

PPAT® Assessment

Task 1: Knowledge of Students and the Learning Environment

Rubric for Step 1: Factors, Resources, and Protocols (textboxes 1.1.1, 1.1.2, and 1.1.3)

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
A response at the 1 level	A response at the 2 level	A response at the 3 level	A response at the 4 level
provides minimal evidence that	provides partial evidence that	provides effective evidence that	provides consistent evidence
demonstrates the teacher	demonstrates the teacher	demonstrates the teacher	that demonstrates the teacher
candidate's ability to identify one			
instructional strategy and one			
learning activity based on a			
chosen community factor; to			
identify one instructional	identify one instructional	identify one instructional	identify one instructional
strategy and learning activity			
based on a chosen			
school/district factor; and to			
connect the selected factors to			
each instructional strategy and			
learning activity; to explain how			
two selected resources would be			
used to support student			
learning; to explain how a			
selected resource could enhance			
student learning based on a			
chosen student characteristic; to			
describe a classroom norm,			
protocol, or agreement and a			
technology norm, protocol, or			
agreement and explain how they			





Rubric for Step 1 (continued)

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment; and to identify and describe one norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate and explain how it would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment.	facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment; and to identify and describe one norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate and explain how it would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment.	facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment; and to identify and describe one norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate and explain how it would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment.	facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment; and to identify and describe one norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate and explain how it would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment.
The preponderance of evidence provided by the teacher candidate is <i>minimal</i> and/or <i>ineffective</i> throughout the response for Step 1. Evidence may also be missing.	The preponderance of evidence provided by the teacher candidate is <i>limited</i> and/or vague throughout the response for Step 1.	The preponderance of evidence provided by the teacher candidate is <i>appropriate</i> and <i>connected</i> throughout the response for Step 1.	The preponderance of evidence provided by the teacher candidate is <i>insightful</i> and <i>tightly connected</i> throughout the response for Step 1.





Response for Textbox 1.1.1

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:
 an ineffective identification of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen community factor and could be used to further student learning with a disconnected rationale an irrelevant identification and description of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen school/district factor and could be used to further student learning with a disconnected rationale 	 an incomplete identification of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen community factor and could be used to further student learning with a loosely connected rationale a partial identification and description of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen school/district factor and could be used to further student learning with a loosely connected rationale 	 an effective identification of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen community factor and could be used to further student learning with an appropriate rationale an effective identification and description of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen school/district factor and could be used to further student learning with a connected rationale 	 a detailed identification of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen community factor and could be used to further student learning with a tightly connected rationale a thorough identification and description of an instructional strategy and a learning activity that are connected to the chosen school/district factor and could be used to further student learning with a tightly connected rationale





Response for Textbox 1.1.2

	Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
	Response provides evidence that includes the following:			
•	 an inaccurate description of how	a limited description of how two	an accurate description of how	an extensive description of how
	two resources would be used in	resources would be used in the	two resources would be used in	two resources would be used in
	the classroom to support student	classroom to support student	the classroom to support student	the classroom to support student
	learning	learning	learning	learning
•	 an uninformed explanation of	a global explanation of how a	an informed explanation of how a	an in-depth explanation of how a
	how a third resource based on a	third resource based on a	third resource based on a	third resource based on a
	particular Knowledge of Students			
	characteristic could enhance	characteristic could enhance	characteristic could enhance	characteristic could enhance
	student learning	student learning	student learning	student learning



Response for Textbox 1.1.3

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:
an ineffective explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	a limited explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	a logical explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	a detailed explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment
an unclear explanation of how a technology norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	an incomplete explanation of how a technology norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	a clear explanation of how a technology norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment	a thorough explanation of how a technology norm, protocol, or agreement facilitates instruction, enhances student learning, and/or impacts the learning environment
an uninformed explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the candidate teacher would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment	a partial explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment	an informed explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment	an insightful explanation of how a classroom norm, protocol, or agreement that could be created by the students and the teacher candidate would facilitate instruction, enhance student learning, and/or impact the learning environment



Rubric for Step 2: Knowledge of Students (textboxes 1.2.1, 1.2.2, and 1.2.3)

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
A response at the 1 level	A response at the 2 level	A response at the 3 level	A response at the 4 level
provides <i>minimal</i> evidence that	provides <i>partial</i> evidence that	provides effective evidence that	provides consistent evidence
demonstrates the teacher	demonstrates the teacher	demonstrates the teacher	that demonstrates the teacher
candidate's ability to analyze	candidate's ability to analyze	candidate's ability to analyze	candidate's ability to analyze
how one example from the	how one example from the	how one example from the	how one example from the
results of the compilation of	results of the compilation of	results of the compilation of	results of the compilation of
information from the Getting To	information from the Getting To	information from the Getting To	information from the Getting To
Know Your Students activity	Know Your Students activity	Know Your Students activity	Know Your Students activity
would influence a whole-class	would influence a whole-class	would influence a whole-class	would influence a whole-class
instructional decision; to analyze	instructional decision; to analyze	instructional decision; to analyze	instructional decision; to analyze
how the results from one	how the results from one	how the results from one	how the results from one
student's completed activity	student's completed activity	student's completed activity	student's completed activity
would influence an instructional	would influence an instructional	would influence an instructional	would influence an instructional
decision for that student; to	decision for that student; to	decision for that student; to	decision for that student; to
explain how each of two Focus	explain how each of two Focus	explain how each of two Focus	explain how each of two Focus
Students' cultural and linguistic	Students' cultural and linguistic	Students' cultural and linguistic	Students' cultural and linguistic
assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,
academic strengths, and learning	academic strengths, and learning	academic strengths and learning	academic strengths, and learning
needs contribute to the	needs contribute to the	needs contribute to the	needs contribute to the
classroom learning environment;	classroom learning environment;	classroom learning environment;	classroom learning environment;
to identify and describe one	to identify and describe one	to identify and describe one	to identify and describe one
instructional strategy and one	instructional strategy and one	instructional strategy and one	instructional strategy and one
learning activity that could be	learning activity that could be	learning activity that could be	learning activity that could be
created with each of the two	created with each of the two	created with each of the two	created with each of the two
Focus Students and to explain	Focus Students and to explain	Focus Students and to explain	Focus Students and to explain
how that strategy and activity	how that strategy and activity	how that strategy and activity	how that strategy and activity
reflect understanding and	reflect understanding and	reflect understanding and	reflect understanding and
appreciation of each Focus	appreciation of each Focus	appreciation of each Focus	appreciation of each Focus
Student's cultural and linguistic	Student's cultural and linguistic	Student's cultural and linguistic	Student's cultural and linguistic
assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,	assets, lived experiences,
academic strengths, and learning	academic strengths, and learning	academic strengths, and learning	academic strengths, and learning





Rubric for Step 2 (continued)

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
needs; to explain how the	needs; to explain how the	needs; to explain how the	needs; to explain how the
method of communication	method of communication	method of communication	method of communication
coveys the importance of	coveys the importance of	coveys the importance of	coveys the importance of
cultivating positive relationships	cultivating positive relationships	cultivating positive relationships	cultivating positive relationships
with students and their families;	with students and their families;	with students and their families;	with students and their families;
to explain how the method of	to explain how the method of	to explain how the method of	to explain how the method of
communication fosters	communication fosters	communication fosters	communication fosters
interaction among the teacher	interaction among the teacher	interaction among the teacher	interaction among the teacher
candidate, the students, and	candidate, the students, and	candidate, the students, and	candidate, the students, and
their families; and to describe	their families; and to describe	their families; and to describe	their families; and to describe
the overall response received	the overall response received	the overall response received	the overall response received
from the communication and	from the communication and	from the communication and	from the communication and
explain how the response will	explain how the response will	explain how the response will	explain how the response will
impact an instructional decision	impact an instructional decision	impact an instructional decision	impact an instructional decision
to be made in the classroom.	to be made in the classroom.	to be made in the classroom.	to be made in the classroom.
The preponderance of evidence	The preponderance of evidence	The preponderance of evidence	The preponderance of evidence
for the 1-level criteria is minimal	for the 2-level criteria is limited	for the 3-level criteria is	for the 4-level criteria is
and/or ineffective throughout	and/or vague throughout the	appropriate and connected	insightful and tightly connected
the response for Step 2.	response for Step 2.	throughout the response for	throughout the response for
Evidence may also be missing.		Step 2.	Step 2.





Response for Textbox 1.2.1

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:
an ineffective analysis of how the compilation of information from the results of a Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence a whole-class instructional decision with a disconnected rationale provided for the decision	a partial analysis of how the compilation of information from the results of a Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence a whole-class instructional decision with a limited rationale provided for the decision	an informed analysis of how the compilation of information from the results of a Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence a whole-class instructional decision with an aligned rationale provided for the decision	an extensive analysis of how the compilation of information from the results of a Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence a whole-class instructional decision with a detailed rationale provided for the decision
an inaccurate analysis of how one student's completed Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence an instructional decision made for the student with a disconnected rationale provided for the decision	a partial analysis of how one student's completed Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence an instructional decision made for the student with a limited rationale provided for the decision	an informed analysis of how one student's completed Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence an instructional decision made for the student with an aligned rationale provided for the decision	an in-depth analysis of how one student's completed Getting to Know Your Students activity would influence an instructional decision made for the student with a detailed rationale provided for the decision





Response for Textbox 1.2.2

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
Response provides evidence that includes the following:			
an inaccurate explanation of how	a cursory explanation of how	an accurate explanation of how	a significant explanation of how
each of the two Focus Students'			
cultural and linguistic assets,			
lived experiences, academic	lived experiences, academic	lived experiences, academic	lived experiencesand academic
strengths, and learning needs			
contribute to the learning			
environment of the classroom			
an ineffective explanation of how	an incomplete explanation of	an effective explanation of how	a thorough explanation of how
an identified instructional	how an identified instructional	an identified instructional	an identified instructional
strategy and learning activity			
created with each Focus Student			
reflects the teacher candidate's			
understanding and appreciation	understanding and appreciation	understanding and appreciation	understanding and appreciation
of each Focus Student's cultural			
and linguistic assets, lived			
experiences, academic strengths,	experiences, academic strengths.	experiences, academic strengths,	experiences, academic strengths,
and learning needs	and learning needs	and learning needs	and learning needs



Response for Textbox 1.2.3

Score of 1	Score of 2	Score of 3	Score of 4
Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:	Response provides evidence that includes the following:
an unclear explanation of how the method of communication conveys the importance of cultivating positive relationships with students and their families using disconnected examples from the communication for support	a cursory explanation of how the method of communication conveys the importance of cultivating positive relationships with students and their families using loosely connected examples from the communication for support	 a clear explanation of how the method of communication conveys the importance of cultivating positive relationships with students and their families using connected examples from the communication for support an effective explanation of how 	an extensive explanation of how the method of communication conveys the importance of cultivating positive relationships with students and their families using tightly connected examples from the communication for support
 an ineffective explanation of how the method of communication fosters interaction among the teacher candidate, the students, and their families using inappropriate examples for support a minimal analysis of how an instructional decision in the classroom connects to the overall response received from the communication using irrelevant examples from the responses for support of the analysis 	 a global explanation of how the method of communication fosters interaction among the teacher candidate, the students, and their families using loosely connected examples for support an uneven analysis of how an instructional decision in the classroom connects to the overall response received from the communication using incomplete examples from the responses for support of the analysis 	the method of communication fosters interaction among the teacher candidate, the students, and their families using connected examples for support • a logical analysis of how an instructional decision in the classroom connects to the overall response received from the communication using relevant examples from the responses for support of the analysis	 an insightful explanation of how the method of communication fosters interaction among the teacher candidate, the students, and their families using tightly connected examples for support a significant analysis of how an instructional decision in the classroom connects to the overall response received from the communication using tightly connected examples from the responses for support of the analysis

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