

Faculty of Education

PROFESSIONAL SEMESTER ONE SUMMATIVE REPORT

Student Teacher: Dayna Smith

School: Senator Buchanan

Grades/Subjects Taught: Grade 4/5 math/science/fine arts

Teacher Associate: Sharleen Albrecht

University Consultant: Noella Piquette

Dates of Practicum: November-December 2012

Instructions:

- This is a summative report of the student teacher's performance at the **end of the PSI practicum**, based on expectations for that stage of teacher development.
- For each practicum outcome below, place a **check mark in the appropriate** box to indicate the student teacher's level of performance: either Not Meeting Expectations for the PSI level, Meeting Expectations, or Exceeding Expectations. (Most students will fall into the Meeting Expectations category, unless there is clear evidence for Not Meeting Expectations or Exceeding Expectations.) For students within the Meeting Expectations category, please indicate level of performance.
- Some outcomes may not be applicable to your particular educational situation. If you wish to indicate this, please put **N/A** in the middle of the rating scale.
- At the end of each section of the form, please provide **comments** in reference to the relevant KSAs and practicum outcomes.

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

- KSA #1 *Teachers make reasoned decisions about teaching and learning based on their ongoing analysis of contextual variables.*
 KSA #3 *Teachers use the programs of study to inform and direct planning instruction and assessment.*
 KSA #6 *Teachers plan for instruction, translating curriculum and outcomes into meaningful learning activities.*
 KSA #9 *Teachers use a broad range of instructional strategies.*
 KSA #13 *Teachers identify and use relevant learning resources.*

	Not Meeting Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Exceeding Expectations
Planning and Preparation			
1. Demonstrates knowledge and skills in the subject matter of the lesson.			x
2. Incorporates a variety of appropriate resources and instructional and assessment strategies into lesson planning.			x
3. Translates learning outcomes from the Alberta Program of Studies into relevant and appropriate learning objectives for the lessons being taught.			x
4. Takes into account students' prior learning, learning needs, interests, and backgrounds.			x
5. Organizes content into appropriate components and sequences for instruction.			x
6. Plans relevant content and activities sufficient for the time allotted.			x
7. Prepares lesson plans for all lessons taught, using a well-defined structure which includes learning objective(s), an introduction and closure, detailed procedures and instructions, key questions, teaching strategies and student activities, and assessment of lesson objectives.			x
8. Integrates information and communications technology into instruction where appropriate.			x
9. Obtains and organizes equipment and materials for instruction.			x

Comments:

Dayna has excelled in this area. At all times her planning reflected caring and attention to meeting the wide range of needs present in the classroom. She was quick to incorporate any teaching strategies that were either discussed when her lesson was reviewed or which she saw as being effective during the times she was observing/assisting.

2. INSTRUCTION

KSA #4 Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content they teach.

KSA #5 Teachers identify and respond to learner differences.

KSA #9 Teachers use a broad range of instructional strategies.

KSA #10 Teachers apply a variety of technologies to meet students' learning needs.

	Not Meeting Expectations	Meeting Expectations	Exceeding Expectations
Communication			
1. Uses clear, fluent, and grammatically correct spoken and written language.			X
2. Uses vocabulary appropriate to students' age, background and interests.			X
3. Modulates his/her voice for audibility and expression.			X
Lesson Introduction			
4. Establishes set: reviews prior learning, identifies lesson objective(s) and expectations, uses motivating attention-getters, provides an overview, and relates the lesson to previous learning as appropriate.			X
General Lesson Development			
5. Incorporates strategies for motivating students using relevant and interesting subject matter and activities.			x
6. Explains and proceeds in small steps at an appropriate pace to suit the activity and student response.		x	
7. Demonstrates subject matter competence during instruction.			X
8. Organizes and directs learning for individuals, small groups, and whole classes.			X
9. Provides clear directions, instructions and explanations.			X
10. Directs efficient transitions between lessons and from one activity to the next during lessons.			X
11. Uses a variety of instructional strategies to address desired outcomes, subject matter, varied learning styles and individual needs.			X
12. Uses appropriate materials and resources.			X
13. Demonstrates flexibility and adaptability.			X
Questioning and Discussion			
14. Asks clearly phrased, well-sequenced questions at a variety of cognitive levels.		X	
15. Provides appropriate "wait-time" after posing questions.			X
16. Seeks clarification and elaboration of student responses, where appropriate.			X
17. Leads and directs student participation in class discussion effectively and distributes questions appropriately.			X
Focus on Student Learning			
18. Circulates in the classroom, intervening when necessary, checking on individual and group understanding of activity/content.			X
19. Recognizes and responds appropriately to individual differences and group learning needs.			X
20. Reinforces student learning, building on previous learning, reviewing, and re-teaching.			X
Closure			
21. Achieves closure for each lesson, consolidating concepts through summaries, reviews, etc.			X
22. Provides homework when appropriate and explains assignments fully.			X

Comments:

Dayna's strong ability to communicate clearly, instruct using a wide range of instructional strategies, and develop lessons, which built of student's prior knowledge and interests, was evidenced in the students

responses to her. It became commonplace for students to approach her each morning enquiring about what they were going to be doing, and learning about, next. In a very short amount of time she developed a predictable routine with clear expectations but included wide range of activities that engaged even the most reluctant of learners.

In addition, Dayna was a valued participant in a cross-curricular, multi-classroom project, which incorporated math, language arts, social studies and math curriculum objectives. Through this project, she not only showcased her strong ability to plan with other teachers but also her creativity, flexibility, natural instinct in a classroom, and planning skills.

3. CLASSROOM LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

KSA #7 Teachers create and maintain environments that are conducive to student learning and understand student needs for physical, social, cultural and psychological security.

KSA #8 Establishes relationships with students that respect human dignity.

	Nor Meeting Expectations	Meeting Expectations			Exceeding Expectations
Classroom Leadership					
1. Assumes a leadership role in the classroom, taking charge of classroom activities, showing confidence, poise, composure, and presence.					X
2. Creates and maintains an effective learning environment, setting high expectations and standards for student learning.					X
3. Demonstrates initiative, enthusiasm and a commitment to the students and subject, models appropriate behaviours.					X
4. Establishes positive relationships and a classroom climate based on mutual trust and respect.					X
Classroom Management					
5. Clearly defines and reinforces classroom procedures and routines.					X
6. Clearly communicates and reinforces expectations for appropriate student behaviour.					X
7. Monitors student behaviour and is aware of student behaviour at all times.					X
8. Responds to inappropriate behavior promptly, firmly, and consistently, using appropriate low-key and higher level responses; follows school discipline policies and procedures.					X

Comments:

During the course of the practicum Dayna developed a classroom management style that was not only firm, but also fair and consistent. The students quickly recognized her as an authority figure in the classroom and responded to her as such.

4. ASSESSMENT

KSA #11 Teachers gather and use information about students' learning needs and progress and assess the range of learning objectives.

	Not Meeting Expectations	Meeting Expectations			Exceeding Expectations
Assessment					
1. Assesses student learning using a variety of appropriate assessment techniques and instruments (e.g., observations, conversations, questioning, performance-based and written assessment).					X
2. Provides timely and effective feedback on learning to students.					X

3. Modifies and adapts teaching based on assessment data (e.g., uses alternative teaching strategies to re-teach where required).				X
4. Explains to students how learning will be assessed.				X
5. Maintains accurate records of student progress.				X

Comments:

Dayna used as wide range of formative and summative strategies to assess student learning: exit slips, individual whiteboards, student self-assessment, group self-assessment, checklists, and verbal feedback. Student work was marked promptly and lessons modified, where needed, to better meet individual, small group, and whole class learning needs.

5. PROFESSIONAL ATTRIBUTES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

KSA #2 Teachers understand the legislated, moral and ethical framework within which they work.

KSA #15 Teachers engage in assessing the quality of their teaching.

KSA #16 Teachers are able to communicate a personal vision of their own teaching.

	Unacceptable	Acceptable
Professionalism		
1. Presents a professional appearance and manner.		X
2. Fulfills professional obligations (i.e., punctuality, routine administrative duties).		X
3. Demonstrates maturity and professional judgment.		X
4. Demonstrates an interest in and a commitment to the teaching profession.		X
5. Establishes professional relationships with the school community.		X
Professional Growth		
6. Accurately assesses and documents the effectiveness of lessons, identifies strengths and weaknesses and makes appropriate suggestions for improvements.		X
7. Uses the results of student assessment and feedback to improve teaching practices and guide professional growth.		X
8. Responds appropriately to feedback from others by listening, interpreting, and implementing suggestions.		X
9. Develops and communicates a personal vision of teaching.		X
10. Demonstrates willingness to take "informed risks" to benefit student learning.		X
11. Develops and presents a professional portfolio and/or growth plan including goals, evidence of progress toward goals, reflections on growth, and future goals.		X
Ethical Conduct		
12. Respects the dignity and rights of all persons without prejudice as to race, religious beliefs, colour, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical characteristics, disability, marital status, age, ancestry, place of origin, place of residence, socioeconomic background or linguistic background.		X
13. Treats students with dignity and respect and is considerate of their circumstances.		X
14. Does not divulge information about a student received in confidence or in the course of professional duties except as required by law or where to do so is in the best interest of the student.		x
15. Does not undermine the confidence of students in teachers or other student teachers.		X
16. Does not criticize the professional competence or professional reputation of teachers or other student teachers unless the criticism is communicated in confidence to proper officials after first informing the individual concerned of the criticism.		X
17. Acts in a manner that maintains the honour and dignity of the profession.		X
18. Does not speak on behalf of the Faculty of Education, the University of Lethbridge, the school, or the profession unless authorized to do so.		X

Comments:

Throughout her time at Buchanan, Dayna was a consummate professional and established herself as a valued team member. Her skills and input were invaluable as we progressed through our large project while also putting together a Christmas concert.

SUMMARY:**Areas for further growth:**

Areas for further growth or those that I feel are important for any educator to focus on, regardless of experience: differentiation, inclusion, assessment for learning, and student engagement strategies.

Overall comments (Strongest aspects of student's performance):

Creativity, organization and flexibility shine as strengths for Dayna. Her planning and lesson delivery always reflected determination to engage individual learners by incorporating activities which were varied and tailored to address a wide range of learning styles/preferences. Dayna was always keenly aware of how students were responding and if learning was occurring. If a lesson was not progressing as she had hoped or individual students were struggling, she recognized this and was able to seamlessly adapt "on the fly", Dayna is a "natural" in the classroom and I would not hesitate to grab the opportunity to work with her in the future.

Recommendation: **Pass** **Fail** **Incomplete***

*If an Incomplete grade is recommended, please attach a signed document providing reasons and recommendations for additional practicum experience.

Note: The Teacher Associate is responsible for completing this document, in consultation with the Student Teacher and the University Consultant.

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Student Teacher

December 5th, 2012
Date

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Teacher Associate

December 5, 2012
Date

Noelle Pignette
University Consultant

December 12, 2012
Date

Please submit the completed original signed report to Field Experiences, Room B830, Faculty of Education, the University of Lethbridge, and provide signed copies for the Student Teacher and for the University Consultant.