The University of Texas at Austin  
UTEach-Liberal Arts  
UTL 360/670 Observation Form

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**Instructions:** Rate each observable behavior by selecting from the drop-down menu. Then rate the domain as a whole on the basis of that which has been observed. Cite specific examples of observed performance as supporting evidence for the ratings provided in each domain component. *An overall domain rating of “Improvement Needed” may result in no credit for the student teaching practicum course.*

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<th>Rating Scale</th>
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| Accomplished (A)  
Standard is consistently met and advanced for a novice teacher. |
| Proficient (P)  
Standard is met and observed regularly. |
| Developing (D)  
Standard is met, but observed inconsistently. |
| Improvement Needed (IN)  
Standard is observed, but not met. |
| N/O = Not observed  
N/A = Not applicable to person completing form |

**Domain I: Planning**

**Standards and Alignment:** The teacher designs clear, well-organized, sequential lessons that reflect best practice, align with standards, and are appropriate for diverse learners. These elements are identified prior to the presentation of the lesson. *Instructional planning includes:*

- Clear, measurable instructional objectives aligned to TEKS
- Logical sequencing of activities, resources, and assessments that are vertically aligned to state standards
- Anticipates possible student misunderstandings or concerns and proactively attempts to address them
- Activities, resources, and assessments that are relevant to students’ prior learning and/or real-world applications and appropriate for diverse learners
- Variety in activities, resources, and/or methods of assessment in order to maintain student interest and check for understanding
- Integration of concepts from other disciplines
- Provision of appropriate time for student work, student reflection, lesson, and lesson closure
- Reinforcement of broader unit and course objectives
- Integration of technology to enhance mastery of objective(s)
- Lesson closure that clearly summarizes and/or applies key knowledge and skills

**Data and Assessment:** The teacher uses formal and informal methods to measure student progress, then manages and analyzes student data to inform instruction. *Instructional planning includes:*

- Formal and informal assessments that are reflective of developmentally appropriate practices and aligned to the TEKS
- Formal and informal assessments that are employed at appropriate intervals to monitor progress of all students
- Use of observational, informal, and formal assessment data to plan or redesign instruction
Sharing appropriate assessment data with students to engage them in self-assessment, build awareness of their own strengths and weaknesses, and track their own progress

Use of data analysis results to reflect on teaching practices in relation to student success

**Instructional Strategies:** The teacher plans engaging, flexible lessons that encourage higher-order thinking, persistence and achievement. *Instructional planning includes:*

| Questions that encourage all students to engage in complex, higher-order thinking |
| Opportunities for students to generate questions that lead to further inquiry and promote problem solving and real-world application |
| Uses a variety of instructional grouping strategies to support learning |
| Activities, resources, technology, and instructional materials that are appropriate to ability levels of students |

**Overall Domain I Rating**

**Domain II: Instruction**

**Monitor and Adjust for Mastery:** The teacher formally and informally collects, analyzes, and uses student progress data in order to make needed lesson adjustments and support all learners in their pursuit of high levels of academic and social-emotional success. These elements are identified during the lesson. *The student teacher:*

| Persists with the lesson until there is evidence that most students demonstrate mastery of the objective |
| Provides students with opportunities to reflect upon their work and/or make improvements to their products |
| Monitors and adjusts instruction and activities as needed to maintain student engagement |
| Invites input from students in order to monitor and adjust instruction, activities, and pacing |
| Utilizes student input collected in order to respond to differences in student needs |
| Checks for students’ understanding discreetly and/or explicitly at appropriate intervals |
| Adapts lessons to address individual needs of all students |

**Content Knowledge and Expertise:** The teacher demonstrates content and pedagogical expertise to design and execute lessons aligned with state standards, related content, and student needs. *The student teacher:*

| Demonstrates accurate content knowledge |
| Understands the subject matter with depth sufficient to allow for differentiated explanations |
| Intentionally integrates learning objectives with other disciplines and/or real-world experiences |
| Provides opportunities for students to use different types of thinking (e.g., analytical, practical, creative, and research-based) |

**Communication:** The teacher clearly and accurately communicates to support persistence, deeper learning, and effective effort. *The student teacher:*

| Uses verbal and written communication that is correct and coherent |
| Establishes classroom practices that provide opportunities for all students to communicate effectively with the teacher and their peers |
| Shows enthusiasm and energy in the classroom |
Asks questions at the creative, evaluative, and/or analytical levels that focus on the objective of the lesson and provoke thought and discussion

Provides appropriate wait time when questioning students and listens carefully to responses contributed

Uses probing questions to clarify, elaborate, and extend student learning

Scaffolds student learning through teacher modeling, demonstration and thinking aloud

Provides multiple opportunities for students to discover and practice with consistent feedback

Recognizes student misunderstandings, confusion, or disengagement and responds with alternative teaching techniques to clarify concepts or meet social/emotional needs

Acknowledges specific successes of all students

**Overall Domain II Rating**

**Domain III: Learning Environment**

**Classroom Environment, Routines, and Procedures:** The teacher organizes a safe, accessible, and efficient classroom and communicates and maintains clear expectations for student behavior. These elements are identified during the presentation of the lesson. *The student teacher:*

- Encourages, listens and responds respectfully to student questions, responses and contributions
- Utilizes clear and efficient procedures, routines, and transitions
- Organizes the classroom to support learning objectives, foster engagement, and ensure safety and accessibility for all students
- Establishes routines and procedures that facilitate students’ active participation in groups and management of supplies / equipment with minimal need for teacher direction
- Provides clear expectations
- Consistently and fairly implements the campus and/or classroom behavior system
- Consistently scans the room to monitor student behavior and foster student engagement
- Seeks to understand and respectfully address causes of inappropriate behavior
- Reinforces positive behaviors appropriately
- Responds to unacceptable behaviors swiftly and appropriately, as needed

**Classroom Culture:** The teacher leads a mutually respectful and collaborative class of actively engaged learners. *The student teacher:*

- Refers to students by name using correct/preferred pronunciation
- Engages all students with relevant, meaningful learning, adjusting lessons based on student interests and abilities whenever possible in order to create positive rapport
- Sets high academic expectations that challenge all students
- Collaborates positively with students and facilitates positive collaboration among students, ensuring all students have an equal opportunity to learn

**Overall Domain III Rating**
Supporting Evidence:

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