

## Field Experience – Reflective Log

M314/M310

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1. Become acquainted with your teacher and observe. Begin your log and enter the following information: **name of teacher, subject(s) taught, textbook assigned, and teacher's daily schedule**. Continue your log each time you visit the school by listing the activities you observe/participate in. Include your arrival and departure times.

Sketch the classroom physical environment, noting where student desks are located, the teacher's desk, shelves, bulletin boards, etc.

2. Interview your teacher on how he/she addresses student differences and different learning styles in his/her classroom. Look for these strategies in the class during your next school visit. Write a one-page reflection on this interview and your observations.
3. Gather information and list the services available in your school for students with disabilities. Write a one-page reflection on whether or not the need of such students are being adequately met in your school.
4. Observe your teacher's work in the classroom carefully. List at least 10 effective things your teacher does to facilitate learning and explain why you think each is effective. Write a one-page reflection on what you have learned from your teacher that you will take with you into your own career.
5. Working with your assigned teacher, prepare a lesson plan using the format you have learned in this class. Teach this lesson, evaluate it with your teacher's input.
6. After you teach this lesson, write a reflection on what you would do differently if you could teach the lesson again. Based on your teacher's input and your reflection, revise your lesson plan. You are to hand in to me, both the original lesson plan and the revised lesson plan. These should be included in your final log that you hand in.
7. Observe your teacher's teaching methodology. List the different types of methods you observe your teacher use. Write a one-page reflection on your observations.
8. Observe your teacher's questioning strategies. List at least 10 different questions asked by your teacher and identify what type you think each question is (closed-ended, open-ended, lower order, higher order, etc.). Write a one-page reflection on the importance of good questioning skills.
9. Observe and list your teacher's management techniques. Determine if they are proactive or reactive. Write a reflection about the importance of good management

techniques. In this reflection, explain how you will go about managing the behavior in your classroom and why you will do it that way.

10. Obtain a copy of the teacher observation/evaluation document(s) used at your school. Write an analysis of this in terms of what seems to be the most important areas of teacher performance in your school. Write a one-page reflection on whether or not you agree that the things that are being evaluated are the most important aspects of teaching performance.

Points for completed Field Experience Log:                      0 - 50 pts.