

2020-2021 Candidate Effectiveness of Teaching in the Classroom

Distribution

Data was collected by cooperating teachers, teacher candidates, and college supervisors using the Valid and Reliable Instruments for Educator Preparation Programs (VARI-EPP) Candidate Preserve Assessment of Student Teaching (CPAST). This provides triangulation between the observations of the cooperating teacher and the college supervisor with a self-assessment from the student-teacher. CPAST is a formative and summative assessment during the student teaching practicum.

Rating Scale

Candidates were rated by their cooperating teacher, college supervisor, and by self-evaluation. The CPAST Form is intended to accurately reflect the student teacher's performance at the middle and end of the student teaching experience and provide formative feedback to the student-teacher.

A three-way conference is held twice a semester, midterm (formative) and final (summative), with the cooperating teacher, college supervisor, and student-teacher. The meeting ensures that the perspective of each member is taken into consideration when evaluating the student-teacher. The first three-way conference provides an opportunity for self and formative assessment. It helps the student-teacher identify areas of strengths and opportunities for growth in the remaining time in the placement. The second three-way conference serves as the summative assessment of the student teaching experience and occurs during the final week of the student teaching experience. This conference identifies areas of strength and opportunities for growth in their future teaching career. At each conference, each participant (CT, CS, ST) shares the ratings and evidence they wrote on their CPAST form. A consensus score of "0" or "1" alerts the team that the student-teacher needs to focus on that area and additional support from the cooperating teacher and college supervisor.

CPAST averages were calculated from: Exceeds Expectations = 3 points; Meets Expectations = 2 points; Emerging 1 point; Does Not Meet Expectations (0 points).

2020-21 Completers	CPAST		Midterm	Final
			Mean	Mean
Pedagogy: Planning for Instruction and Assessment				
A	Focus for Learning: Standards and Objectives/Targets		2.75	2.75
B	Materials and Resources		3	3
C	Assessment of P-12 Learning		2.25	3
D	Differentiated Methods		2.75	3
Pedagogy: Instructional Delivery				
E	Learning Target and Directions		3	3
F	Critical Thinking		2	2.5
G	Checking for Understanding and Adjusting Instruction through Formative Assessment		2.5	3
H	Digital Tools and Resources		3	2.75
I	Safe and Respectful Learning Environment		1.75	3
Pedagogy: Assessment				
J	Data-Guided Instruction		1.75	2.5
K	Feedback to Learners		2.5	2.75
L	Assessment Techniques		2.25	3
Pedagogy: Analysis of Teaching				
M	Connections to Research and Theory		2	2.75
Disposition: Professional Commitment and Behaviors				
N	Participates in Professional Development		2.5	3
O	Demonstrates Effective Communication with Parents or Legal Guardians		3	3
P	Demonstrates Punctuality		3	3
Q	Meets Deadlines and Obligations		2.75	3
Disposition: Professional Relationships				
R	Preparation		3	3
S	Collaboration		3	3
T	Advocacy to Meet the Needs of Learners or for the Teaching Profession		2.5	3
Disposition: Critical Thinking and Reflective Practice				
U	Responds Positively to Constructive Criticism		3	3

ELED K-6 N=4	Midterm Mean	Final Mean
Pedagogy	2.46	2.84
Dispositions	2.60	2.9

Summary

Overall, completers scored at “Meets Expectations” or “Exceed Expectations” in almost category for each Pedagogical area: Planning for Instruction and assessment; Instructional Delivery; Assessment; and Analysis of Teaching. The only areas completers had at midterm as “meets expectations” was Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (1.75) and Data-Guided Instruction (1.75). However, by the final evaluation completers “Exceeded Expectations” when creating a Safe and Respectful Learning Environment (3.0) and “Meets Expectations” for Data-Guided Instruction (2.75).

Reflection

In reviewing the data, completers showed growth in pedagogy and dispositions from midterm to final. In any area, a student-teacher received a consensus score of “0” or “1” additional support was provided from the cooperating teacher and college supervisor. Support was provided in the area by providing the student-teacher with further readings, best practice articles, post-conference discussions, suggestions on the area for improvement, and more opportunities for the student teacher to demonstrate competence. A co-teaching model was implemented to support the student-teacher in some cases. Two areas of Pedagogy that scored lower than other areas were assessment and analysis of teaching.

In the next academic year, the EPP will review the curriculum and clinical experiences to address assessment practices and analysis of teaching. Additionally, the design and rotation of courses will be analyzed to support scaffolding and critical assessment skills within the classroom. The required methods courses will be reviewed to address connections to research and theory.