



Post-Observation Feedback

Competency

Cooperating teacher demonstrates understanding of how to engage in the feedback process with a student teacher/intern.

Key Method

The cooperating teacher applies the six-step coaching protocol for providing feedback during the post-observation conference for an intern/student teacher.

Method Components

The cooperating teacher engages in a theoretical post-observation feedback process after observing a lesson. The observation culminates with feedback that is intended to improve teacher practice toward the goals of better student outcomes. The feedback conversation should include at least six components. The components of a successful feedback conversation include 6 components, listed below.

Positive Feedback and Reinforcement

Affirmation of what is working well and the area in which a teacher demonstrated strength. Positive feedback includes low inference and not high inference. High-inference feedback is an overall impression without a lot of detail: "You are doing a better job of checking for understanding." Low-inference feedback provides specific examples, such as, "At two different times during the lesson, you showed variations in students' solution methods to strengthen other students' understanding of the content."

Targeted Questions

Ask targeted questions to help lead intern/student teacher to identify areas of opportunity. Use probing questions to help the intern identify areas of opportunity



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for improvement. The more specific the questions, the more likely the intern/student teacher will identify the issue before you do.

Examples:

- **OK:** Was there anything you thought you could have done better while I was observing the class?
- **Better:** Who was doing the heavy thinking and lifting during the lesson—you or the students? How do you know? How much time during the lesson were you talking “at” the students versus the students working and thinking?
- **Best:** Did you let students struggle with difficult questions, or did you step in and lead them or answer the question for them? What could you have said or asked to push students to more clearly and accurately reflect their mathematical understanding of this concept?

Name Opportunities for Improvement

There should be no ambiguity about the opportunities for improvement. Focus on one or two opportunities to improve.

Explore Solutions

Explore with the teacher the specific changes to practice that could address each area of improvement. Brainstorm different resources available and the kind of support that will help.

Confirm Next Steps

Summarize the follow-up steps expected following the meeting. Ensure that you have clear actions, owners, and timelines. Schedule the follow-up conversation and match the timing with the urgency for improvement.

Follow Up

Follow up immediately on planned actions. Observe the teacher within the week to check for changes in practice. Check in with the teacher on progress within the next two weeks.

Supporting Rationale and Research

Carnegie Foundation. (2013). Strategies for enhancing the impact of post-observation feedback for teachers. Retrieved from https://www.carnegiefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/BRIEF_Feedback-for-Teachers.pdf



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Resources

[Conducting Post-Observation Conferences \(Slideshow\)](#)

[Questions to Ask in Post-Observation Conferences for a Reflective Practice](#)

[Post-Observation Conferences](#)

Submission Guidelines & Evaluation Criteria

To earn the micro-credential, you must receive a “passing” score in Parts 1 and 3, and a “proficient” score for each component in Part 2.

Part 1. Overview Questions (Provides Context)

350 to 500 words

Please use the suggested word count as a guide to answer the following contextual questions. This will help our assessor understand your current context for working on this micro-credential.

Please do not include any information that will make you identifiable to your reviewers.

Respond to the following questions.

- What communication gaps remain due to the inability to physically engage in this process with a teacher candidate?
- What are your areas of strength and opportunity in relation to providing feedback?
- How might your understanding of the ways in which your school or district uses post-conference observations impact the process of conducting the post-observation conference?



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Passing: Response completely answers each of the three questions using specific examples from personal experience that relate to the components of a successful post-observation feedback conversation. Writing is organized and easy to understand.

Part 2. Work Examples/Artifacts/Evidence

To earn this micro-credential please reflect and take notes using the six observation protocols, outlined below, as evidence of your learning. Submit the outline as one artifact.

**Please do not include any information that will make you or your students identifiable to your reviewers.*

To earn this micro-credential, observe a full class period (at least 45 minutes) and complete the observation protocol. This includes:

- Identifying the purpose
- Positive feedback and reinforcement
- Targeted questions
- Identifying issues
- Exploring solutions
- Actions for possible next steps
- A plan for follow-up

Part 2. Rubric (Submit only one artifact but include all 6 below areas).

	Proficient	Basic	Developing
Purpose	The purpose of the observation is clearly identified	The purpose of the observation is clarified but it is	The purpose is not clearly explained.



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	and included at the top of the reflection notes.	not included at the top of the reflection notes.	
Positive Reinforcement and Feedback	Identify areas where the intern/student teacher demonstrated strength AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation. AND Provides rationale for why this is a strength.	Identify at least three areas where the intern/student teacher demonstrated strength. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation.	Identifies three or few areas where teacher candidate demonstrated strength
Targeted Questions	Includes at least five specific questions they would ask to lead a teacher to identify areas of improvement. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation. AND Provides rationale for the questions asked.	Includes at least five specific questions they would ask to lead a teacher to identify areas of improvement. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation.	Includes five or fewer specific questions you would ask to lead a teacher to identify areas of improvement.
Opportunities for improvement	Makes at least one or two suggestions for areas of opportunity. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the targeted	Identify 1-2 areas of opportunity AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the targeted questions	Makes three or fewer suggestions for areas of opportunity.



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	<p>questions. AND Provides rationale for areas of opportunity suggested.</p>		
Explore Solutions	<p>Makes at least three suggestions for areas of opportunity. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation. AND Provides rationale for areas of opportunity suggested.</p>	<p>Makes at least three suggestions for areas of opportunity. AND Ties feedback to the evidence from the observation.</p>	<p>Makes 3 or fewer suggestions for areas of opportunity.</p>
Confirm next steps (actions, owner and timeline)	<p>Summarize the follow-up steps expected to take place following the meeting. AND Describe the clear actions, owners and timelines.</p>	<p>Summarize the follow-up steps expected to take place following the meeting. Some information about actions, owners, and timelines in missing</p>	<p>Does not outline actions, owner, and timeline.</p>

Part 3 Reflection

350 to 500 words

Use the word count as a guide to write a personal reflection about your work on this micro-credential. For tips on writing a good reflection review the following resource:

[How Do I Write a Good Personal Reflection?](#)



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Please do not include any information that will make you identifiable to your reviewers.

Reflect on the following questions:

- How will this learning impact you in the role of a cooperating teacher?
- What specific actions will you now take to serve in this role?

Passing: Reflection provides evidence that this activity has had a positive impact on the cooperative teacher relationship. Specific examples are cited directly from experiences. Answer is compelling, organized and easy to understand.



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