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**University of Delaware Teacher Candidate Capstone Clinical Experience Formative Observation Form: Early Childhood Education**

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| Teacher Candidate: | Semester: |
| Observer: | Observation Date and Time: |
| UD Field Instructor: | Clinical Educator: |
| School/Site: | District: |
| Teaching Area(s): | Grade Level(s)/Age(s): |
| Number of classes: | Total Number of Students: |

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| **RATING SCALE FOR PROFESSIONALISM** | |
| 1 | Rarely |
| 2 | Sometimes, but not consistently |
| 3 | Consistently |
| NA | No behaviors related to this indicator observed |

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| PROFESSIONALISM  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **PROFESSIONALISM COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Demonstrates commitment to the belief that all learners can achieve by persisting in helping each learner reach his/her full potential |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Exhibits enthusiasm, initiative, and a positive attitude |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Respects and considers the input and contributions of families, colleagues, and other professionals in understanding and supporting each learner’s development  * Candidate uses collaboration to promote the well-being of learners across a wide ranges of settings and collaborators. (CEC 7.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Respects learners as individuals with differing personal and family backgrounds, and with varying skills, abilities, perspectives, talents, and interests; he/she is committed to using this information to plan effective instruction  * Candidate understands how language, culture, and family background influence learning. (CEC 1.1) * Candidate uses understanding of development and individual differences to respond to learners’ needs. (CEC 1.2) * Candidate understands how diversity is a part of families, cultures, and schools, and that complex human issues can interact in the delivery of special education services. (CEC 6.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Takes responsibility for his/her learners’ learning and uses ongoing analysis and reflection using current research, education, and policy to improve his/her planning and practice  * Candidate identifies with and are involved with the early childhood field. (NAEYC 6a) * Candidate integrates knowledgeable, reflective, and critical perspectives on early education. (NAEYC 6d) * Candidate engages in informed advocacy for young children and the early childhood profession. (NAEYC 6e) * Candidate understands the significance of lifelong learning and participates in professional development activities and professional communities. (CEC 6.4) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Reflects on constructive criticism and guidance, and appropriately modifies his/her behavior or practice |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Demonstrates the ethical use of assessment and assessment data to identify learners’ strengths and needs (e.g., shares learner data appropriately)  * Candidate knows about and upholds ethical standards and other early childhood professional guidelines. (NAEYC 6b) * Candidate uses CEC Professional Practice Standards and Ethical Principles standards regarding assessment to guide their practice, including maintaining accurate student records, protecting confidentiality of student information, and following federal, state, and district mandates. (CEC 6.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Demonstrates professionalism by being on time; representing him/herself appropriately through dress, language and communications, including social media; and meeting deadlines |

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| **RATING SCALE FOR PLANNING, LEARNING, INSTRUCTION, AND ASSESSMENT**  *Please see rubric to determine ratings.* | |
| 1 | **Not apparent** (Not ready for independent practice) |
| 2 | **Emerging** (Not yet ready for independent practice) |
| 3 | **Proficient** (Ready for independent practice) |
| 4 | **Exemplary** (Proficient plus) |

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| PLANNING  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **PLANNING COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Selects appropriate national or state standards  * Candidate selects appropriate national or state standards **and,** when appropriate, makes cross-curricular standard connections. (Proficient) * Candidate uses own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum for each child. (NAEYC 5c) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Writes objectives with measurable outcomes that indicate what learners will know and be able to do  * Candidate writes objectives that are measurable, indicating what the whole group of learners will know and be able to do. (Proficient) * Candidate selects goals and objectives based on students’ abilities and needs, the learning environment, state, national content standards and other factors. (CEC 5.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Aligns objectives, instruction, and assessments  * Lesson objectives, instruction, and assessments are appropriately aligned. (Proficient) * Candidate uses own knowledge, appropriate early learning standards, and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate developmentally meaningful and challenging curriculum for each child. (NAEYC 5c) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Selects supports (strategies, learning experiences, resources, and materials) to accommodate individual learner’s needs and groups of needs  * Candidate selects supports that are tied to the learning objectives **and** addresses similar groups’ needs. (Proficient) * Candidate selects, develops, and adapts learning experiences, including differentiated goals and objectives. (CEC 5.1) * Candidate uses CEC Professional Practice Standards and Ethical Principles standards regarding teaching to guide their practice, including selecting evidence-based practices for instruction and effective and culturally-responsive materials and resources. (CEC 6.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Sequences the learning experiences to build on each other to support learners’ learning of the essential content, strategy or skill  * The sequence of learning experiences reflects the candidate’s accurate and comprehensive knowledge of learning progressions in the content area or developmental domain. (Proficient) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Justifies the selected learning experiences with attention to learners’ prior knowledge and background (e.g., cultural, high needs, family structure, English language learners)  * Candidate’ uses evidence of learners’ prior knowledge **and** background (when appropriate to the lesson) to justify the choice of learning experiences. (Proficient) (CEC 5.1) * Candidate demonstrates knowledge and understanding of young children’s characteristics and needs, from birth through age 8. (NAEYC 1a) * Candidate demonstrates knowledge and understanding of the multiple influences on early development and learning. (NAEYC 1b) * Candidate demonstrates knowledge about and understanding of diverse family and community characteristics. (NAEYC 2a) * Candidate uses understanding of development and individual differences to respond to learners’ needs. (CEC 1.2) * Candidate modifies general and specialized curricula to make them accessible to learners. (CEC 3.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Accurately represents important content concepts  * Candidate’s plans show accurate and sufficiently comprehensive details of the content. (Proficient) * Candidate’s plans provide evidence that he/she understands central concepts, structures of the discipline, and tools of inquiry of the lesson content. (CEC 3.1) |
| LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **LEARNING ENVIRONMENT COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Establishes rapport with and respect for all learners  * Candidate exhibits respect for all learners and works to establish rapport with most learners. (Proficient) * Candidate demonstrates an understanding of positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with young children. (NAEYC 4a) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Communicates expectations of high quality work by all learners  * Candidate uses **specific** language that sets clear expectations for high quality work for **all** learners. (Proficient) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Establishes and teaches clear guidelines for routines and appropriate expectations for learners’ behavior  * Candidate establishes and teaches clear, developmentally appropriate guidelines for routines and expectations for leaner behavior. (Proficient) * Candidate (in collaboration with colleagues) creates safe, inclusive, culturally-responsive learning environments so that learners become active and effective learners and develops emotional well-being, positive social interactions, and self-determination. (CEC 2.1) * Candidate uses motivational and instructional interventions to teach individuals how to adapt to different environments. (CEC 2.2) * Candidate uses CEC Professional Practice Standards and Ethical Principles standards regarding teaching to guide their practice, including using evidence-based behavior change practices and positive behavior supports, and following federal, state, and district mandates. (CEC 6.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Implements established guidelines for learners’ behavior  * Candidate consistently addresses disruptive behavior appropriately with logical consequences. (Proficient) * Candidate knows to intervene safely and appropriately with individuals in crisis. (CEC 2.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Engages in and teaches learners’ respectful discourse and turn-taking  * Candidate teaches learners how to engage in respectful discourse and turn-taking and provides opportunities for discourse and turn-taking. (Proficient) |
| INSTRUCTION  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **INSTRUCTION COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Adjusts lessons based on learners’ responses  * Candidate’s instructional adjustments provide individuals **or** groups of learners with the support needed to improve their learning. (Proficient) * Candidate uses understanding of development and individual differences to respond to learners’ needs. (CEC 1.2) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Uses available technology to impact learning  * Candidate and learners use available technology that aligns to the curriculum and appropriately supports learning. OR Technology is not available or inappropriate in this setting. (Proficient) (CEC 5.2) * Candidate knows and understands appropriate uses of technology. (NAEYC 4b) * Candidate uses technology effectively with young children, with peers, and as a professional resource. (NAEYC 6c) * Candidate uses appropriate assistive and augmentative technologies/alternative communication systems to support communication and learning. (CEC 5.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Engages learners using a range of questions, including higher order questions  * Candidate asks an appropriate range of questions, including higher order questions that elicit and build on learners’ responses. (Proficient) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Models discipline-specific strategies that support learning  * Candidate models the discipline-specific strategies, explicitly teaches learners how to apply strategies, **and** provides learners with opportunities for guided practice. (Proficient) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Makes content explicit through explanation, modeling, representations, and examples  * Candidate uses representations and examples to build learners’ understanding, highlights care ideas, and uses modeling and demonstrating. (Proficient) * Candidate teaches to mastery and promote generalization of learning. (CEC 5.6) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Engages learners in problem solving  * Candidate provides learners with opportunities to discover multiple solutions or use multiple methods to solve a problem. (Proficient) * Candidate teaches cross-disciplinary knowledge and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving. (CEC 5.7) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Provides clear and accurate explanations and feedback  * Candidate’s explanations are accurate and feedback is specific, helping learners to clarify their understanding. (Proficient) * Candidate provides feedback to guide quality learning and performance. (CEC 4.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Provides opportunities for learners to master academic language  * Candidate identifies vocabulary and one or more additional language demands (e.g., discourse, syntax, function) and models the identified language demands and encourages learners to use academic language. (Proficient) * Candidate uses strategies to enhance language development and communication skills. (CEC 5.4) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Allows learners to demonstrate knowledge in a variety of ways  * Candidate provides learners with varied choices of ways to demonstrate their learning. (Proficient) * Candidate knows and understands effective strategies and tools for early education. (NAEYC 4b) * Candidate uses a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate teaching /learning approaches. (NAEYC 4c) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Paces the lesson effectively with time for closure and learner processing  * Candidate paces learning experiences in ways that provide all learners with ample time to engage in learning, time for closure, and time for learner processing. (Proficient) |
| ASSESSMENT  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **ASSESSMENT COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Continuously monitors learners’ learning  * Candidate regularly monitors most learners’ learning. (Proficient) * Candidate provides accurate student and program data to administrators, colleagues, and parents, based on efficient and objective record keeping practices. (CEC 4.3) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Provides accurate feedback to learners  * Candidate provides feedback that is specific, accurate, and addresses learners’ strengths and needs related to the learning objectives. (Proficient) * Candidate provides feedback to guide quality learning and performance. (CEC 4.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Uses a range of appropriate formative assessments  * Candidate uses appropriate formative assessments that are aligned with the lesson objectives. (Proficient) * Candidate knows about and uses observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technologyin documentation, assessment and data collection. (NAEYC 3b) * Candidate selects and uses technically sound formal and informal assessments. (CEC 4.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Uses appropriate summative assessments  * Candidate uses summative assessments that are aligned with the objectives. (Proficient) * Candidate knows about and uses observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches, including the use of technologyin documentation, assessment and data collection. (NAEYC 3b) * Candidate selects and uses technically sound formal and informal assessments. (CEC 4.1) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Examines performance data to understand each learner’s progress and revise instruction  * Candidate’s analysis uses specific examples from learners’ performance to demonstrate patterns of learning and makes changes in instruction to support groups of learners. (Proficient) * Candidate understands the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment – including its use in development of appropriate goals, curriculum, and teaching strategies for young children. (NAEYC 3a) * Reflects on own practice to promote positive outcomes for each child. (NAEYC 4d) * Candidate uses knowledge of measurement principles and practices to interpret assessment results and guide educational decisions. (CEC 4.2) * Candidate uses multiple types of assessment information to make decisions. (CEC 4.3) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Communicates assessment information regarding learners’ progress to others in respectful, ethical, and responsive ways  * Candidate uses appropriate methods to communicate information regarding learners’ progress to others in respectful, ethical, and responsive ways. (Proficient) * Candidate understands and practices responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technologyfor children with disabilities. (NAEYC 3c) * Candidate knows about and upholds ethical standards and other early childhood professional guidelines. (NAEYC 6b) |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Works with other professionals to plan and facilitate learning  * Candidate collaborates with other professionals to plan and facilitate learning. (Proficient) * Candidate knows about and uses assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues to build effective learning environments. (NAEYC 3d) * Candidate engages in continuous, collaborative learning to inform practice. (NAEYC 6c) * Candidate collaborates with both general and special education professional colleagues as well as other personnel serving individuals with exceptionalities to improve outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. (CEC 4.4) * Candidate develops and implements education plans in collaboration with others. (CEC 5.5) * Candidate serves as a collaborative resources to colleagues and uses principles of effective collaboration. (CEC 7.1, 7.2) * Candidate provides guidance, direction, and timely, supportive, and collegial communications to paraeducators/paraprofessionals regarding tasks and expectations. (CEC 6.6) |
| EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ADDENDUM  As an effective educator, the teacher candidate: | | **ADDENDUM COMMENTS** |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Creates safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments to engage individuals in meaningful experiences. (CEC 2.1/NAEYC 1c)  * Candidate creates and maintains safe, inclusive, and culturally responsive learning environments to engage individuals in meaningful experiences; candidate modifies learning environment to meet the needs of most learners. (Proficient) |  |
| \_\_\_\_\_ | 1. Involves families, colleagues, and communities in children’s development and learning through respectful, reciprocal relationships. (NAEYC 2b, 2c)  * Candidate involves families, colleagues, and communities in children’s development and learning through respectful, reciprocal relationships; candidate involves families and colleagues in the assessment of children’s development and learning (Proficient) |