

The Teacher Candidate in the Clinical Experience
Protocols and Forms



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Using Missouri's Educator Evaluation System to Assess the Performance of Teacher Candidates during the Clinical Experience

Introduction

Missouri's Educator Evaluation System was created, field-tested and piloted, and refined by hundreds of educators across the state. The system is founded on general beliefs about the purpose of the evaluation process. Central to these beliefs is a theory of action which maintains that improving student performance is predicated on the improvement of educator practice. These beliefs include that evaluation processes are formative in nature and lead to continuous improvement; are aligned to standards that reflect excellence; build a culture of informing practice and promoting learning; and use multiple, balanced measurements that are fair and ethical.

Teacher candidates are an essential part of Missouri's Professional Continuum. As noted below, teacher candidates are in the preparation process to enter the profession. In the Clinical Experience, teacher candidates are afforded the opportunity to put preparation into practice.

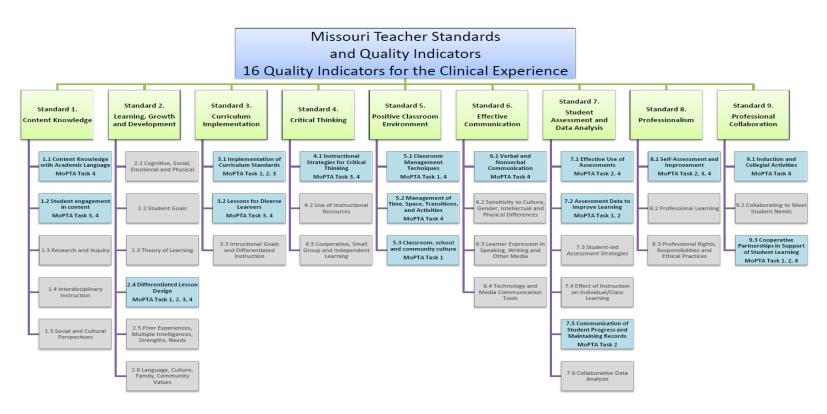
The Professional Continuum of the Teacher

Candidate:	Emerging Teacher:	Developing Teacher:	Proficient Teacher:	Distinguished Teacher:
This level describes the	This level describes the	This level describes the	This level describes the	This level describes the
performance expected of a	performance expected of	performance expected of a	performance expected of a	career, professional teacher
potential teacher preparing to	an emerging teacher as	teacher early in their	career, professional teacher	whose performance
enter the profession and	they enter the profession	assignment as the teaching,	who continues to advance	exceeds proficiency and
enrolled in an approved	in a new assignment. The	content, knowledge, and skills	his/her knowledge and skills	who contributes to the
educator preparation	base knowledge and skills	that he/she possesses	while consistently	profession and larger
program at a college,	are applied as they begin	continue to develop as they	advancing student growth	community while
university, or state-approved	to teach and advance	encounter new experiences	and achievement.	consistently advancing
alternate pathway. Content	student growth and	and expectations in the		student growth and
knowledge and teaching skills	achievement in a	classroom, school, district, and		achievement. The
are being developed through	classroom of their own.	community while they		Distinguished Teacher
a progression of planned		continue to advance student		serves as a leader in the
classroom and supervised		growth and achievement.		school, district, and the
clinical experiences.				profession.

As prescribed in the Missouri Standards for the Preparation of Educators (MoSPE), teacher candidates in their Clinical Experience are to be assessed using the Missouri Educator Evaluation System. The following provides an introduction to the forms and a description of their use.

Standards and Quality Indicators Webmap

The Missouri Educator Evaluation System contains thirty-six Quality Indicators across nine standards. In the Clinical Experience, sixteen of the thirty-six Quality Indicators have been selected for assessing the performance of the teacher candidate. These were determined by consulting research regarding the effect size of teacher strategies and actions on student achievement and in working with districts across the state to identify indicators that are of particular importance specifically in the first and second years of teaching.



While all thirty-six Quality Indicators are important and addressed throughout the preparation process, these sixteen in particular are an indication of the readiness of a teacher candidate for his/her first year of teaching. The teacher candidate is assessed on each of these indicators by the University Supervisor and the Cooperating Teacher. The Building Administrator provides feedback on four of these sixteen Quality Indicators. The forms included in this process are explained to provide further detail on how this assessment occurs.

Teacher Candidate Performance Rubric

A rubric has been provided for each of the sixteen Quality Indicators. The rubric specifically highlights the transition from "knowing to doing" that occurs during the Clinical Experience and as reflected in the transition of a teacher candidate into an emerging teacher. The first row of the rubric articulates the particular performance represented in the Quality Indicator. This articulation occurs across an entire continuum that includes: Teacher Candidate, Emerging Teacher, Developing Teacher, Proficient Teacher and Distinguished Teacher. The rubric contains the first

Rubric for the Teacher Candidate during the Clinical Experience

Standard 1: Content knowledge aligned with appropriate instruction.

1.1 Content knowledge and acade	mic language		
1C1) The teacher candidate demonstrates knowledge of the academic language of the appropriate discipline applicable to the certification area(s) sought as defined by the Subject Competencies for Beginning Teachers in Missouri.	1E1) The emerging teacher knows and of content knowledge and communicat language.		101) The developing teacher also delivers accurate content learning experiences using supplemental resources and incorporates academic language into learning activities.
Evidence Demonstrates knowledge of the appropriate content, learning outcomes and academic language as related to various subject areas	Evidence of Commitment Is well prepared to guide students to a deeper understanding of content Evidence of Practicer Unistruction reflects accuracy of content knowledge Evidence of Impact Students are generally familiar with academic language		Evidence of Commitment Stays current on new content and incorporates it into lessons Evidence of Practice Instruction indicates an appreciation of the complexity and eve evolving nature of the content Evidence of Impact Students are oble to use academic language
-Demonstrates a general awarenss of appropriate content of appropriate content -Designs Jessons that align learning objectives to the Missouri Learning Standards -Can identify essential academic language relative to appropriate content	Possible Observable Data -Prepares lessons that include appropriate content -Provides instruction that -Provides instruction that communicate essential learning outcomes -Students are sometimes aware of the essential learning -Students sometimes us language -Students sometimes use language -related to the learning goal	Possible Observable Data — Form Instruction of content that is occurate and relevant - effective strategies are used direct students to essential learning - Students are frequently aware of the essential learning - students correctly use of academic language related to the learning good most of the time	-Clear instruction of content that is accurate, relevant and current -Clear instruction of content that is accurate, relevant and current -Use of strategies that direct students to essential learning -Using strategies like chunking to address the complexities of til content -Students consistently provide accurate explanations of the essential learning soal -Students correctly use academic language related to the learning goal
Notes:	Notes:		Notes:

three levels of that continuum. The Clinical Experience provides teacher candidates the opportunity to begin to demonstrate performance at the Emerging or higher levels.

The second row articulates the evidence supporting the various levels of performance. Evidence is clustered into three professional frames: Commitment, Practice and Impact. Commitment speaks in part to the quality of the teacher and includes things like preparation, planning and materials. Practice speaks to specific adult behaviors and occurs through the observation process. Impact is about outcomes and results and includes things like student behaviors and products of student learning.

The final row offers possible observable data for each of the levels. It is important to note that data offered does not represent a checklist and is certainly not the only possible data that could be included. Rather, these are suggestions of ways the particular performance in the Quality Indicator might be demonstrated and represented.

Included in this form is a chart listing Possible Sources of Evidence in each professional frame for each of the standards. Like Possible Observable Data, these sources are not a checklist or even a comprehensive list of evidence, but rather suggestions to be considered when assigning ratings.

The Teacher Candidate Performance Rubric is offered for informational purposes for the Teacher Candidate, University Supervisor, Cooperating Teacher, and Building Administrator. The notes section is offered as a place to capture thoughts about evidence or possible data. The overall purpose of the rubric is to create common language around the demonstration of the performance in the Clinical Experience.

Teacher Candidate Formative Assessment

This form provides feedback to the teacher candidate throughout their Clinical Experience by the University Supervisor and may also be used by the Cooperating Teacher. It includes each of the sixteen highlighted Quality Indicators. For each indicator, there is a place where a numerical rating can be provided. The numerical ratings range from a score of "0" to a score of "3". The Teacher Candidate Performance Rubric (see page 6) assists with the consideration of evidence of the teacher candidate's ability to demonstrate skills at the Emerging and Developing Levels. Scores on the teacher candidate's performance are assigned as follows:

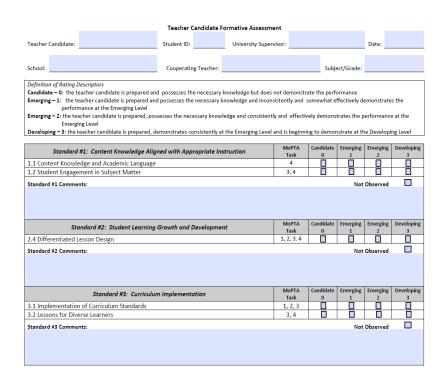
A score of "0" is selected when the teacher candidate is knowledgeable about the particular performance articulated in the indicator but is unable to demonstrate that performance in any meaningful way.

A score of "1" is selected when the teacher candidate is able to demonstrate the performance articulated at the Emerging Level, although their performance of it is inconsistent or incomplete.

A score of "2" is selected when the teacher candidate is able to demonstrate the performance articulated at the Emerging Level consistently and completely.

A score of "3" is selected when the candidate not only demonstrates the performance of the indicator consistently and completely at the Emerging Level, but is also able to at least demonstrate to some extent the performance articulated at the Developing Level.

There is an option for "not observed" and a place for comments for each of the standards. Overall comments and signatures are provided on the final page of this form.



Optional Formative Observation Feedback Form

This form is used to offer general feedback to the teacher candidate in a variety of different areas. As opposed to the Teacher Candidate Formative Assessment (see page 7), which is organized by Standard and Quality Indicator, this form is organized by different areas related to instruction and classroom environment. As noted in its title, this form is for optional use by the University Supervisor, Cooperating Teacher and perhaps even the Building Administrator. Each area is aligned to corresponding Quality Indicators and provides opportunity for the following feedback to the teacher candidate:

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Feacher Candidate:	Uni	versity Superv	isor:		Date:		
School:	Cor	Cooperating Teacher:			Grade/Subject:		
Teacher Candidate Strategies * (Select only those strategies that apply)	ICI	Student Engagement * (Circle One for each strategy selected)			Depth of Knowledge * (Circle One for each strategy selected)		
Lecture	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	Extended Thinking Skill Concept		
Classroom Discussion	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Cooperative Learning	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Group Work	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Guided Practice	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Learning Centers	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	 □ Strategic Thinking □ Recall 	
Hands On/Active Learning	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged <a> 	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	 □ Strategic Thinking □ Recall 	
Presentations	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Question/Answer	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	 □ Extended Thinking □ Skill Concept 	 □ Strategic Thinking □ Recall 	
Independent Student Work	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Peer Evaluation	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	 □ Strategic Thinking □ Recall 	
Advanced/Graphic Organizers	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	 □ Extended Thinking □ Skill Concept 	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Nonlinguistic Representations	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	 □ Strategic Thinking □ Recall 	
Project Based Learning	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Similarities/Differences	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Summarizing/Note Taking	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
Other	High	Moderate	Low	Disengaged	☐ Extended Thinking ☐ Skill Concept	☐ Strategic Thinking ☐ Recall	
1.1 Content Knowledge and Academic Language 2.4 Differentiated Lesson Design 3.2 Lessons for Diverse Learners 5.2 Management of Time, Space, Transitions, and Activities 6.1 Verbal and Non-verbal Communication 7.2 Assessment Data to Improve Learning	Student Engagement in Subject Matter Student Engagement in Subject Matter Student Lesson Design Student St			3.1 Curriculum Impleme 4.1 Student Engagemen 7.1 Effective Use of Asse *Note: anything not ab	in Critical Thinking ssments		

Teacher Candidate Strategies – identifies the particular strategy or strategies the teacher candidate demonstrates during the observation.

Student Engagement – for each selected strategy from the first column, a level of student engagement is noted in response to the strategy. Student engagement can be perceived as being high, moderate, low or disengaged. These engagement levels reference both the intensity and level of activity of the students as well as a percentage of the students to which it applies.

Depth of Knowledge – for each selected strategy and corresponding level of student engagement, a rating on depth of knowledge is provided on the particular learning activity being observed. These ratings include extended thinking, strategic thinking, skill concept or recall.

As previously noted, corresponding Quality Indicators are provided for the strategies, student engagement level and depth of knowledge. On the second page of this form, there is opportunity to provide feedback to the teacher candidate regarding the classroom structure, the curriculum/instruction observed and the particular use of assessments observed. As with the areas on the first page, these include corresponding Quality Indicators as well. The reference of each area to corresponding Quality Indicators can be beneficial for the ongoing collection of evidence to be applied to the determination of the teacher candidate's overall performance at the conclusion of the Clinical Experience. The final page has space provided for overall comments/observations and signatures.

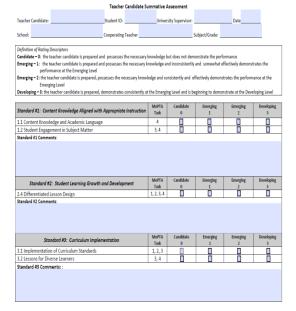
Teacher Candidate Summative Assessment

This form is used by the University Supervisor and the Cooperating Teacher at the conclusion of the Clinical Experience. The structure of this form is much like the Teacher Candidate Formative Assessment (see page 7). As with the formative form, a rating of "0" through "3" is provided on each of the Quality Indicators. Those ratings are determined based on evidence collected throughout the Clinical Experience and captured on forms like the Teacher Candidate Performance Rubric (see page 6) and the two available formative forms (see pages 7-8). The ratings are determined as follows:

A score of "0" is selected when the teacher candidate is knowledgeable about the particular performance articulated in the indicator but is unable to demonstrate that performance in any meaningful way.

A score of "1" is selected when the teacher candidate is able to demonstrate the performance articulated at the Emerging Level, although their performance is inconsistent or incomplete.

A score of "2" is selected when the teacher candidate is able to demonstrate the performance articulated at the Emerging Level consistently and completely.



Quality Indicators			ores	
	Cooperating	University	Building	Average Scon
	Teacher	Supervisor	Administrator	Per Indicato
1.1 Content knowledge and academic language				
1.2 Student engagement in subject matter				
2.4 Differentiated lesson design				
3.1 Implementation of curriculum standards				
3.2 Lessons for diverse learners				
4.1 Student engagement in critical thinking				
5.1 Classroom management techniques				
5.2 Management of time, space, transitions, and activities				
5.3 Classroom, school & community culture				
6.1 Verbal, nonverbal communication				
7.1 Effective use of assessments				
7.2 Assessment data to improve learning				
7.5 Communication of student progress and maintaining records				
8.1 Self assessment & improvement				
9.1 Induction & collegial activities				
9.3 Professional Collaboration				
TOTAL SCORE				
AVERAGE SCORE PER INDICATOR (total score / 16)				

Tabulating Final Scores for the Teacher Candidate

A score of "3" is selected when the candidate not only demonstrates the performance of the indicator consistently and completely at the Emerging Level, but is also able to at least demonstrate to some extent the performance articulated at the Developing Level.

A chart used for tabulating scores is provided on the final page. On this chart, scores are captured from the Cooperating Teacher, the University Supervisor and the Building Administrator. The separate scores are averaged together horizontally to generate an overall average score per indicator. The separate average indicator scores in the 4th column are then averaged together vertically to determine one overall average indicator score for the teacher candidate This overall average indicator score represents the assessment of the teacher candidate's performance during their Clinical Experience.

Teacher Candidate Evaluation Form by the Building Administrator

This form is for the exclusive use of the building administrator. It is similar to the Teacher Candidate Performance Rubric (see page 6) but includes a place at the top for the building administrator to insert a score from "0" to "3". The criteria the building principal uses to determine this score is the same as was used with the Teacher Candidate Summative Assessment completed by the Cooperating Teacher and the University Supervisor. Those ratings are determined as follows:

Candidate - 0	Emerging - 1	Emerging – 2	Developing – 3
Possible Observable Data- -is knowledgeable on how to assess student engagement while in the process of instruction -Familiarity with possible strategies for building student engagement -Understands different strategies for adjusting pacing to enhance student engagement	Possible Observable Data -Implementation of strategies that prompt engagement by most students -Some variance in pacing that generally captures student interest and attention -Most but not all students visibly paying attention -Most but not all students providing accurate responses	Possible Observable Data - Scanning of room regularly to identify low engagement - Consistent use of strategies to prompt engagement by all students - Variance in poing that enhances student interest and attention - Students visibly paying attention - Students providing occurate responses	Possible Observable Data -Scans room consistently, identifies low engagement, and promptly uses strategies that result in an increase of student engagement -Effectively uses pacing and other engagement strategies that result in higher levels of student interest and participation -Evidence that higher levels of engagement result in increased learning students occurate responses reflect deeper learning and retention of content
Evidence Isknowledgeable of different strategies that result in increased levels of student engagement	Evidence of Proctice Use various engagement strategies to maintain student interest Evidence of Impact Students are interested and engaged in the content		Evidence of Practice Uses engagement strategies to increase students' levels of interest and activity Evidence of Impact Students' engagement causes content knowledge to advance
1C2) The teacher candidate demonstrates content knowledge and ability to use multiple subject specific methodologies for specific instructional purposes to engage students.	1E2) The emerging teacher chooses fro student interest and activity in the conf		1D2) The developing teacher also uses a variety of differentiated instructional strategies which purposefully engag students in content.
1.2 Student engagement in su	biect matter		
Standard 1: Content knowle	dge aligned with appropriate	instruction.	Quality Indicator 1.2 Score

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As noted previously (see Standards and Quality Indicators Webmap page 5), the building administrator provides feedback and a rating to the teacher candidate on only four of the sixteen Quality Indicators. These four indicators were selected using the following criteria:

- Indicators were selected that correlate to higher effect size of teacher strategies and actions on student achievement
- Input from administrators in the state confirming the importance of the performance represented by these indicators
- Indicators that are of particular importance specifically in the first and second years of teaching
- Indicators that administrators could readily observe in a minimum of short walkthroughs

The final page of this form includes a chart for capturing the separate scores of the Building Administrator. Those scores can be averaged to allow the Building Administrator to provide on overall rating to the teacher candidate. The Building Administrator is encouraged to provide feedback to the teacher candidate on his/her teaching performance, including the ratings for each of the four indicators.

The separate scores for each of these indicators provided by the Building Administrator are transferred to the chart on the final page of the Teacher Candidate Summative Assessment (see page 9) to enable the University Supervisor to calculate the teacher candidate's overall performance based on the combined assessments of the University Supervisior, the Cooperating Teacher and the Building Administrator.

Final Summative Scores for the Teacher Candidate by the Building Administrator					
Comments:					
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Quality Indicators	Score				
1.2 Student engagement in subject matter					
2.4 Differentiated lesson design					
2.4 Differentiated lessoff design					
5.1 Classroom management techniques					
o.z caustoonmanaBernett teeningaes					
7.2 Assessment data to improve learning					
TOTAL SCORE					
AVERAGE SCORE PER INDICATOR (total score / 4)					

These separate scores averaged together provide an overall assessment of the teacher candidate's performance at the culmination of their Clinical Experience. The assessments provide a determination on the degree to which the teacher candidate is able to put their knowledge articulated at the Candidate Level into practice as represented by demonstrating performance at the Emerging Level. There is particular focus on the sixteen of the thirty-six Quality Indicators that have been targeted as specifically important for success as a first year teacher.