ACU M.Ed. Application Teacher Candidate Dispositions Revised October 2023

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Gal. 5:22-23

Effective Communication (EC) Note: A single, significant or extreme event in any category may result in a score of 1.							
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3	Needs Improvement – 2	Unacceptable - 1	Not Observed		
Oral Expression	Communicates orally in an effective, positive, respectful manner that is grammatically correct	Oral communication is respectful, but contains some grammatical errors	At times oral communication is less respectful and/or contains frequent grammatical errors	Oral communication is frequently ineffective or negative			
Written Expression	Communicates in writing in an effective, positive manner that is virtually free of errors in grammar and spelling	Written communication contains occasional errors in grammar and/or spelling that do not impact understanding of the content	Written communication is occasionally negative and/or contains frequent errors in grammar and/or spelling that at times interfere with understanding	Written communication is ineffective, negative and/or is replete with errors in grammar/spelling			
Tact Judgment	Uses tact and judgment that demonstrates clear, effective, and respectful communication	At times lacks tact and/or awareness of how communication affects others; oral communication is typically clear, effective, and respectful.	Typically lacks tact and/or awareness of how communication affects others; communication is less clear, effective, and respectful.	Communication is openly disrespectful, thoughtless and/or insensitive to others' feelings and opinions; communication lacks clarity			
Interaction with Peers	Consistently interacts with peers in a professional and positive manner	Interactions demonstrate limited professionalism, but are not negative	At times interaction with peers is negative and/or unprofessional	Interactions with peers are consistently negative and/or unprofessional			
Timeliness	Initiates and responds to communication in a timely manner	Typically initiates and responds to communication in a timely manner	At times initiates and responds to communication in a timely manner	Frequently does not initiate or respond to communication			
EC Score: Comments:							

Reflective Practice (RP) Note: A single, significant or extreme event in any category may result in a score of 1.								
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3	Needs Improvement – 2	Unacceptable - 1	Not Observed			
Response to Feedback	Responds to feedback in a receptive manner and is highly motivated to try to implement suggestions	Receives feedback positively, but does not fully implement suggestions provided	At times demonstrates resistance to feedback and/or implementation is minimal or not observed	Is consistently resistant to feedback and/or or is not willing to implement suggestions				
Personal Reflection	Demonstrates a strong sense of personal awareness and can articulate how specific experiences have contributed to personal and professional growth	Occasionally demonstrates a limited sense of personal awareness, but with support can reflect on how past experiences have contributed to personal amprofessional growth	experiences have contributed	Unable or unwilling to reflect on how personal experiences have contributed to the personal and professional growth or the lack thereof				
Problem Solving	Demonstrates depth of thought and independence in solving problems. Seeks appropriate supports and resources when needed.	At times lacks expected level of thought and/or independence in solving problems. Uses appropriate resources when reminded.		Demonstrates pervasive helplessness that results in failure to fulfill responsibilities				
Self-Efficacy	Communicates a sense of responsibility for learning and identifies factors under the candidate's control to impact personal success and/or student learning	At times expresses a belief that factors outside the candidate's control prevent opportunities to positively impact personal success and/or student learning	Frequently expresses a belief that factors outside the candidate's control prevent opportunities to positively impact personal success and/or student learning	Describes learners and/or families using biased, hopeless or negative language, attributing blame for failure only to factors outside of the teacher's control; is not able to name personal contributions to challenges				
RP Score:		•	•					
Comments:								
Professionalism (P) Note: A single, significant or extreme event in any category may result in a score of 1.								
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3	Needs Improvement – 2	Unacceptable - 1	Not Observed			
Punctuality	Arrives to class and other commitments at the scheduled time	Occasionally arrives at class and other commitments later than the scheduled time	Frequently arrives at class and other commitments later than the scheduled time	Consistently arrives at class and other commitments later than the scheduled time				

Attendance	Attends all classes, meetings, and appointments unless absolutely unavoidable. Proactively provides applicable documentation	Meets the minimum attendance expectations in classes. Absences are at times avoidable and/or does not proactively provide applicable documentation	Meets the minimum attendance expectations in classes. Absences are often avoidable, demonstrating a minimal commitment to professional development	Absences in classes, meetings, and appointments are excessive	
Personal Appearance	Consistently adheres to stated dress code and expected attire for specific contexts.	Requires occasional direction in complying with dress code and context-specific expectations.	Frequently requires direction in complying with the stated dress code	Frequently ignores the stated dress code and does not make corrections after receiving directions	
Values Learning	Values and demonstrates enthusiasm about professional development, course content, and field experiences	At times, does not appear interested in professional development, course content, and/or field experiences	Frequently appears uninterested in professional development, course content, and/or field experiences	Openly demonstrates a negative attitude about professional development, course content, and/or field experiences	
Collegiality	Seeks opportunities to share ideas. Seeks assistance from and collaborates with colleagues in an appropriate manner	Does not actively seek opportunities to collaborate, but participates thoroughly and positively when required	Is at times resistant to collaboration and/or participates at a minimal level when required to collaborate	Is openly resistant to opportunities to share, collaborate or learn from others and/or does not participate when required.	
Self- Awareness	Does not seek undue attention. Is aware of the needs of others in interactions	At times, calls inappropriate attention to self, and/or dominates the conversation, but responds to redirection when provided	Often calls inappropriate attention to self, and/or dominates the conversation, but responds to redirection when provided	Frequently draws inappropriate attention to self, interrupts or dominates conversation and does not respond to redirection	
Acceptance	Values the perspectives of individuals from diverse experiential backgrounds; considers opinions of others with an open mind.	Is at times unaware of the perspectives of others, but is open to feedback and/or correction and responds with openness to others.	Is at times unaware of the perspectives of others and/or occasionally expresses closed opinions. Is resistant to feedback, but will comply to specified guidelines for behavior	Ignores and/or is openly disrespectful of the back- grounds, experiences, and/or opinions of others. Does not respond to feedback and makes no apparent effort to modify behavior.	
P Score:					
Comments:					

Emotional Maturity (EM) Note: A single, significant or extreme event in any category may result in a score of 1.							
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3	Needs Improvement – 2	Unacceptable - 1	Not Observed		
Reliability	Exhibits reliability and dependability in all coursework as well as in all field experiences	Requires occasional reminders to complete requirements in coursework and field experiences	Requires frequent reminders to complete requirements and/or occasionally fails to complete requirements	Frequently fails to fulfill obligations in coursework and/or fails to complete field experience requirements			
Self-Initiative Independence	Demonstrates self-initiative and independence in all coursework as well as all field experiences	Occasionally needs some additional encouragement or assistance in coursework and/or field experiences	Consistently needs additional encouragement or assistance in coursework and/or field experiences	Is overly dependent on others in coursework and/or field experiences			
Conflict Management	Identifies and accepts personal responsibility in conflict/problem situations. Initiates communication to resolve conflicts	Accepts personal responsibility in conflict/problem situations when approached and is then willing to work toward resolution.	Resists personal responsibility in conflict/problem situations when approached. Will work toward resolution when required.	Does not recognize personal responsibility in conflict/problem situations and/or will not engage in efforts toward resolution.			
Flexibility	Accepts less than ideal situations when necessary and adapts appropriately to change and/or unexpected events	Exhibits mild frustration when faced with less than ideal situations and/or unexpected events, but adapts with appropriate support	Exhibits moderate frustration when faced with less than ideal situations and/or unexpected events and/or struggles to adapt even with support	Frequently complains and/or expresses strong frustration if faced with difficulty and/or will not make adaptations when provided with support or feedback			
Emotional Expression	Acts from a positive frame of reference; Expresses and/or responds to emotions appropriately	Occasionally expresses emotions in a less than ideal manner	Frequently expresses emotions in a less than ideal manner	Emotional responses are extreme and inappropriate			
EM Score:							
Comments:							
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Ethics/Integrity (EI) * A score of 1 in any area of this category may result in dismissal from the ACU Teacher Education Program.								
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3	Needs 1	mprovement – 2		Unacceptable-1	Not Observed	
Integrity of Speech	Communication is forthright, honest, inclusive and respectful	NA	value laden	es judgemental or language (e.g., ler, economic, etc.)	of the for *Dishonor *Decepti *Slander *Prejudio	ion		
Ethical Behavior	Adheres to the ACU Policy of Academic Integrity, ACU Student Code of Conduct and the Texas Educator Code of Ethics	NA		Acader of Con-		adhere to the ACU Policy of nic Integrity, ACU Student Code luct and/or the Texas Educator f Ethics		
EI Score:								
Comments:								
Additional Dispositions for the M.Ed. in Teaching and Learning								
Dispositions fo	or Scholarship (SD)							
Disposition	Proficient - 4	Developing - 3		Needs Improvemen	nt – 2	Unacceptable - 1	Not Observed	
Intellectual Curiosity	Seeks additional information about topics presented. Asks questions seeking deeper understanding	Focuses only on what required. Completes but does not seek deed understanding	readings	NA		Appears uninterested in content of coursework		
Deep and Thorough Preparation	Reads with depth, making connections and formulating questions; Completes assignments thoroughly with high levels of thought	Reads assigned texts completes assignmen does so without deptl	its, but	NA		Is often unprepared for class activities, discussion		

Independence of Thought	Processes at high levels. Fulfills course requirements with high level of independence. Formulates and supports personal opinions and applications with exceptional depth.	Processes content at mastery levels. Fulfills course requirements with adequate independence. Formulates and supports personal opinions and applications with adequate depth.	Is at times unable to fulfill course requirements without assistance. Formulates personal opinions and applications, but cannot support them.	Is often confused about course content and or assignments. Does not form personal opinions and/or applications			
Academic Language	Speaks and writes using academic language appropriate for courses. Uses academic language correctly and consistently	Demonstrates an emerging grasp of academic language	Demonstrates a minimal grasp of academic language	Uses academic language inaccurately			
SD Score:							
Comments:							
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Reviewer's Signature		Printed N	Printed Name				