# Student Teaching Observation Form

Childhood Grades 1 - 6

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Teacher Candidate ____________________  Observation 1 2 3 4

Classroom Teacher ____________________  Grade Level _________

School ________________________________  School Board _________

Subject Observed ______________________

Brief Description of Planned Learning Experience/Lesson Plan __________________________

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Commendable Features: __________________________________________________________

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| **1. Development, Learning and Motivation** | • In what ways does the PLE/lesson plan support age appropriate, intellectual, social and personal development?  
• Are there students with IEP’s in your classroom and how can you differentiate your instruction to address their needs? Who can you consult with for their assistance?  
• How is your lesson sensitive to the ethnic, religious, racial, economic, social and diversity issues in your classroom?  
**Diversity:**  
The candidate understands and appreciates cognitive processes involved in academic learning, including diverse learning styles. | ⇒ Candidates drew upon in-depth knowledge of physical, social, emotional, cognitive, and linguistic development to understand student’s abilities, interest, individual aspirations, values and social and cultural backgrounds in order to plan and teach their lesson.  
Comments: |
| **2. Curriculum Standards** | • How did you demonstrate knowledge and understanding of fundamental concepts in ELA (reading, writing, oral language and listening) science (physical, life, space) Math (number sense, numeration, measurement, geometry, spatial sense, pattering, algebra, data management and probability) Social Studies (to promote the ability to make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society in an interdependent world, The Arts (dance, music, theater and fine arts) Health (skills of good health) and Physical Education (human movement and physical activity)?)  
• How did you align the subject matter of your lesson with New York State Standards/Ontario Curriculum Expectations?  
**Diversity:**  
The candidate has a deep understanding of the content area and based on this knowledge can provide multiple representations and explanations to make the content meaningful to all students. | ⇒ The subject matter of the lesson plan/PLE clearly demonstrates the teacher candidates knowledge and understanding and addresses the needs of his or her students in: ELA, Science, Math, Social Studies, The Arts, Health, And Physical Education as per ACEI standard two.  
⇒ Planned Learning Experience (PLE)/Lesson Plan (LP) reference NYS/Standards (performance indicators)/Ontario Curriculum Expectations and district objectives.  
⇒ PLE/LP developed around a central topic, concept, or theme that shows connections between/among different subjects.  
Comments: |
### 3. INSTRUCTION STANDARDS

#### 3.1 Integrating and applying knowledge for instruction
Candidates plan and implement instruction based on knowledge of students, learning theory, subject matter, curricular goals, and community.

#### 3.2 Adaptation to diverse students
Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

#### 3.3 Development of critical thinking, problem solving, performance skills
Candidates understand and use a variety of teaching strategies that encourage elementary students’ development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

#### 3.4 Active engagement in learning
Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self-motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environments.

#### 3.5 Communication to foster collaboration
Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the elementary classroom.

**Diversity:**

_The candidate diagnosis and builds upon the personal, cultural, and historical experiences of learners from a variety of socio-economics and ethnic backgrounds and develops meaningful instructional activities and positive, productive learning environments._

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| 3.1 Integrating and applying knowledge for instruction | - How did you plan and implement instruction based on knowledge of students, learning theory, subject matter, curricular goals, and community?  
- How did you create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students?  
- How did you demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of a variety of teaching strategies that encourage elementary students’ development of critical thinking, and problem solving?  
- How did you use your knowledge of individual and group motivation and behavior management, among K-6 students, to foster active engagement in learning, self-motivation, and positive social interaction?  
- How did you use verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster K-6 students’ active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction?  
**Comments:** | ➞ Candidates make connections among concepts, procedures and applications across content areas  
⇒ Candidates seek assistance and guidance from specialist and other resources to address K-6 student’s exceptional learning needs.  
⇒ Review of IEP’s for special needs students and / 504 plans or from I PRC decisions  
⇒ Candidates know and demonstrate principles and techniques, advantages and limitations, and appropriate uses of teaching strategies.  
⇒ Candidates reflect on student’s motivation and behavior in their classroom and modify teaching classroom management strategies appropriately to foster engagement in learning, self- motivation, and positive social interaction.  
⇒ Discussion of diverse characteristics of the class and individual needs of students with the cooperating teacher/associate teacher and other support staff.  
⇒ Opportunities are given to empower learners to be responsible for their own learning, yet at the same time opportunities are given to collaborate and cooperate with their peers in the classroom.  
⇒ Identified and selected specific technology resources available at the school site and district level to support a coherent learning experience.  
⇒ Candidates’ K-6 students initiate oral and written discourse and demonstrate proficiency in classroom collaboration and supportive interaction.  
⇒ PLE/LP built around a central question(s); students are not told answers, but are led through experiences. |
| 3.2 Adaptation to diverse students | | |
| 3.3 Development of critical thinking, problem solving, performance skills | | |
| 3.4 Active engagement in learning | | |
| 3.5 Communication to foster collaboration | | |
| 3.6 Assessment of learning and for learning | | |
| 4. Assessment of learning and for learning | | |

**Comments:**

- How did you demonstrate your knowledge and understanding of formal and informal assessment strategies?  
- How are you using assessment for learning and assessment as learning?

**Comments:**

- Candidates use assessment to improve subject learning.
- Candidates integrate assessment and instruction as integral parts of designing and aligning instruction and learning goals. Candidates administer assessment (formal and informal) to inform and to make decisions about objectives and materials.
- Candidates use assessment data for planning and evaluating teaching strategies.
- In assessment as learning Teacher Candidates help students to become independent learners, who are able to set goals and monitor their own progress, determine next steps and refine their own thinking and learning.
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5. Professionalism | • How have you applied practices and behaviors that are characteristic of developing career teachers?  
• What are some strengths and challenges in this lesson and the delivery? What support did you receive from others in developing this lesson? How did this help?  
• What are some of the strengths and challenges in this lesson and the delivery?  
• How did you demonstrate an understanding of the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive, collaborative relationship with families?  
• How did you collaborate with colleagues to support K-six students learning and well-being? | ⇒ Candidates adapt to evolving issues and conditions as times and situations change and make wise decisions according to time, place, and the needs of their students. They also identify, assess and use technology-based resources in support of their professional development.  
⇒ Candidates reflect on what research or theory supports the teaching practices you use/planned for this lesson  
⇒ Candidates meet regularly with their associate/cooperating teachers to review lesson plans/PLE’s.  
⇒ Candidates demonstrate scholarly habits of mind and in their teaching.  
⇒ Candidates establish and maintain positive, collaborative relationships with families by knowing and implementing multiple strategies to involve families which encompass a variety of family beliefs, traditions, values, and practices.  
⇒ Candidates participate in collegial activities to sustain a productive learning environment, they develop collaborative relationships with specialists to support students learning and well-being and respect contribution and uniqueness of all members of the school community.

Diversity:  
The candidate reflects on his/her personal background and life experiences in order to develop culturally responsive curricula and instructional practices.

Growth Plan:

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Please sign to indicate that you have read this form:
Teacher Candidate: ________________________________
Cooperating or Associate Teacher: ________________________________
University Field Supervisor: ________________________________

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