WMU Observation Item Summary

Guidance: Use this summary to guide your field notes

The Learner and Learning

Design and Implementation of Learning Experiences

- 1. Instructional strategies
- 2. Adjusting instruction

Safe and Positive Learning Environment

- 3. Norms for behavior
- 4. Response to student behavior
- 5. Classroom routines
- 6. Physical learning environment

Content

Depth and Understanding of the Discipline

- 7. Reinforcing central concepts
- 8. Modeling content, practice, strategies

Creation of Content Experiences

- 9. Explanation of content
- 10. Student content misconceptions
- 11. Varied learning experiences

Creation of Relevant Content Experiences

- 12. Interdisciplinary and real-world issues
- 13. Investigation of authentic questions
- 14. Providing all perspectives on debatable/multidimensional topic

Instructional Practice

Assessment and Feedback

- 15. Feedback to students
- 16. Feedback for student reflection

Creation of Instructional Plans

17. Scaffolding learning

Instructional Strategies

- 18. Types of instructional strategies
- 19. Types of learning activities

Technology Integration

20. Utilization of technology

Professional Responsibility

Professional Ethics

- 21. Respect and honesty
- 22. Presenting facts without bias or prejudice

WMU Professional Dispositions

Professional Commitment and Responsibility

- 23. Maintains professional appearance
- 24. Is prepared for class
- 25. Is punctual for class

Professional Relationships

- 26. Demonstrates respect for cultural differences
- 27. Demonstrates patience with and/or compassion for those experiencing difficulty in the learning process
- 28. Demonstrates flexibility during the learning process