



**College of Education and Human Development  
Division of Special Education and disAbility Research**

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EDSE 784 6U1: Internship: Adapted Curriculum

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**Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Teacher Candidates/Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.**

**Prerequisite(s):**

VCLA and other program specific requirements have been met; application for internship on file by program deadline.

**Co-requisite(s):**

None

**Course Description**

Applies, in supervised internships, university course work in Adapted Curriculum to instruction of children and their families in school settings.

**Advising Contact Information**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress in your program. Students in Special Education and Assistive Technology programs can contact the Special Education Advising Office at 703-993-3670 or [speced@gmu.edu](mailto:speced@gmu.edu) for assistance. All other students should refer to their assigned program advisor or the Mason Care Network (703-993-2470).

### **Advising Tip**

Are you planning to waive one of the two internship requirements for your teacher licensure program? The waiver is not automatic. Be sure to send the waiver documentation ([http://cehd.gmu.edu/assets/docs/forms/InternshipWaiv\\_forms.pdf](http://cehd.gmu.edu/assets/docs/forms/InternshipWaiv_forms.pdf)) to your advisor.

### **Course Delivery Method**

Learning activities include the following:

1. Individual demonstration
2. Classroom observations
3. Discussions and consultation
4. Reflection activities
5. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

### **Learner Outcomes**

1. Demonstrate understanding of development and the ability to plan and execute curriculum appropriate to the chronological ages, developmental and functional levels of the students being taught.
2. Demonstrate the integration of the theoretical methodology with the practical applications in the field.
3. Demonstrate positive and appropriate interactions with students, families and other professionals. This includes the ability to manage the classroom/resource room, co-teach in a general education setting, develop and enforce classroom expectations, develop strategies to anticipate behaviors and deal with them, and work through transitions during the day. This also includes demonstration of confidentiality when communicating about students with disabilities.
4. Develop and implement developmentally and functionally appropriate intervention activities within a variety of settings, including those that enhance and support integration and/or inclusion as well as those activities that are therapeutically based. This includes demonstration of a positive learning environment geared to the individual as well as the group. This may also be demonstrated in the general classroom environment as well as special education settings.
5. Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team including but not limited to general and special educators and therapists, parents and other related/support staff.
6. Demonstrate the ability to be lead teacher by overseeing the entire classroom while also meeting the individual needs of students, directing/teaming with assistants, and monitoring the ongoing activities and tone of the class. If working with students on an individual basis, demonstrate the ability to plan for that child based on goals and objectives and provide on-going assessment for both the child and the intervention sessions.
7. Demonstrate support within an integrated environment, as appropriate. This includes knowledge of general curriculum specific to the ages and grades of students, ability to modify the general education curriculum as needed, ability to work with general education staff in a manner which enhances the education of the student(s) with disabilities by providing direct or indirect support and the knowledge of how to work with groups of students demonstrating mixed abilities and needs (whether identified as disabled or not).
8. Select and utilize assessment and/or monitoring tools and strategies, including but not limited to county-wide assessments, SOLs, VAAP (as assessed for individual students), etc.

9. Develop developmentally, educationally and functionally appropriate IEPs.
10. Select and utilize workable and useful data/record keeping strategies.
11. Monitor and analyze teaching performance.
12. Demonstrate additional competencies contained in personal goals statement or delineated by the cooperating teacher and/or university supervisor.

### **Professional Standards**

(Council for Exceptional Children [CEC] and the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium [InTASC]). Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards: CEC Standard 2: Learning environments (InTASC 3); CEC Standard 4: Assessment (InTASC 6); CEC Standard 5: Instructional planning and strategies (InTASC 7,8); CEC Standard 6: Professional learning and ethical practice (InTASC 9) & CEC Standard 7: Collaboration (InTASC 10).

This course contains at least one Common Assessment developed by the College of Education and Human Development to assess our candidates' performance on nationally accepted standards for beginning teachers (InTASC) and our programs' performance on national accreditation standards (CAEP).

### **Evidence-Based Practices**

This experience will help interns apply evidence-based practices (EBPs) that can be used in their teaching to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

### **Required Texts**

GMU Division of Special Education and Disability Research. 2022/2023. *Special education adapted curriculum internship handbook*. Fairfax, VA: George Mason University

### **Recommended Texts**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>

### **Required Resources**

Access to Blackboard and Mason email, and access to other virtual communication tools (e.g. Zoom, OneDrive) as needed.

### **Course Performance Evaluation**

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, VIA, hard copy).

### **VIA Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement**

It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to VIA/SLL

(regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, InTASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to VIA/SLL.

For EDSE 784, the required PBA is the Internship Rubric. Please check to verify your ability to upload to VIA/SLL before the PBA due date.

### **Assignments and/or Examinations**

#### **Performance-based Assessment**

##### **(VIA submission required)**

- Internship Rubric (Assessment A; see Internship Handbook)

#### **College Wide Common Assessment**

##### **(VIA submission required)**

This course contains at least one Common Assessment developed by the College of Education and Human Development to assess our candidates' performance on nationally accepted standards for beginning teachers (InTASC) and our programs' performance on national accreditation standards (CAEP). The college-wide common assessments in this course are: InTASC Internship Evaluation and Observer-Rated Dispositions.

- Teacher Candidate Dispositions Rating (Assessment B; see Internship Handbook)

### **Other Assignments**

- Log of Hours (Form 1 in Internship Handbook; all completed/signed pages uploaded to the Forms page of Blackboard)
- Internship Summary and Final Grade (Form 2 in Internship Handbook; all completed/signed pages uploaded to the Forms page of Blackboard)
- Observation Summary Report (Form 3 in Internship Handbook; all completed reports uploaded to the Forms page in Blackboard)
- Weekly Reflection (Form 4 in the Internship Handbook; uploaded to the Forms page of Blackboard)
- End-of-Internship Evaluation (CEHD-wide evaluation completed online prior to internship completion)
- Lesson plans, observations, and pre- and/or post-observation conferences (see Internship Handbook)

Any other assignments may be assigned at the University Supervisor's discretion

## Assignment Summary

Log of Hours (Form 1) signed by MT and US	Upload to Blackboard at end of semester
Internship Summary and Final Grade (Form 2) signed by US	Upload to Blackboard at end of semester
Observation Summary Forms signed	Upload to Blackboard at end of semester
Weekly reflections with US comments	Uploaded to Blackboard as ongoing uploads or at the end of semester
Lesson Plans for observations	Emailed to US 24 hours before observations

### Student Evaluations of Teaching:

The student evaluation of teaching, or SET, is an online course survey. You are strongly encouraged to complete this form for each course as this feedback helps instructors and administrators improve your class experiences. Towards the end of the course, you will receive email and Blackboard notifications when the evaluations open. Your anonymous and confidential feedback is only shared with instructors after final grades have been submitted. More information about the SET can be found on The Institute of Effectiveness and Planning website at <https://oiep.gmu.edu/set/>

## Course Policies and Expectations

### Attendance/Participation

Teacher Candidates completing Traditional clinical internships are required to follow the Mentor Teacher's daily schedule. *Whether virtual or face-to-face, candidates must be punctual, arrive when the Mentor Teacher arrives, and leave when the Mentor Teacher leaves.* When an absence is unavoidable, the Candidate must notify the school office personnel, Mentor Teacher, and University Supervisor as far in advance as possible. If the Teacher Candidate is absent on a day when he/she is expected to teach, lesson plans and materials must be submitted to the Mentor Teacher before class begins. Candidates who are completing OTJ clinical internships are expected to adhere to their regular work schedule and responsibilities.

### Late Work

All internship activities and assignments are scheduled between the University Supervisor, Mentor Teacher, and Teacher Candidate. If an assignment cannot be completed as required, the Teacher Candidate must notify the University Supervisor and Mentor Teacher in advance and must work with the University Supervisor and Mentor Teacher to reschedule or adjust the deadline accordingly. Note that submission of all assignments in accordance with the agreed upon schedule increases the likelihood of on-time completion of internship requirements

### Other Requirements

- **Personal Appearance and Professional Conduct:** Candidates must dress professionally

and exhibit professional behavior in their assigned school at all times. Candidates must read their assigned school's faculty handbook and conform to the professional expectations of that school. If a Candidate cannot find a copy of the faculty handbook, he/she should contact the Mentor Teacher. Candidates should also note that Mentor Teachers and University Supervisors evaluate a Candidate's teaching dispositions and professionalism during the internship (see the Teacher Candidate Dispositions Rating, Assessment B in the Internship Handbook).

- **Holidays and Vacations:** Candidates must follow the calendar of their assigned school for their internship. The school's calendar may be different from George Mason's calendar during the semester of internship. The Teacher Candidate always follows the calendar of the assigned school during internship. This applies to Thanksgiving and spring break holidays as well.
- **Teacher Candidates and Substitute Teachers:** Traditional Internship Candidates may occasionally substitute for his/her Mentor Teacher during the internship, provided that several guidelines are strictly followed and approval is provided by the University Supervisor prior to substituting during the internship. See the guidelines outlined in the internship handbook. Note that hours spent substitute teaching may NOT be counted towards teaching hour requirements for the internship.
- **Important Considerations:** If Candidates do not comply with on-site school expectations, school divisions have the right to request the Candidate be removed from the assigned school. There is no guarantee that a Teacher Candidate will be approved for an alternate assignment or location. Candidates who do not uphold the professional behaviors and dispositions promoted by CEHD may be removed from internship and/or referred to the Office of Student and Academic Affairs as needed. On-site school expectations include the social media presence of Teacher Candidates. The Teacher Candidate Dispositions Rating (see Assessment B in Internship Handbook) includes the expectations for teaching dispositions. Each school site has faculty expectations outlined in a faculty handbook. Candidates are strongly encouraged to purchase professional liability insurance through membership in the Student Virginia Education Association, the Council for Exceptional Children, or through a private carrier in case of civil legal action. Candidates employed by a school division are encouraged to purchase additional coverage to supplement what is provided.

**Accommodations in Internships:** Students must be able to perform the essential functions of the internship site assigned with or without an accommodation. Contact Disability Services ([ods@gmu.edu](mailto:ods@gmu.edu)) for questions related to accommodations

## **Grading**

(From the Internship Handbook)

Grades for the internship are:

- **S Satisfactory:** Teacher Candidate successfully meets the clinical internship requirements and can be recommended for teacher licensure.
- **NC No Credit:** Teacher Candidate will not be recommended for teacher licensure unless he/she repeats all or part of the internship with satisfactory performance. This may require enrolling and paying tuition for additional credit hours in a subsequent semester or paying a fee for extended supervision. In some cases, a grade of NC may be

accompanied by a recommendation that the Teacher Candidate not be allowed to repeat the internship. In such cases, the Candidate may be counseled out of the licensure program although not necessarily out of the degree program.

- IP In Progress: The Teacher Candidate's performance cannot be evaluated at the end of the grading period. IP grade can be changed to S or NC upon completion of requirements.

**\*Note:** The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. See [Academic Integrity Site \(https://oai.gmu.edu/\)](https://oai.gmu.edu/) and [Honor Code and System \(https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/\)](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/). Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. "To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work." Work submitted must be your own new, original work for this course or with proper citations.

### **Professional Dispositions**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See [Policies and Procedures \(https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/\)](https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/). Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. Professional dispositions are an essential function of a special educator's job, indicating that these dispositions are critical to develop and assess in special education licensure programs. In the College of Education and Human Development, dispositions are formally and separately evaluated in at least three points in each student's program – a self-evaluation at the start of their program, a self-evaluation at the mid-point of their program, and a university supervisor's evaluation during internship. In special education graduate licensure programs, the initial self-evaluation is completed in a designated course (EDSE 501), the mid-point self-evaluation is completed in designated courses (EDSE 627, EDSE 661, and EDSE 616), and the internship evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 783, EDSE 784, and EDSE 785. In addition to these three designated evaluation times, instructors may complete instructor-rated disposition assessments other times throughout the program. When dispositions are assessed, it is important that for areas where a positive disposition is rated as "not proficient," the student takes steps to grow as an educator. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/epo/candidate-dispositions>.

### **Class Schedule**

**\*Note:** Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

The Teacher Candidate, Mentor Teacher, and University Supervisor work together to determine the schedule of observations and activities. Therefore, the Triad should agree upon the basic schedule during the initial meeting of the internship.

## Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles: See [Core Values](http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/) (<http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>).

## GMU Policies and Resources for Students

### Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code. See [Honor Code and System](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing. See [Responsible Use of Computing](http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/) (<http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor. See [Disability Services](https://ds.gmu.edu/) (<https://ds.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

### Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to VIA should be directed to [viahelp@gmu.edu](mailto:viahelp@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments>.
- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to [Blackboard Instructional Technology Support for Students](https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/) (<https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>).
- [Learning Services](mailto:learningservices@gmu.edu) ([learningservices@gmu.edu](mailto:learningservices@gmu.edu)) - Provides a variety of experience-based learning opportunities through which students explore a wide range of academic concerns. Services include support to students with learning differences, individual study strategy coaching, individualized programs of study, and referrals to tutoring resources. Presentations on a variety of academic topics such as time management, reading, and note taking are available to the university community. The programs are open to all George Mason University students free of charge.

## Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Non-Confidential Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per [University Policy 1202](#). If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as the [Student Support and Advocacy Center \(SSAC\)](#) at 703-380-1434 or [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance or support measures from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing [titleix@gmu.edu](mailto:titleix@gmu.edu).

**For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website [College of Education and Human Development \(http://cehd.gmu.edu/\)](http://cehd.gmu.edu/).**

## **Appendix**

### **Assessment Rubric(s)**

**Internship Rubric  
for Candidates in Initial Adapted Curriculum Licensure Program**

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**Candidate's Name**

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**Mentor Teacher**

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**University Supervisor**

<b>School</b>		<b>School Division</b>	
<b>Subject Area</b>		<b>Grade Level</b>	
<b>Year</b>		<b>Semester</b>	
<b>Date of Observations</b>			
<b>Date of Conference</b>		<b>Mid-Point _____</b>	<b>Final</b>

**Signature Indicating Participation in Review/Conference Process:**

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**Mentor Teacher**

**Date**

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**University Supervisor**

**Date**

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**Candidate**

**Date**

## Purpose and Instructions

Consistent with the College of Education and Human Development's conceptual framework, the purpose of the Internship Rubric is to prepare candidates to reflect on their practice and to provide a system for Candidates, Mentor Teachers, and University Supervisors to assess a candidate's growth over time. The Rubric is designed to assess a candidate's growth during the internship. The Rubric consists of Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) and Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) standards (i.e., the Specialized Professional Association [SPA] for special education programs), each with a series of key elements. The candidate is assessed on each element across the rubric.

The University Supervisor and Mentor Teacher will complete the Rubric with the Candidate at the end of each internship. The University Supervisor and Mentor Teacher should evaluate every item on the Rubric, whether by observation or by other documentation. The Teacher Candidate will be required to upload a copy of the signed and completed Internship Rubric to VIA at the end of the internship, and the University Supervisor will complete ratings within VIA to reflect the final rubric ratings.

### Scoring Guidelines

**3-Exceeds Standard:** Candidates receive a score of 3 if they perform beyond the expectations of candidates at this point in their programs. There is evidence that candidates have done additional research, identified additional resources, and/or demonstrate exceptional understanding and application of the standard.

**2-Meets Standard:** This is the TARGET score. This score reflects that candidates have met the standard at the level expected at this point in their program. Candidates who receive a 2 have successfully met the standard.

**1-Does not meet standard:** Candidates receive this score when their understanding and effort does not meet the Target. Candidates who receive a 1 have not successfully met the target.

Key Elements	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3	Rating Earned / Evidence
<b>InTASC Standard 1: Learner Development</b>				
<i>IT 1. The candidate understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated a partial understanding of learners' developmental levels, planning instruction that aligned to the developmental levels of some (but not all) of the learners; instruction was inappropriate and/or inaccessible for groups of learners.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated an accurate understanding of learners' developmental levels by planning varied instruction appropriate to support learning goals, actively engaging learners in learning that aligned with overall subsets of learner's developmental levels making learning accessible and challenging for the classroom.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated an accurate understanding of learners' developmental levels and was able to plan and articulate specific, varied strategies for engaging learners in the learning and providing varied options for learners to demonstrate mastery aligned to the developmental learning level of each learner and groups of learners in the classroom.	
<b>InTASC Standard 2: Learner Differences</b>				
<i>IT 2. The candidate uses understanding of individual differences, diverse cultures, and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated only partial familiarity with the learners' backgrounds (analysis of learners' readiness for learning and prior experiences) and/or was unable to use this information to inform instruction to meet the needs of the learner.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated familiarity with groups' and individual learners' backgrounds (analysis of learners' readiness for learning and prior experiences) and was able to use this information to inform instruction to create a positive culture of respect and rapport in the classroom that meets the needs of all learners.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated a deep understanding of each learner's background and was able to use this information to inform instruction that meets the needs of all learners and articulates the connection between specific strategies, content and delivery to meet the needs of individual learners and groups of learners in the classroom.	
<b>InTASC Standard 3: Learning Environment</b>				

Key Elements	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3	Rating Earned / Evidence
IT 3. <i>The candidate works with others to create face-to-face and virtual environments that support individual and collaborative learning, encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self- motivation.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate transitions inefficiently between learning activities with some loss of instructional time, monitoring and responding to learner behavior (both positive and negative) in a way that is inconsistent, inappropriate and/or ineffective for meeting classroom and individual learner needs, including in virtual environments.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate transitions efficiently and smoothly between learning activities with minimal loss of instructional time, using varied learning situations that includes monitoring and responding to learner behavior (both positive and negative) in a way that is consistent, appropriate and effective for meeting classroom and individual learner needs, including in virtual environments.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrates respect for and interest in individual learner’s experiences, thoughts and opinions and uses <i>transitions that are seamless, effectively maximizing instructional time, and combining independent, collaborative, and the individual needs of all learners, including in virtual environments.</i>	
<b>CEC Standard 2: Learning Environments</b>				
CEC 2a. <i>Maintains an orderly and supportive environment by managing routines.</i>	Candidate fails to manage classroom routines and thereby fails to maintain an orderly and supportive environment.	Candidate maintains an orderly and supportive environment by managing classroom routines.	Candidate actively analyzes the needs of the learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities in order to create and maintain an orderly and supportive environment. Candidate manages classroom routines and is responsive to the changing needs of the students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	
CEC 2b. <i>Motivates students with moderate to severe exceptionalities through interesting and challenging activities.</i>	Candidate fails to develop interesting and challenging activities to motivate students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate motivates students with moderate to severe exceptionalities through interesting and challenging activities.	Candidate takes student interests and abilities into consideration and designs a variety of learning activities, which motivate and challenge students with moderate to severe exceptionalities. Candidate uses evidence-based practices to motivate students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	

Key Elements	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3	Rating Earned / Evidence
<i>CEC 2c. Sustains a safe, equitable, positive and supportive learning environment in which diversities are valued.</i>	Candidate sustains a safe, equitable, positive and supportive learning environment but fails to demonstrate that diversities are valued.	Candidate sustains a safe, equitable, positive and supportive learning environment in which diversities are valued.	Candidate solicits student input and provides opportunities for choice making in order to organize, develop and sustain a safe, equitable, positive and supportive learning environment. Candidate analyzes students' linguistic and cultural background and considers the class diversity while establishing the learning environment.	
<i>CEC 2d. Designs learning environments that encourage active participation in individual and group activities and encourage student independence.</i>	Candidate fails to design learning environments that encourage participation in individual and group activities or to encourage student independence.	Candidate designs learning environments that encourage active participation in individual and group activities and encourage student independence.	Candidate designs learning environments that are multisensory, integrates social skills instruction and strategies for enhancing motivation for each individual student and the group as a whole as they design learning environments that encourage active participation in individual and group activities and encourage student independence.	
<i>CEC 2e. Modifies the learning environment to manage behaviors, time, space, and materials to keep students with moderate to severe exceptionalities productively involved in learning.</i>	Candidate fails to modify the learning environment to manage behaviors, time, space, and materials to keep students with moderate to severe exceptionalities productively involved in learning.	Candidate modifies the learning environment to manage behaviors, time, space, and materials to keep students with moderate to severe exceptionalities productively involved in learning.	Candidate modifies the learning environment to manage behaviors, time, space, and materials to keep students with moderate to severe exceptionalities productively involved in learning. Candidate establishes clear classroom procedures, discourages disruptions, and promotes interaction with students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	
<i>CEC 2f. Demonstrates the ability to manage two or more classroom activities simultaneously, with evidence of attention to each.</i>	Candidate demonstrates the ability to manage two or more classroom activities simultaneously but fails to provide attention to each.	Candidate demonstrates the ability to manage two or more classroom activities simultaneously, with evidence of attention to each.	Candidate demonstrates the ability to manage two or more classroom activities simultaneously, with evidence of attention to each. Candidate moves efficiently between and among activities, making adaptations as necessary to promote student success.	

Key Elements	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3	Rating Earned / Evidence
<i>CEC 2g. Uses effective and varied behavior management strategies and handles disruptive or destructive behavior firmly and fairly.</i>	Candidate is ineffective in using behavior management strategies to handle disruptive or destructive behavior.	Candidate uses effective and varied behavior management strategies and handles disruptive or destructive behavior firmly and fairly.	Candidate plans and implements individualized behavior plans, which include effective and varied behavior management strategies and handles disruptive or destructive behavior firmly and fairly.	
<i>CEC 2h. Communicates high expectations while respecting and valuing individual differences and cultural diversity.</i>	Candidate fails to communicate high expectations for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate promotes appropriate student behavior through clear communication of high expectations for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate communicates high expectations; develops an awareness of student behavior within the context of student background and cultural diversity.	
<i>CEC 2i. Uses the least intensive behavior management strategy consistent with the needs of the individual with exceptional learning needs.</i>	Candidate uses behavior management strategies which do not meet the needs of the individual with exceptional learning needs.	Candidate uses the least intensive behavior management strategy consistent with the needs of the individual with exceptional learning needs.	Candidate gathers background information on the individual with exceptional learning needs and analyzes upon this information in order to determine the most appropriate least intensive behavior management strategy. Candidate implements this strategy with fidelity, makes modifications as needed, and examines the efficacy of the strategy following the intervention.	
<i>CEC 2j. Establishes and maintains rapport with individuals with and without exceptional learning needs.</i>	Candidate fails to establish caring, friendly interactions or a rapport with students with and without exceptional learning needs.	Candidate establishes and maintains rapport with individuals with and without exceptional learning needs.	Candidate consistently establishes caring, friendly interactions and a positive rapport with students with and without exceptional learning needs.	
<b>InTASC Standard 4: Content Knowledge</b>				

Key Elements	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3	Rating Earned / Evidence
<i>IT 4: The candidate understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects accessible and meaningful for learners to ensure content mastery.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate demonstrated knowledge of the content using explanations that were not always accurate and clear and/or was not able to provide an effective alternate explanation for learner misconceptions.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate displayed knowledge of the important content in the discipline by using content-related strategies that clearly identify how concepts related to one another, using developmentally appropriate terminology/ language to build an understanding of content for all learners.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate displayed extensive knowledge of the important concepts in the discipline by using multiple representations, multiple formats, and appropriate content - related strategies and developmentally appropriate terminology/language, including varied levels of questioning, a wide variety of experiences, and opportunities to build a higher - level of understanding of content for all learners.	
<b>InTASC Standard 5: Application of Content</b>				
<i>IT 5: The candidate understands how to connect concepts and use different perspectives and digital resources to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate implemented teacher-directed lessons with limited use of problem solving and/or did not explore content through real-world and cross-curricular connections.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used collaborative problem solving as a way to explore content that includes learner-led learning activities including cross-curricular learning opportunities, with clear connections between content and other disciplines that encouraged independent, creative and critical thinking by the learners.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used collaborative problem solving as a way to explore content with the majority of instruction being learner-led learning activities including real-world and cross-curricular learning opportunities, with clear connections between content and other disciplines that encouraged independent, creative and critical thinking by the learners leading to a higher level of learner understanding of content.	
<b>InTASC Standard 6: Assessment</b>				
<i>IT 6: The candidate understands and uses multiple methods of assessment, including digital tools, to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide teacher and learner decision making.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate provided limited opportunities for learners to demonstrate learning by using a variety of assessments therefore did not have opportunities of feedback or analysis of learner data to inform future instruction.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate provided effective feedback to learners on multiple instances of formative, summative, informal, and/or formal assessments and analyzed data to inform instruction.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate provided multiple opportunities for learners to demonstrate learning by using formative, summative, informal, and/or formal assessments. Assessments were differentiated to match a full rating of learner needs and abilities, and the Candidate consistently analyzed data to inform instruction, with a clearly articulated rationale for data-based instructional decisions.	

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<b>CEC Standard 4: Assessment</b>				
<i>CEC 4a. Creates and explains criteria for assessing student work.</i>	Candidate does not explain criteria for assessing/monitoring student progress. Criteria for assessment are non-existent or inappropriate for the lesson/task.	Candidate creates and explains criteria for assessing student progress.	Candidate chooses appropriate assessment tools and strategies, communicates criteria to students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and collaborative team, confirms their understanding, and applies criteria consistently.	
<i>CEC 4b. Plans for using various methods to assess students' learning.</i>	Candidate fails to plan for using various methods to assess students' learning.	Candidate plans for using various methods to assess students' learning.	Candidate plans for using various evidence-based methods to assess students' learning.	
<i>CEC 4c. Regularly monitors student progress and assesses for understanding and mastery through observation of students' performance and evaluation of their work.</i>	Candidate fails to monitor student progress and assesses for understanding and mastery through observation of students' performance and evaluation of their work.	Candidate regularly monitors student progress and assesses for understanding and mastery through observation of students' performance and evaluation of their work.	Candidate plans and implements ongoing assessments to check for understanding and mastery of concepts through observation of students' performance and evaluation of their work and clearly communicates their assessment findings to the students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and other key stakeholders.	
<i>CEC 4d. Conducts formal and informal assessments using appropriate technologies as supports.</i>	Candidate fails to conduct formal and informal assessments using appropriate technologies as supports.	Candidate conducts formal and informal assessments using appropriate technologies as supports.	Candidate selects, adapts/modifies, and conducts formal and informal assessments that accommodate the unique needs of students with moderate to severe disabilities using appropriate technologies as supports.	
<i>CEC 4e. Keeps records of students' progress and problems and uses data to assess student learning.</i>	Candidate fails to keep records of students' progress or does not use student assessment data to make instructional decisions.	Candidate keeps records of students' progress and problems and uses data to assess student learning.	Candidate maintains records of students' progress and analyzes assessment outcomes for individual and group learning to determine appropriateness of methods, design of assessment tools, clarity of criteria, and/or need for additional data.	

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CEC 4f. <i>Develops or modifies individualized assessment strategies.</i>	Candidate fails to develop or modify individualized assessment strategies.	Candidate develops or modifies individualized assessment strategies.	Candidate develops, modifies, and uses clinical judgment upon individualized assessment strategies in order to gather a variety of data for instructional decision-making.	
CEC 4g. <i>Analyzes, evaluates and reflects on student assessment data and instruction and monitors progress of individuals with exceptional learning needs to improve instructional practice (summative).</i>	Candidate reviews assessment data and identifies links to current instructional plans but fails to analyze student assessment data or use the data to improve instructional practice.	Candidate analyzes, evaluates and reflects on student assessment data and instruction and monitors progress of individuals with exceptional learning needs to improve instructional practice (summative).	Candidate uses individual and group progress data to identify specific adjustments needed to improve student learning outcomes for all learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities (summative).	
CEC 4h. <i>Uses assessment data to profile student learning and guide instruction (formative).</i>	Candidate does not use student assessment data to make instructional decisions (formative).	Candidate uses assessment data to profile student learning and guide instruction (formative).	Candidate evaluates assessment data to develop individual and group profiles that reflect progress of all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and addresses levels of need and learning accomplishments (formative).	
<b>InTASC Standard 7: Planning for Instruction</b>				
IT 7: <i>The candidate plans instruction that supports every learner in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of digital age technology, content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate planned activities that did not include learner-appropriate and measurable objectives aligned with standards and/or use of prior knowledge.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate planned challenging activities using learner-appropriate and measurable objectives that used appropriate scaffolds and differentiation that address learner needs to build on prior knowledge and used pedagogical content knowledge/teaching strategies aligned with standards, including College- and Career-Ready Skills, and connects to future learning.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate planned challenging activities using learner appropriate and measurable objectives with appropriate scaffolds and differentiation that address individual learner strengths and needs to build on prior knowledge and used pedagogical content knowledge/teaching strategies that aligned with multiple standards, including College- and Career-Ready Skills, clearly connects to the range of previous and future learning.	

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<b>InTASC Standard 8: Instructional Strategies</b>				
<i>IT 8: The candidate understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used limited instructional strategies that did not allow for differentiated learning situations and/or did not use at least one available technology to engage and challenge learners.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used a variety of instructional strategies, including appropriate, available technologies, to engage and challenge learners in differentiated learning situations.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used a variety of instructional strategies, including appropriate, available technologies, to engage and challenge learners in differentiated learning situations allowing all learners to take ownership of their learning.	
<b>CEC Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies</b>				
<i>CEC 5a. Selects, adapts, and implements a variety of evidence-based practices validated for specific characteristics of learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities and settings.</i>	Candidate selects and implements a variety of evidence-based practices but fails to make differentiate instruction on an individual level to promote student understanding of academic learning for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate selects, adapts, and implements a variety of evidence-based practices validated for specific characteristics of learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities and settings.	Candidate implements multiple evidence-based practices, resources, and technologies in units of instruction that promote student understanding of academic learning for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	
<i>CEC 5b. Selects a variety of learning experiences, media and materials to accommodate different styles and levels of learning.</i>	Candidate selects only one type of learning experiences/adaptations, media and materials including technology.	Candidate selects a variety of learning experiences/adaptations, media and materials (including technology) to accommodate different styles and levels of learning.	Candidate selects, adapts, and implements a variety of learning experiences/adaptations, media and materials (including technology) to accommodate different styles and levels of learning.	
<i>CEC 5c. Plans pacing, methods, and materials utilizing feedback from students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.</i>	Candidate provides inappropriate or poor planning of pacing, methods and materials.	Candidate plans pacing, methods, and materials based on performance data of students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate plans pacing, methods, and materials based on performance data of students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and uses clinical judgment on the efficacy of these instructional decisions.	

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<i>CEC 5d. Provides opportunities for learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities to work independently and in cooperative groups.</i>	Candidate fails to provide adequately structured opportunities for learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities to work independently and in cooperative groups.	Candidate provides opportunities for learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities to work independently and in cooperative groups.	Candidate provides structured opportunities and formative feedback to learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities to teach them how to work independently and in cooperative groups.	
<i>CEC 5e. Encourages critical thinking and problem solving through prompts, questioning, and application.</i>	Candidate fails to teach critical thinking and problem solving due to poor quality presentation of prompts, questions and application opportunities.	Candidate teaches critical thinking and problem solving (including self-awareness, self-management, and/or self-control skills) through prompts, questioning, and application.	Candidate teaches critical thinking and problem solving (including self-awareness, self-management, and/or self-control skills) on a daily basis through prompts, questioning, and application.	
<i>CEC 5f. Demonstrates competence in using technology to achieve instructional objectives.</i>	Candidate fails to demonstrate competence in using technology to teach students to learn instructional objectives.	Candidate demonstrates competence in using technology to teach students to learn instructional objectives.	Candidate demonstrates high levels of skill in using technology to teach students to learn instructional objectives.	
<i>CEC 5g. Uses strategies to support and enhance communication skills of individuals with exceptional learning needs.</i>	Candidate uses limited strategies to support and enhance communication skills of individuals with exceptional learning needs.	Candidate uses strategies to support and enhance communication skills of individuals with exceptional learning needs.	Candidate uses evidence based practices, appropriate AAC and assistive technology, and modeling to support and enhance communication skills of individuals with exceptional learning needs.	
<i>CEC 5h. Uses communication strategies and resources to facilitate understanding of subject matter for individuals with exceptional learning needs whose primary language is not the dominant language.</i>	Candidate uses limited strategies to individualize the curriculum to facilitate understanding of subject matter for individuals with exceptional learning needs whose primary language is not the dominant language.	Candidate uses communication strategies and resources to facilitate understanding of subject matter for individuals with exceptional learning needs whose primary language is not the dominant language.	Candidate uses evidence based communication strategies, appropriate technology, collaboration with ELL teachers, and resources to facilitate understanding of subject matter for individuals with exceptional learning needs whose primary language is not the dominant language.	

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<i>CEC 5i. Uses strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across environments.</i>	Candidate fails to utilize strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across environments.	Candidate uses strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across environments.	Candidate uses multiple strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across environments.	
<i>CEC 5j. Uses a variety of research-based educational practices and curriculum guidelines to develop units and lesson plans that meet the developmental and academic needs of diverse learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities.</i>	Candidate employs educational practices that are not research-based and develops units and lesson plans that fail to meet the needs of the diverse learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate uses a variety of research-based educational practices and curriculum guidelines to develop units and lesson plans (including longitudinal individualized goals and short term objectives) that meet the developmental and academic needs of diverse learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate uses a wide variety of research-based educational practices and curriculum guidelines to develop units and lesson plans (including longitudinal individualized goals and short term objectives) that meet the developmental and academic needs of diverse learners with moderate to severe exceptionalities. Candidate monitors student progress and makes responsive adjustments to instruction based on continual observations.	
<i>CEC 5k. Plans a sequence of activities, which are focused on achievement of the instructional objective(s).</i>	Candidate plans a sequence of activities which is not focused on the achievement of the instructional objective(s).	Candidate plans a sequence of activities, which are focused on achievement of the instructional objective(s).	Candidate plans a sequence of activities that is focused on achievement of the instructional objective(s) and builds off of students' prior knowledge, life experiences and interests.	
<i>CEC 5l. Facilitates learning experiences that incorporate self-direction, interaction, choice, and consideration of multiple perspectives</i>	Candidate is overly directive in class, misses most opportunities for students with moderate to severe exceptionalities to learn self-direction and make choices.	Candidate facilitates learning experiences that incorporate self-direction, interaction, and choice.	Candidate analyzes the effectiveness of student interactions during learning experiences and develops engaging and interactive activities appropriate for the cognitive and social development, preferences and skill set of students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	
<i>CEC 5m. Gathers, creates, and organizes materials and equipment in advance.</i>	Candidate uses class time to gather and organize materials due to their inability to prepare in advance.	Candidate gathers, creates, and organizes materials and equipment in advance.	Candidate gathers a variety of materials and equipment in advance of class and uses instructional assessments to make decisions about which materials are most appropriate for each individual with exceptional learning needs.	

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<i>CEC 5n. Incorporates and implements instructional and assistive technology into the educational program.</i>	Candidate fails to incorporate instructional and assistive technology into the educational program.	Candidate incorporates and implements instructional and assistive technology into the educational program.	Candidate incorporates and implements a variety of instructional and assistive technology into the educational program on a daily basis to meet the needs of individuals with exceptional learning needs.	
<i>CEC 5o. Evaluates and modifies instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.</i>	Candidate fails to use assessment data to make instructional decisions.	Candidate evaluates and modifies instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.	Candidate evaluates individual's learning progress and assessment data to develop individual and group profiles that reflect progress of all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and addresses levels of need and learning accomplishments.	
<i>CEC 5p. Use functional assessments to develop intervention plans.</i>	Candidate develops instructional plans without the use of data from functional assessments.	Candidate uses functional assessment data to develop instructional plans.	Candidate uses multiple data points including functional assessment to develop instructional plans.	
<i>CEC 5q. Presents content accurately and instructions clearly.</i>	Candidate presents content inaccurately and instructions in an unclear manner.	Candidate presents content accurately and instructions clearly.	Candidate presents content accurately and instructions clearly using a variety of presentation modalities.	
<b>InTASC Standard 9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice</b>				
<i>IT 9: The candidate engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his or her practice, particularly the effects of teacher choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner in an ethical and responsible manner.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate did not participate in professional development; participated in professional development not relevant to needs identified through ethical and responsible self-reflection	The evidence indicates that the Candidate used self-reflection to identify professional development opportunities relevant to learning and applied activities in their teaching in an ethical and responsible manner.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate consistently used self-reflection to identify professional development opportunities relevant to improving teaching and learning for specific groups of learners and successfully made systematic application of activities in their teaching in an ethical and responsible manner.	

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<b>CEC Standard 6: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice</b>				
CEC 6a. <i>Uphold high standards of competence and integrity and exercise sound judgment in the practice of the professional</i>	Candidate describes without examples of his/her commitment to upholding high standards of competence for students, practicing integrity and exercising sound judgment in the practice of the profession.	Candidate can describe and provide examples of his/her commitment to upholding high standards of competence for students, practicing integrity and exercising sound judgment in the practice of the profession.	Candidate can describe and provide examples of his/her commitment to upholding high standards of competence for students, practicing integrity and exercising sound judgment in the practice of the profession. Candidate can describe the value of adhering to professional standards.	
CEC 6b. <i>Accepts constructive criticism and demonstrates growth in professional knowledge and skills.</i>	Candidate fails to accept constructive criticism and demonstrate growth in professional knowledge and skills.	Candidate accepts constructive criticism and demonstrates growth in professional knowledge and skills.	Candidate accepts constructive criticism, and demonstrates growth <i>and dissemination</i> of professional knowledge and skills.	
CEC 6c. <i>Reflects on his/her professional practice</i>	Candidate displays no evidence of the ability or willingness to reflect on effectiveness, is unaware of effectiveness or student learning.	Candidate shows evidence of reflecting on his/her professional practice.	Candidate reflects upon, interprets, and communicates evidence of one's own effectiveness as a teacher, including evidence of success in fostering student progress in learning. Candidate uses evidence of effectiveness in planning for further instruction.	
CEC 6d. <i>Demonstrates commitment to engage in research-supported practices.</i>	Candidate fails to use research-supported practices in instruction.	Candidate demonstrates commitment to the use of research-supported practices in instruction.	Candidate demonstrates a commitment to the use of research-supported practices AND can articulate a clear rationale for doing so.	
CEC 6e. <i>Observes school policies and procedures.</i>	Candidate violates school policies and procedures.	Candidate observes school policies and procedures.	Candidate consistently observes and enforces school policies and procedures.	
CEC 6f. <i>Demonstrates effective oral communication skills.</i>	Candidate's oral communication is difficult to understand or follow, making it ineffective.	Candidate demonstrates effective oral communication skills.	Candidate demonstrates highly effective oral communication skills making material presented verbally easy to understand and follow.	
CEC 6g. <i>Demonstrates effective written communication skills.</i>	Candidate's written communication is difficult to understand or follow, making it ineffective.	Candidate demonstrates effective written communication skills.	Candidate demonstrates highly effective written communication skills making material presented in writing easy to understand and follow.	

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CEC 6h. <i>Demonstrates high expectations for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities to develop the highest possible learning outcomes and quality of life.</i>	Candidate fails to support student learning and displays evidence of low expectations for at least some students with moderate to severe exceptionalities.	Candidate demonstrates high expectations for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities to develop the highest possible learning outcomes and quality of life.	Candidate provides emotional and academic support to students with moderate to severe exceptionalities and communicates confidence in their ability to make progress over time. Candidate provides opportunities for all students with moderate to severe exceptionalities to meet or exceed objectives through development of engaging activities and monitoring of learning that takes into account students' needs, preference and abilities.	
CEC 6i. <i>Engages in professional activities that benefit individuals with exceptionalities, their families, and his/her colleagues.</i>	Candidate fails to demonstrate concept of oneself as a lifelong learner OR does not actively plan and engage in professional activities that foster professional growth OR does not keep current with evidence-based best practices.	Candidate engages in professional activities that benefit individuals with exceptionalities, their families, and one's colleagues. Candidate actively plans and engages in professional activities that foster professional growth.	Candidate demonstrates concept of oneself as a lifelong learner by actively planning and engaging in professional activities that benefit individuals with exceptionalities, their families, and one's colleagues AND keeps current with evidence-based best practices, AND shares new information with colleagues in a collaborative manner.	
<b>InTASC Standard 10: Leadership and Collaboration</b>				
IT 10: <i>The candidate seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members using digital tools and resources, to ensure learner growth and to advance the profession.</i>	The evidence indicates that the Candidate collaborated with colleagues on a limited basis (mentor/other school professionals/ Supervisors) and other stakeholders with little influence on classroom activities.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate collaborated with learners and colleagues (mentor/other school professionals/Supervisors) in leadership, school, and professional activities initiating, advocating, or leading activities in the classroom to improve and support learning for all.	The evidence indicates that the Candidate collaborated on multiple occasions with learners and families, as well as colleagues (mentor/other school professionals/ Supervisors) in leadership activities to initiate, advocate, and/or lead activities with stakeholders to improve and support learning.	
<b>CEC Standard 7: Collaboration</b>				

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<i>CEC 7a. Communicates regularly with parents and involves them in problem solving and learning activities.</i>	Candidate fails to provide evidence of planning to collaborate with parents.	Candidate communicates regularly with parents and involves them in problem solving and learning activities.	Candidate communicates regularly with family members and collaborates in order to increase student learning through and to engage additional support when needed.	
<i>CEC 7b. Engages in productive relationships with other educators, service providers, and personnel from community agencies.</i>	Candidate fails to provide evidence of engaging in productive relationships with team members, other educators, service providers, and personnel from community agencies.	Candidate engages in productive relationships with team members, other educators, service providers, and personnel from community agencies.	Candidate examines, interprets, and communicates evidence of one's own effectiveness as a collaborator.  Candidate demonstrates an ability to work with others as equals.	
<i>CEC 7c. Maintains confidential communication about students with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs.</i>	Candidate shares confidential information about students with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs with outside parties.	Candidate maintains confidential communication about students with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate maintains confidential communication about students with moderate to severe exceptional learning needs and is observed stressing the importance of confidentiality with other stakeholders including paraprofessionals.	
<i>CEC 7d. Fosters respectful and beneficial relationships between families and professionals.</i>	Candidate is disrespectful when dealing with families and professionals.	Candidate fosters respectful and beneficial relationships between families and professionals.	Candidate fosters respectful and beneficial relationships between families and professionals and uses clinical judgment in order to continuously improve communication and collaboration efforts.	
<i>CEC 7e. Collaborates with school personnel and community members in integrating individuals with exceptional learning needs into various settings.</i>	Candidate shows no evidence of collaborating with school personnel and community members in integrating individuals with exceptional learning needs into various settings.	Candidate collaborates with school personnel and community members in integrating individuals with exceptional learning needs into various settings.	Candidate examines, interprets, and communicates evidence of one's own effectiveness as a collaborator. Candidate demonstrates the ability to successfully integrate individuals with exceptional learning needs into various settings and analyzes the efficacy of these integration approaches.	
<i>CEC 7f. Observes, evaluates, and provides feedback to Para educators.</i>	Candidate fails to observe, evaluate and provide feedback to Para educators.	Candidate observes, evaluates, and provides feedback to Para educators.	Candidate observes, evaluates, and provides feedback to Para educators in a proactive manner, and works actively for the betterment of teaching and learning in the classroom.	

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<p><i>CEC 7g. Communicates effectively with school personnel and families about the characteristics and needs of individuals with exceptionalities.</i></p>	<p>Candidate does not communicate with families OR Candidate fails to establish an appropriate rapport with families and/or colleagues.</p>	<p>Candidate communicates effectively with school personnel and families about the characteristics and needs of individuals with exceptionalities.</p>	<p>Candidate communicates effectively with school personnel, families, and other related stakeholders about the characteristics and needs of individuals with exceptionalities.</p>	