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Endorsement Program

Spec Ed 490/590

Practicum Handbook

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 **Welcome Practicum Students and Educational Professionals**

We are pleased to welcome you to the practicum experience in the Special Education Endorsement Program at Washington State University – Pullman. The Practicum Handbook is designed to facilitate positive practicum experiences for both our WSU students and their mentor teachers.

The practicum experience is an opportunity for future special education teachers to take everything they have learned in the university classroom and put it into practice. It is also an opportunity for experienced educators to share their knowledge and experience with a new “practicing professional.”

The Practicum Handbook has been developed to prepare all members of the special education practicum team for a successful experience. The Practicum Handbook includes all of the expectations for and requirements of the practicum, as well as the roles and responsibilities of those involved. The Appendices include all forms to be completed throughout the practicum experience.

We would like to thank each and every member of the practicum team for your ongoing commitment to the success of this experience. All of your roles are critical to the success of the program and the future special education teachers we serve. We know you are busy students and busy professionals! We sincerely appreciate the time and effort of the teachers, as well as the commitment of the students in contributing to future high-quality special education teachers.

We are looking forward to working with you throughout this practicum experience and into the future. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns, or feedback.

Best of luck in your exciting adventure,

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The WSU-Pullman Special Education Faculty

 1.

**General Information**



**College of Education Mission Statement**

The College of Education addresses the needs of communities, individuals and educational institutions in a diverse society by promoting development of students, faculty, and staff through leadership, scholarship and professional practice.

**College of Education Conceptual Framework**

The College of Education contributes to the theory and practice of the broad field of education and dedicates itself to understanding and respecting learners in diverse cultural contexts. We facilitate engaged learning and ethical leadership in schools and clinical settings. We seek collaboration with diverse constituencies, recognizing our local and global responsibilities to communities, environments, and future generations.

**Special Education Endorsement Program Description**

The Special Education Endorsement Program at Washington State University provides a cohesive and integrated set of courses and experiences designed to prepare pre-service and in-service teachers for K-12 special education teaching roles. The courses and experiences in the Program are aligned with the standards set forth by the Council for Exceptional Children and the competencies required by the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction-Special Education for entry-level special education teachers. Successful students demonstrate their competence through course work and practicum experiences in the program.

As part of the program, students are required to complete four 4-credit practicum experiences, 180 hours total. The practicum experiences are extremely important to a student’s professional development. It is during the practicum experiences that students continue to construct their knowledge about the special education profession. Students are given opportunities to build on the knowledge gained in course work by conducting assessments, planning for and providing instruction, demonstrating management approaches, and participating in collaborative activities with parents, teachers, teaching assistants, and students. Through supportive and positive school settings, practicum students enhance their skills and abilities in preparation for their future role as a special education teacher.

The Practicum Handbook is designed primarily for WSU-Pullman practicum students and their mentor teachers. It provides a description of the Special Education Endorsement Program, information on the expectations of practicum students, and an overview of the practicum supervision and evaluation process.

2.

 **Special Education Practicum Policies and Procedures**

**Attendance**

Practicum students are responsible for notifying their mentor teacher, university supervisor, and other designated school personnel if they are going to be absent. If you are responsible for a lesson or student group, you must provide your mentor teacher with your lesson plans and materials just as if you were planning for a substitute. All absences must be made up to the satisfaction of all involved.

**Code of Professional Conduct**

WAC 180-87 addresses the Code of Professional Conduct for Education Practitioners. Details can be found at: <http://www.k12.wa.us/ProfPractices/CodeConduct.aspx>.

**It is important that you dress professionally for your experience.** For ladies, nice slacks and blouse, a skirt or dress, work well. For gentleman, nice slacks and a golf or open collared shirt.

**Disabilities Resource Services Reasonable Accommodations**

Reasonable accommodations are available for students who have a documented disability. Classroom accommodation forms are available through the Access Center on the WSU-Pullman campus. If you have a documented disability, even temporary, make an appointment as soon as possible with the staff at the Access Center. You will need to provide your supervisor with the appropriate accommodation form.  The form should be completed and submitted during the first week of class. Late notification can delay your accommodations or cause them to be unavailable.  *All accommodations for disabilities must be approved through the Access Center.*

**School Calendar**

The practicum experience follows the public school’s calendar and not the WSU calendar. Should school be delayed or cancelled due to weather or there is no school on your scheduled day, you must find another time to make up the missed hours.

**Statement of Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty, including all forms of cheating, unauthorized collaboration, plagiarism, and fabrication, is prohibited. Knowingly facilitating academic dishonesty is also prohibited. Academic integrity will be strongly enforced in this course. Any student caught cheating on any assignment will be given an F for the course and will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. We strongly encourage you to familiarize yourself with the Standards of Conduct for Students regarding Academic Dishonesty at: [http://conduct.wsu.edu/academic-integrity-policies-and-resources](http://conduct.wsu.edu/academic-integrity-policies-and-resources/)

3.

 **Washington State Competencies for Special Education Practicum**

Students should be actively working on understanding and if possible, mastering the following competencies:

\*\* Office of Professional Education Standards Board (2021). *Endorsement Competencies for Special Education* Retrieved August 20, 2021 <https://www.pesb.wa.gov/preparation-programs/standards/endorsement-competencies/special-education/>

 **Practicum Student Roles and Responsibilities**

* Three to four weeks prior to the start of your practicum experience, you must confirm that you have the following on file with the Teaching and Learning Department: a background check and fingerprint clearance, a completed *Institutional Application and Character and Fitness Supplement*, and proof of liability insurance coverage. **These items must be received by the department before you may begin your practicum experience!** Visit the WSU-Pullman Field Services web page at: <http://education.wsu.edu/field/> for more information.
* After your placement has been confirmed, contact your mentor teacher and school principal to introduce yourself. Exchange contact information and arrange an opportunity to meet prior to the start of the practicum experience. Be sure to provide your mentor teacher and principal with a copy of this handbook.
* Create a weekly schedule that meets the needs of both you and your mentor teacher, and that fulfills the required 45 contact hours per credit/90 hours for each of the two practicum experiences. Your scheduled time may include some planning time with the mentor teacher, but the majority of the time should be in your assigned classroom when students are engaged in active learning.
* Complete the *Practicum Placement and Schedule Form (Appendix A)* and return that to your university supervisor at the start of your practicum experience.
* Meet with your practicum supervisor and mentor teacher to develop goals for completion during your experience.
* When your Practicum Supervisor arrives for a visit, provide them with all materials you will be using including a lesson plan if you have one.
* In the event of an emergency, you must notify your mentor teacher and practicum supervisor, preferably the night before, if you must be absent. Your mentor teacher plans on your assistance in the classroom. Practicum hours missed for any reason, including weather, must be completed during subsequent weeks or will result in a grade of Unsatisfactory.
* Be on time. Complete the *Practicum Attendance Log (Appendix B)* with dates, times, and total hours.
* Dress like a professional educator. Observe the standards of the school. Exhibit the attitudes and actions of a teacher.
* As a practicum student, you are in a school to learn by working closely with the mentor teacher. Follow their lead, i.e., arrive when they do, assist with supervision of cafeteria, playground, bus duty, etc. Remember that you are a guest in the school.
* Practice professional ethics. Demonstrate professional courtesy and confidentiality in your interactions with students, parents, and other professionals. Never discuss the students at your practicum setting with anyone beyond the school – primarily the only person you should discuss students with is your mentor teacher. Even talking about students with the paraprofessionals in the classroom may be a breach of confidentiality. Talk about who you can and cannot discuss students with, in a meeting with your mentor teacher.
* Complete all required assignments for the practicum experience. Keep all student information, data, etc., confidential. Do not use student names in other course work or class discussions.

 4.

 **Information and Requirements for Teachers Working Fulltime in a**

 **General Education Classroom**

For each practicum experience, general education teachers need to meet the following criteria to successfully complete the special education practicum in a general education classroom:

1. Have at least one student with a disability in your general education class with an identified disability and IEP; a middle school or secondary teacher can suffice with one student with a disability in at least one class during the day.
2. Spend 5 days outside of their classroom to observe:
	1. One school day each in three (3) self-contained special education classrooms (e.g., severe autism, emotional/behavioral disorders) (obtain a substitute teacher for your class via professional days or fund from your own money). For each day, create a memo stating the date, school, city, grade(s), disability type(s), and self-contained teacher’s name, who signs the memo verifying your attendance for the full school day. This memo can then be given or email-attached to the practicum supervisor.
	2. One school day each in two (2) resource rooms (obtain a substitute teacher for your class via professional days or fund from your own money). For each day, create a memo stating the date, school, city, grade(s), disability type(s), and resource room teacher’s name, who signs the memo verifying your attendance for the full school day. This memo can then be given or email-attached to the practicum supervisor.
3. Attend three IEP meetings including at least one initial/classification meeting, and one re-evaluation meeting.
4. Work with a special education teacher to develop an IEP. Create a memo stating the date, school, city, grade(s), disability type(s), and the special education teacher’s name, who signs the memo verifying your participation.

 5.

**Mentor Teacher**

**Roles and Responsibilities**

* Introducing the practicum student to faculty, staff, and students as appropriate.
* Sharing with your practicum student your school’s schedule, routine, policies, rules, etc., as well as your classroom expectations, routines, etc.
* Including the practicum student in building activities when appropriate and arranging for the student to observe other teachers or programs whenever possible.
* Meeting with the student early in the experience to assist her/him in developing goals for completion during her/his experience.
* Assisting the practicum student with completion of assignments by becoming familiar with the expectations and objectives of the practicum experience.
* Providing the practicum student with background information on individual learners in your classroom. This enables the student to understand and implement the best strategies to meet the needs of each learner. Practicum students are aware of issues surrounding confidentiality and are expected keep all student information and interactions strictly confidential (i.e., using pseudonyms or initials for all classroom assignments). When possible please show practicum students the IEP’s of individual students in the classroom.
* Include the practicum in at least 1 IEP meeting.
* Involving the practicum student in as many teaching activities as possible (e.g., small group instruction, one-to-one tutoring, supporting inclusive activities, data collection, etc.). These activities help students practice their skills in supervised settings while receiving constructive feedback to help them grow as teachers. Practicum students may work with para-educators as long as they are under the direct supervision of the mentor teacher.
* Provide the practicum student with continuous, constructive feedback, both oral and written, on her/his performance including lesson planning, teaching behaviors, professionalism, and interpersonal relationships with students, parents, staff, and administrators. WSU wants the practicum students to demonstrate reflective thinking and practice by analyzing their strengths and areas for improvement.
* Maintaining contact with the university supervisor throughout the practicum experience regarding student progress.
* Reporting any problems with the student’s performance and/or behavior to the university supervisor or Special Education Program Coordinator as soon as possible.
* Completing the *Practicum Evaluation Form, SETPP,* at the end of the practicum experience, along with the *Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE).*  Returning both forms to the university supervisor when completed.

***The practicum student is not a certificated teacher and must be supervised at all times.***

 6.

 **University Supervisor**

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The university supervisor serves dual roles as both an observer/evaluator for the practicum student and as a liaison between the practicum site and the university. The university supervisor’s duties include:

* Contacting the mentor teacher and school administrator for introductions and to provide goals of the practicum experience.
* Meeting with the practicum student at the start of the semester to discuss practicum requirements and identify possible goals for the experience.
* Visiting the practicum student on-site at least twice per semester. The visits may include an observation of the practicum student working with students, or a conference with the mentor teacher and/or practicum student to discuss progress and practicum requirements. The university supervisor will also provide the student with a copy of the *Practicum Observation Form*.
* Meeting with the practicum student as needed throughout the experience.
* Contacting the mentor teacher periodically about student progress, addressing any concerns regarding the practicum student, and answering any questions about the experience in general.
* Conferencing with the practicum student, and the mentor teacher if needed, at the end of the practicum experience to discuss the student’s progress and accomplishments.
* Collecting, reviewing, evaluating, and completing documents throughout the experience relating to the practicum experience.

7.

**Additional Suggestions for Mentor Teachers and Practicum Students**

Generally, students will begin the practicum experience with minimal responsibility for instruction, assessment, and management. Depending on the practicum student’s knowledge and skills, responsibilities are added gradually. Some students come into the program with a broad range of experience and skills and may even have a teaching certificate. These students are usually given more responsibility at the beginning of the practicum, with other tasks added at a quick pace. Other students will need more time to build their skills and abilities to instruct, assess, and manage students, and therefore, will take on responsibilities and complete tasks at a more gradual pace. Decisions about the practicum student’s responsibilities should be made jointly with input from the student, the university supervisor, and the mentor teacher.

Practicum students are placed in a variety of settings, from early childhood programs, to elementary resource rooms, to transition programs. Due to the wide variation of practicum sites, there is a broad range of responsibilities that are possible, and these will vary from site to site. Some of the responsibilities/activities that are appropriate for practicum students may include (but are not limited to):

* One-on-one, small group, or whole group instruction
* Lesson planning
* Conducting observations and functional behavior assessments
* Implementing behavior plans
* Conducting informal and formal assessments with the supervision of the mentor teacher
* Attending IEP, MDT, or IFSP meetings
* Providing functional skills instruction
* Aiding students when they are in inclusive settings
* Adapting and modifying instruction for students with disabilities
* Assisting the teacher with technology and curriculum design

Frequent and clear communication between the mentor teacher and the practicum student is essential. Scheduling brief regular meetings to discuss the practicum student’s progress is recommended.

If the mentor teacher has concerns about the practicum student’s progress, placement, or skills/abilities, please contact the university supervisor immediately.

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**Special Ed 490/590 Course Requirements/Practicum Portfolio**

Practicum Students registered for ***Spec Ed 590*** *– Practicum Experience in Special Education* are required to develop and maintain a Practicum Portfolio. This Portfolio will be reviewed by the university supervisor at the conclusion of the practicum experience and is a major component in the successful completion of the Spec Ed 590 Practicum.

***Spec Ed 490*** --The information needed for this portfolio is located on Canvas. You will be provided with the login information at the beginning of the practicum experience. Each of the completed assignments can be posted to the Canvas site and this will be considered your portfolio for the class. Please have all of the requirements turned in by the last week of the semester.

Sections of the Practicum Portfolio:

1. **Schedules**

 This section should contain a copy of your practicum schedule, your assigned classroom’s daily schedule, schedules for any specific students to whom you are assigned, a school calendar, and your *Practicum Attendance Log* *(Appendix B).* You are responsible for knowing what days you need to be at your site. Practicum hours missed for any reason, including illness or weather, must be completed during subsequent weeks or will result in a grade of Unsatisfactory.

1. **Practicum Journal/reflection paper**

You should keep a journal, with entries corresponding to every week of your practicum. Document the dates completed by writing those in the margin, next to the journal entry. Please include a general discussion of your activities that week. Include at least one reflection for each week. This is an excellent opportunity for you to think about the effectiveness of your instruction, your impressions/experiences, and what you are learning that will improve your instruction in the future. Reflections should center on an event or events that are related to your future teaching practices. For example, perhaps you have an interaction with students that changes the way you think about or design small group instruction – your reflections on that interaction would be good to include in your journal. After completing your experience. Please use your journal to write a **3-4 page reflection paper** on your experience. Please hand in your reflection paper to the Canvas site.

3.  **Feedback**

 Include all feedback and notes you receive from your mentor teacher and university supervisor. Any suggestions given to you from your mentor teacher or supervisor should be recorded in this section. Place copies of the completed *Special Education Endorsement Program Practicum Evaluation Form, (SETPP),* and the completed *Professional Dispositions Evaluation Form for Field Experiences (PDEFE)* in this section as well. Please also take the PDEFE competencies and write a 2-3 sentence explanation describing how you met these competences, in the classroom, this semester. In addition, any notes taken during meetings with your mentor teacher should be included in this section of the Portfolio. Each of these forms can be scanned or photographed and turned into the Canvas site. Finally, the *Field Experience Exit Slip on Qualtrics,* must be completed online.

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**Pullman School District** <https://www.pullmanschools.org>

**Franklin Elementary School**

**Principal**: Stephany Bray

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850 SE Klemgard, Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 334- 5641

**Jefferson Elementary School**

**Principal**: Jim Bruce

**Special Ed Teacher**: Shelley Nicesnice@psd267.org

1150 NW Bryant, Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 332- 2617

**Sunnyside Elementary School**

**Principal:** Pam Brantner

**Special Ed Teacher:** Mary Krumpl mkrumpl@psd267.org

425 SE Shirley, Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 334-1800

**Pre School**:

Behind Pullman High

**Kamiak Elementary School**

**Principal**: Evan Hecker

**Special Ed teacher K-2: Claren Bolan** Cbolan@psd267.org

**Special Ed teacher 3-5: Destiny Barker** Dbarker@psd267.org

1400 NW Terre View, Pullman WA 99163

(509) 336-7205

**Lincoln Middle School**

**Principal:** Cameron Grow

**Special Ed Teacher: Connie Hoyle** choyle@psd267.org (6th grade)

**Co Teaching Classroom; Kelly Schultheis** kschultheis@psd267.org (7-8th grade)

**Co Teaching Classroom; Becky Adderson** **Raderson@psd267.org**

**High Needs Students; Laura Hersey** Lhersey@psd267.org

315 SE Crestview, Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 334- 3411

**Pullman High School**

**Principal:** Jason Pollestad

**Special Ed Teacher**:

**Resource Room:** Scott ThompsonSThompson@psd267.org(11-12th grade)

**Resource Room:** Michael Ausmus MAusmus@psd267.org (9-10th grade)

**High Needs students:** Sam Fleener Sfleener@psd267.org (9-12th grade)

510 Greyhound St, Pullman, WA 99163

(509) 332-1551

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**Practicum Student To-Do list**

**Beginning of the Semester requirements**

Fill out the Practicum Placement Schedule form, with your supervising teacher, give it to Susie.

**What you need to accomplish while in the resource room**

1. Plan to attend at least one IEP meeting. Please discuss with your supervising teacher how this can be accomplished. While the teacher is writing up the IEP, observe how IEP online works.

2. Discuss with your supervising teacher, the possibility of writing some goals for a particular student.

3. Please let your supervising teacher know that you would like to observe any assessments she/he is giving.

4. Please be observant and jump in where you see a need. Ask the teacher and the paraprofessionals what they would like you to do while you are in the classroom.

**All of the paperwork and required projects need to be turned in before a grade can be posted**

**Assignments will all be due at the end of the semester**

1. Keep a daily Journal. Using the journal as a guide write a 3-4-page review based off of your journal writings.

2. Fill out the hour’s log and have it initialed by the supervising teacher weekly, any additional activity at the school will count. You may include IEP meetings and school functions that you’ve helped with.

3. Using the PDEFE form as a guide, write 2-3 sentences for each of the criteria describing how you have met or not met each one.

4. Attend an IEP meeting, take note and include your observations in your final review paper.

5. With your supervising teacher’s assistance, develop 2-3 goals for a student that is assigned to you.

**End of the semester paperwork, due by the end of finals week**

**Hand in everything, you have completed, from the semester requirements list to Canvas.**

1. Fill put the PDEFE form with your supervising teacher.

2. Fill out the SETPP form with your supervising teacher

3. PDEFE review describing how you have met the competences

4. Classroom attendance log

5. Completed 3-4 page paper reviewing your experience in the classroom.

6. Fill out and submit the Exit slip on Qualtrics, you will be provided with the link at the end of the semester.

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**Appendices**

**Appendix A**

**Practicum Placement and Schedule Form**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ WSUID#\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Semester\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ University Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Practicum Location (school/room) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mentor Teacher\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Mentor Teacher Email \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Principal or Director \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Days and times in the classroom**

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| **Day** | **Time(s)**  |
| **Monday** |  |
| **Tuesday** |  |
| **Wednesday** |  |
| **Thursday** |  |
| **Friday** |  |

**Best time/day for University Supervisor to visit/observe: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Appendix B**

**Practicum Attendance Log**

**Directions:**

1. Fill in the **date, arrival and departure times**, and document how your time was spent during each practicum visit. Be sure to have your **Mentor Teacher initial** this form at the completion of each visit.
2. You are required to visit your practicum site for a **minimum of 45 hours per credit** of practicum.
3. If you cannot visit your site on your scheduled day, **contact your Mentor Teacher and your University Supervisor as soon as possible** to arrange a make-up visit. This is a very important part of being a professional!

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| **Date** | **Time Arrived** | **Time Left** | **How Your Time Was Spent** | **Teacher Initials** |
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**Appendix C**

**Special Education Endorsement Program**

**Practicum Evaluation Form**

Practicum Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Mentor Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

WSU Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature/Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School Site: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Semester:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| **Common Core Knowledge & Skill Standards** | **Met** | **Not Met** | **Not Observed** |
| **6.2.4** Use current information on assessments andevaluations to inform instruction. |  |  |  |
| **6.3.2** Maintain confidential communication anddocumentation about individuals with disabilities |  |  |  |
| **6.4.7** Collaborate and communicate with school personnel,family and community members to include andaccommodate individuals with disabilities into varioussettings |  |  |  |
| **6.4.14** Use instructional time to positively impact studentlearning by designing and managing effective dailyroutines. |  |  |  |
| **6.6.1** Demonstrate commitment to developing the highesteducation and quality-of-life potential of individuals withdisabilities. |  |  |  |
| **6.6.2** Uphold high standards of competence and integrityand exercise sound judgment in the practice of theprofession consistent with the Council for ExceptionalChildren Code of Ethics |  |  |  |

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**Appendix D**

**Professional Dispositions Evaluation Form for Field Experiences (PDEFE)**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ID#:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE TO INSTRUCTORS/SUPERVISORS: WHEN COMPLETING THIS EVALUATION, PLEASE ASSESS THE PRACTICUM STUDENT IN LIGHT OF HIS/HER STAGE OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.*

**A full definition of each disposition is included below.**

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| **Disposition** | **Comments** |
| ***1****.****Enthusiasm****: The pre-service teacher has enthusiasm for the discipline(s) s/he teaches and sees connections to everyday life.*  |  Met Not Met  |
| ***2****.****Interaction****: with students: The pre-service teacher is disposed to use students’ strengths as a basis for growth, and their errors as an opportunity for learning* | Met Not Met |
| **3**.***Sensitivity****: the pre-service teacher is sensitive to community and cultural norms* | Met Not Met |
| **4.*Classroom Climate****: The pre-service teacher takes responsibility for establishing a positive climate in the classroom and participates in maintaining such a climate in the school as a whole* | Met Not Met |
| **5.*Self-Expression****: The pre-service teacher recognizes the power for language for fostering self-expression, identity development and learning* | Met Not Met |
| **6***.****Planning****: The pre-service teacher believes that long term and short term plans must always be open to adjustment and revision based on student needs and changing circumstances* | Met Not Met |
| **7.*Life Long Learning****: The pre-service teacher is committed to reflection, assessment and learning as an ongoing process* | Met Not Met |
| ***8.Assessment Strategies****: The pre-service teacher is committed to using assessment to identify student strengths and promote student growth rather than to deny student access to learning opportunities* | Met Not Met |
| ***9.Attention to Student Needs****: The pre-service teacher is concerned about all aspects of a child’s well-being (cognitive, emotional, social and physical), is alert to signs of difficulties and is willing to work with other professionals to improve the learning environment for students* | Met Not Met |
| ***10.Professionalism****: The pre-service teacher recognizes his/her professional responsibility for engaging in and supporting appropriate professional practices for self and colleagues* | Met Not Met |

Signatures:

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PDEFE Definitions:

*1.* ***Enthusiasm:*** Appears excited about what s/he is teaching or observing in the classroom; engages students, supervising teachers and/or colleagues in discussions about content; provides examples of how knowledge can be connected to students’ everyday lives.

*2.* ***Interaction with Students:*** Looks for opportunities to provide positive feedback to students; works with students to insure any confusion or misunderstanding is addressed without negativity.

*3.* ***Sensitivity:*** Adapts to established classroom and building procedures and policies; interacts effectively with students, teachers, and administrators; communicates well with all students and their families; addresses the specific needs of individual students and their families.

*4.* ***Classroom Climate:*** Is proactive in establishing relationships with students; models the importance of respecting others; clearly communicates expectations regarding students’ behavior; appears interested in students’ academic performance and emotional well-being.

*5.* ***Self-expression:*** Adjusts the complexity of his/her language to the linguistic abilities of the students in a class; is able to express him/herself in a clear and professional manner in speaking and in writing.

*6.* ***Planning:*** Modifies plans as students’ needs or situations change; changes directions and explanations to clarify information for students; adjusts plans based on students’ understanding, interest, or engagement.

*7.* ***Life Long Learning:*** Responds to constructive feedback by making appropriate changes in instruction or action; demonstrates an understanding of his/her own strengths and weaknesses; makes adjustments based on his/her own reflection; appears committed to being a “lifelong learner.”

*8.* ***Assessment Strategies:*** Uses informal and formal assessment strategies; provides feedback to students in constructive ways; assesses students’ performance without making judgments about his/her character; uses information gained from assessment to plan and modify assignments.

*9.* ***Attention to Student Needs:*** Addresses all aspects of students’ needs; acknowledges students’ experiences outside of the classroom; communicates with appropriate school personnel to learn more about students’ lives; expresses concerns about specific students in a timely and professional manner.

*10.* ***Professionalism:*** Attends all field experiences (or communicates with appropriate personnel regarding extenuating circumstances that prevents attendance); arrives on time; is prepared to participate and/or teach; dresses professionally; observes confidentiality; adheres to school and state code of conduct.

*Standards adapted from the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC), available at the Council of Chief*

*State School Officers (CCSSO) website (http://www.ccsso.org/intasc.html)*

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