	University Supervisor
*Campus Name				
*Beginning Date of Inter	nship (xx/xx/xxxx)			
*Date of Observation (xx	x/xx/xxxx)			
*Beginning Time (hour a	nd minutes) (xx:xx)			
*Ending Time (hour and	minutes) (xx:xx)			
Lesson Information				
Fill in the information for th	e lesson observed.			
*Subject area(s):				
*Topic of lesson:				
*Grade level:				
Performance Indicato	r Ratings:			
Above Average (80-89): The c	candidate's performance is exceptionally strong on this one candidate's performance is consistent and competent andidate's performance evidences awareness and applice candidate's performance is weak or inconsistent on the	on this criterion. ation of this criterion.		

*I. Designing Instruction and Assessment to Promote Student Learning

A) Students

Criterion	Performance Rating (Please choose only one per row)					
		Needs	Below		Above	
The beginning teacher is able to:	Not Observed	Improvement	Average	Satisfactory	Average	Exceptional
Plan lessons that reflect an understanding of students' developmental characteristics and needs						
Adapt lessons to address students' varied backgrounds, skills, interests, and learning needs, including the needs of English language learners						
Use effective approaches to address varied student learning needs and preferences						
Plan instruction that motivates students to want to learn and achieve						
Acknowledge and respect cultural and socioeconomic differences among students when planning instruction						
B) Content and Pedagogy						
Use the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) to plan instruction						
Exhibit appropriate knowledge of a subject to promote student learning						
Demonstrate awareness of common student misconceptions or likely sources of student error in relation to particular content						
Plan instruction that reflects an understanding of important prerequisite relationships						
Plan instruction that makes connections within the discipline and across disciplines						
Use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach skills						
C) Selection of Instructional Goals and Objectives						
Develop instructional goals and objectives that are clear, relevant, meaningful, and ageappropriate						
Develop instructional goals and objectives that are able to be assessed						
Develop instructional goals and objectives that reflect students' age, developmental level, prior skills and knowledge, background, and interests						
Develop instructional goals and objectives that reflect different types of student learning and skills						

D) Resources

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The beginning teacher is able to:	Not	Obse	rved	Impr	ovem	ent	Ave	rage	Satisfa	ctory	Aver	age	Excepti	onal
Use various types of materials and other resources to aid in preparing and implementing]											1
instruction	ļ l		<u> </u>	L					L					
Use technological tools to promote learning and expand instructional options]
Use resources available outside the school (e.g., museums, businesses, community members) to														1
enhance students' learning opportunities							L				L			
[] Designing Coherent Instruction														
E) Designing Coherent Instruction Plan instructional activities that progress sequentially and support stated instructional goals	l 1		1		_			_	_	_		_		_
based on the TEKS														
Select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement,			<u> </u> 	L	=			=	╁	=		=	+ =	-
and engage students in learning														
Use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and			<u> </u> 	L	=		<u> </u>	=	+ +	=	-	=	+ =	┽─
meet instructional goals and objectives Allocate time appropriately within lessons and units, including providing adequate opportunities			<u> </u> 		_			_	╁	=		=	+ =	┽─
for students to engage in reflection and closure			<u> </u> 		_			=	+ +	=		=	+ =	┽─
Provide students with opportunities to explore content from many perspectives														
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F) Assessment of Student Learning														
Use a variety of assessment methods, including technology, that are appropriate for evaluating]							\neg		7		7
student achievement of instructional goals and objectives				L										
Communicate assessment criteria and standards to students]
Design assessments, where appropriate, that reflect real-world applications of knowledge and			1							7				1
understanding]											╛
Promote students' use of self-monitoring and self-assessment]											1
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Analyze assessment results to aid in determining students' strengths and needs]											ī
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Use assessment results to help plan instruction for groups of students or individuals														7
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*II. Creating a Positive, Productive Classroom Environment														
A) Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport														
Interact with students in ways that reflect support and show respect for all students														
Use strategies to ensure that interactions among students are polite, respectful, and	l i		<u> </u>	i	一		F	_	† F	-	ΙF	_	$\vdash \vdash$	╗
cooperative														
Use strategies to ensure that the classroom environment and interactions among individuals	t i		<u>.</u> 1	ı	=			=	1 =	=	t =	=	\vdash	i
and groups within the classroom promote active engagement in learning														
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B) Establishing an Environment for Learning and Excellence Needs **Below** Above The beginning teacher is able to: Not Observed Improvement Satisfactory **Exceptional** Average **Average** Communicate to all students the importance of instructional content and the expectation of high-quality work Ensure that instructional goals and objectives, activities, classroom interactions, assessments, and other elements of the classroom environment convey high expectations for student C) Managing Classroom Procedures Establish classroom rules and procedures to promote an organized and productive learning environment Organize and manage groups to ensure that students work together cooperatively and productively Schedule activities and manage class time in ways that maximize student learning Manage transitions to maximize instructional time Implement routines and procedures for the effective management of materials, supplies, and technology Coordinate the performance of noninstructional duties with instructional activities Monitor the performance of volunteers and paraprofessionals in the classroom in accordance with district policies and procedures Use volunteers and paraprofessionals to enhance and enrich instruction, and evaluate their effectiveness D) Managing Student Behavior Communicate high and realistic expectations for students' behavior and ensure that students understand behavior expectations and consequences for misbehavior Consistently enforce standards and expectations for student behavior and ethical work habits Encourage students to maintain ethical work standards and monitor their own behavior Use effective methods and procedures for monitoring and responding to positive and negative student behaviors E) Maintaining a Physical and Emotional Environment that is Safe and Productive

Organize the physical environment to facilitate learning Create a safe and inclusive classroom environment Use effective strategies for creating and maintaining a positive classroom environment Respect students ' rights and dignity Concordia University Texas - revised 7/18/12

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*III. Implementing Effective, Responsive Instruction and Assessment

A) Communication

A) Communication		Needs	Below		Above	
The beginning teacher is able to:	Not Observed	Improvement	Average	Satisfactory	Average	Exceptional
Communicate directions, explanations, and procedures clearly, accurately, and with an	Not observed	Improvement	Average	Jacistactory	Average	Exceptional
appropriate level of detail, both orally and in writing						
Use effective interpersonal skills (including both verbal and nonverbal skills) to reach students			==			
and communicate the teacher's commitment to students						
Use spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests, and						
backgrounds						
Use effective communication techniques, including questioning and discussion techniques, to						
foster active student inquiry, higher-order thinking, problem solving, and productive, supportive						
interactions						
Use carefully framed questions to enable students to reflect on their understanding of content						
and to consider new possibilities						
Apply skills for leading discussions that engage all students in exploring important questions and						
that extend students' knowledge						
P) Engaging Students in Learning						
B) Engaging Students in Learning						
Create lessons with a clearly defined structure around which activities are organized						
Create activities and assignments that are appropriate for students and that actively engage						
them in the learning process						
Select and use instructional materials, resources, and technologies that are suitable for						
instructional goals and that engage students cognitively						
Represent content effectively and in ways that link with students' prior knowledge and						
experience						
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Use flexible grouping to promote productive student interactions and enhance learning						
Pace lessons appropriately and flexibly in response to student needs						
Engage students intellectually by teaching meaningful content in ways that promote all						
students' active and invested participation in the learning process						
Encourage students' self-motivation and active engagement in learning						
C) Providing Feedback to Students						
Use appropriate language and formats to provide each student with timely feedback that is						
accurate, constructive, substantive, and specific						
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Promote students' ability to use feedback to guide and enhance their learning						
Base feedback on high expectations for student learning						

D) Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness Needs **Below** Above The beginning teacher is able to: Not Observed Improvement Average Satisfactory Average Exceptional Respond flexibly to various situations, such as lack of student engagement in a learning activity or the occurrence of an unanticipated learning opportunity Adjust instruction based on ongoing assessment of student understanding Use alternative instructional approaches to ensure that all students learn and succeed *IV. Fulfilling Professional Roles and Responsibilities A) Interacting and Communicating with Families Interact appropriately with families that have diverse characteristics, backgrounds and needs Apply procedures for conducting effective parent-teacher conferences Communicate with families on a regular basis to share information about students' progress and respond appropriately to families' concerns Engage families in their children's education and in various aspects of the instructional program

B) Interacting with Other Educators and Contributing to the School and District

Maintain supportive and cooperative relationships with colleagues

Engage in collaborative decision making and problem solving with other educators to support students' learning and well-being

Work productively with supervisors and mentors to address issues and enhance professional skills and knowledge

Communicate effectively and appropriately with other educators in varied contexts

Collaborate professionally with other members of the school community to achieve school and district educational goals

Participate in decision making, problem solving, and sharing ideas and expertise

Assume professional responsibilities and duties outside the classroom, as appropriate (e.g., serve on committees, volunteer to participate in events and projects).

C) Continuing Professional Development

		Needs	Below		Above	
The beginning teacher is able to:	Not Observed	Improvement	Average	Satisfactory	Average	Exceptional
Participate in various types of professional development opportunities (e.g., conferences,						
workshops, work with mentors and other support systems)						
Enhance content and pedagogical knowledge through a variety of activities (e.g., reading						
journals, joining professional associations, attending conferences, engaging in coursework)						
Use evidence of self-assessment (e.g., portfolio) to identify strengths, challenges, and potential						
problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve instructional goals						
Use appropriate resources and support systems inside and outside the school to address						
professional development needs						
D) Legal and Ethical Requirements and the Structure of Education in Texas						
Use knowledge of legal and ethical guidelines to guide behavior in education related situations						
Use knowledge of legal and ethical guidelines to guide behavior in education related situations Serve as an advocate for students and the profession Maintain accurate records						
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*V. CONTENT PEDAGOGY: EC-6 Science

		Needs	Below		Above	
The beginning teacher:	Not Observed	Improvement	Average	Satisfactory	Average	Exceptional
(Safe and Proper Laboratory Processes) Understands how to manage learning activities,						
tools, materials, equipment and technologies to ensure the safety of all students						
(Scientific Inquiry) Understands the history and nature of science, the process and role of						
scientific inquiry and the role of inquiry in science instruction						
(Impacts on Daily Life/Environment) Understands how science impacts the daily lives of						
students and interacts with and influences personal and societal decisions						
(Unifying Concepts and Processes in Science) Knows and Understands the unifying						
concepts and processes that are common to all sciences						
(Theory and Practice of Science Teaching) Has theoretical and practical knowledge about						
teaching science and about how students learn science						
(Assessments in Science Learning) Knows the varied and appropriate assessments and						
assessment practices for monitoring science learning in laboratory, field and classroom settings						
(Physical Science) Understands forces and motion and their relationships						
(Physical Science) Understands the physical and chemical properties of, and changes in,						
matter						
(Physical Science) Understands energy and interactions between matter and energy						

		Needs	Below		Above	
The beginning teacher:	Not Observed	Improvement	Average	Satisfactory	Average	Exceptional
(Physical Science) Understands energy transformations and the conservation of matter and energy						
(Life Science) Understands the structure and function of living things						
(Life Science) Understands reproduction and the mechanisms of heredity						
(Life Science) Understands adaptations of organisms and the theory of evolution						
(Life Science) Understands the relationships between organisms and the environment						
(Earth and Space Science) Understands the structure and function of earth systems						
(Earth and Space Science) Understands cycles in earth systems						
(Earth and Space Science) Understands the role of energy in weather and climate						
(Earth and Space Science) Understands the characteristics of the solar system and the universe						
Overall Comments (Justify Comments Appropriately):						

*Field Supervisor Comments and Recommendations	
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