

PPAT[®] Assessment

Task Requirements

Task 3 Designing Instruction for Student Learning

In this task, you will demonstrate your ability to develop instruction, including the use of technology, to facilitate student learning.

Standards and Indicators Measured in This Task

The following InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards represent the focus of this task. The evidence you submit must address and will be scored according to the following.

- Standard 1, Indicators a and b
- Standard 2, Indicators a, b, c, and f
- Standard 3, Indicator e
- Standard 4, Indicators e, f, and g
- Standard 6, Indicators a, c, d, and g
- Standard 7, Indicators a, b, c, d, and f
- Standard 8, Indicators a and b
- Standard 9, Indicator c

What Do You Have to Do for This Task?

For this task, you must submit the following evidence.

1. Written Commentary of a maximum of **25,500 characters** (approximately eight typed pages) that
 - responds to all parts of the guiding prompts;
 - references your artifacts to support your written evidence; and
 - describes, analyzes, and reflects on the evidence
2. Identification of two Focus Students who reflect different learning needs
3. Six different artifacts (maximum of seven pages), including

Artifact	Maximum Number of Pages	Textbox Location
representative pages of a lesson plan for the whole class that includes the use of technology*	2	3.1.1
representative page of a differentiated lesson plan for Focus Student 1	1	3.2.1
representative page of a differentiated lesson plan for Focus Student 2	1	3.2.1
a work sample from any class member other than the two Focus Students	1	3.3.1
a work sample from Focus Student 1	1	3.3.2
a work sample from Focus Student 2	1	3.3.2

* A sample template is provided, but teacher candidates may submit a form of their own

How to Submit Your Evidence (Refer to the Submission System User Guide for details.)

- Upload your artifacts into your Library of Artifacts.
- Refer to the artifacts in your Written Commentary.
- Link the artifacts to your Written Commentary within the appropriate textbox.

How to Compose Your Written Commentary

This task has four steps, each with guiding prompts to help you provide evidence that supports the rubric. Your response needs to address **all parts** of each of the guiding prompts.

- Step 1: Planning the Lesson
- Step 2: The Focus Students
- Step 3: Analyzing the Instruction
- Step 4: Reflecting

Please read the entire task before responding to any guiding prompts. Use the textboxes located under the guiding prompts to compose your responses and attach your artifacts.

Contextual Information

This step allows you to provide a picture of your class that will enable the reader to better understand your instruction and decision-making skills.

Overview

Many factors can affect teaching and learning; these could include the community, the district, and/or individual school/classroom/student factors.

The information you gather about your teaching and learning context and about your individual students will help provide perspective to the reader who will be scoring your submissions.

This part of your submission will not be scored, but the information you include should have implications regarding your instructional choices.

Your response must be limited to **1,500 characters** (approximately one-half typed page). No artifacts can be attached to the Contextual Information textbox.

- a. Describe your classroom. Include the grade level, content area, subject matter, and number of students. Provide relevant information about any of your students with special needs.
- b. Describe any physical, social, behavioral, or developmental factors that may impact the instruction that occurs in your classroom. Mention any linguistic, cultural, or health considerations that may also impact teaching and learning in your classroom.
- c. Describe any factors related to the school and surrounding community that may impact the teaching and learning that occurs in your classroom.

Type your response in the textbox below.

Step 1: Planning the Lesson

This step allows you to demonstrate your ability to develop an effective lesson plan that facilitates student learning.

Textbox 3.1.1: Standards and Learning Goals

Activity: Planning for Instruction

Develop a lesson plan that you will use with your students in this task. (You may use the template provided.) As you plan, keep in mind such things as fostering student interactions, using technology, and gathering evidence of student learning. Explain your planning process as you respond to the guiding prompts below.

Guiding Prompts

- a. What learning theory/method will guide your planning process? Provide a brief description of the theory/method. How will you make use of it?
- b. What learning goal(s) and content standards, state and/or national standards, did you identify for the lesson? How will they guide the planned learning activities?
- c. What is the content focus of the lesson? What related content that the students have previously encountered will support the learning in this lesson?
- d. What are some difficulties students might encounter with the content? How will you address the difficulties?

Required artifact for this textbox:

- representative pages of your lesson plan for the whole class (maximum of two pages). Make sure your lesson plan includes the use of technology.

Type your response in the textbox below.

Textbox 3.1.2: Instructional Strategies**Guiding Prompts**

- a. What different instructional strategies do you plan to use to engage students in the lesson and to enhance their learning? Provide a rationale for your choice of each strategy.
- b. How do the instructional strategies connect to the learning goal(s) to facilitate student learning?
- c. What informed your decisions to use individual, small-group, and/or whole-group instruction to facilitate student learning?

Type your response in the textbox below.

Textbox 3.1.3: Learning Activities**Guiding Prompts**

- a. What learning activities do you plan to implement in this lesson? Provide a rationale for your choices.
- b. How will these learning activities address students' strengths and needs?
- c. How did your class demographics inform the design of the learning activities you chose?

Type your response in the textbox below.

Textbox 3.1.4: Materials, Resources, and Technology**Guiding Prompts**

- a. What materials and resources will you use to support your instruction and student learning? Provide a rationale to support your choices.
- b. What types of technology do you plan to use in your instruction?
- c. How will your chosen technology enhance your instruction and student learning in the lesson?

Type your response in the textbox below.

Step 2: The Focus Students

This step allows you to demonstrate your ability to differentiate instruction for individual students.

Textbox 3.2.1: Understanding Each of the Two Focus Students and Differentiating Instruction**Activity: Differentiating Instruction**

From the whole class, select two students who reflect **different** learning needs. Refer to them as Focus Student 1 and Focus Student 2. Then respond to the guiding prompts below.

Guiding Prompts**Focus Student 1:**

- a. Identify Focus Student 1's learning strengths and challenges related to the learning goal(s) of the lesson.
- b. Describe how you will differentiate specific parts of your lesson plan to help Focus Student 1 meet the learning goal(s) of the lesson. Provide a rationale.
- c. What evidence will you collect to show the progress Focus Student 1 makes toward the learning goal(s)?

Focus Student 2:

- a. Identify Focus Student 2’s learning strengths and challenges related to the learning goal(s) of the lesson.
- b. Describe how you will differentiate specific parts of your lesson plan to help Focus Student 2 meet the learning goal(s) of the lesson. Provide a rationale.
- c. What evidence will you collect to show the progress Focus Student 2 makes toward the learning goal(s)?

Required artifacts for this textbox:

- a differentiated lesson plan for Focus Student 1 (maximum of one page)
- a differentiated lesson plan for Focus Student 2 (maximum of one page)

Type your response in the textbox below.

Step 3: Analyzing the Instruction

This step allows you to demonstrate your ability to analyze a lesson and evidence of student learning.

Textbox 3.3.1: Analyzing the Instruction for the Whole Class**Activity: Analyzing the Instruction**

After you have implemented the lesson, respond to the guiding prompts below.

Guiding Prompts

- a. To what extent did the lesson, including instructional strategies, learning activities, materials, resources, and technology, help to facilitate student learning? How does the evidence you collected support this finding?
- b. How did the students use the content presented to demonstrate meaningful learning? Provide specific examples from the lesson and from the student work to support your analysis.

- c. While you were teaching, what adjustments to the lesson did you implement for the whole class to better support student engagement and learning? Provide examples to support your decisions.
- d. What steps did you take to foster teacher-to-student **and** student-to-student interactions? How did they impact student engagement and learning?
- e. What feedback did you provide during the lesson to facilitate student learning? What impact did the feedback have on student learning? Provide specific examples.

Required artifact for this textbox:

- a student work sample from any member of the class other than the two Focus Students (maximum of one page)

Type your response in the textbox below.

Textbox 3.3.2: Analyzing the Differentiated Instruction for Each of the Two Focus Students**Guiding Prompts**

- To what extent did each of the two Focus Students achieve the learning goal(s) of the lesson? Cite examples to support your analysis.
- How did your differentiation of specific parts of the lesson help each of the two Focus Students meet the learning goal(s)? Cite examples to support your analysis.

Required artifacts for this textbox:

- a student work sample from Focus Student 1 (maximum of one page)
- a student work sample from Focus Student 2 (maximum of one page)

Type your response in the textbox below.

Step 4: Reflecting

This step allows you to reflect on the strengths of your lesson as well as on components of your lesson that need improvement.

Textbox 3.4.1: Reflecting on the Lesson for the Whole Class**Activity: Reflecting After Instruction**

Think about your lesson plan, the lesson you taught, and evidence of student learning. Then respond to the guiding prompts below.

Guiding Prompts

- a. What specific instructional strategies, learning activities, materials, resources, and technology will you use to help students who did not achieve the learning goal(s)? Describe how these lesson components will help the students achieve the learning goal(s).
- b. How will you use your analysis of the lesson and the evidence of student learning to guide your planning of future lessons for the whole class? Provide specific examples.

Type your response in the textbox below.

Textbox 3.4.2: Reflecting on the Differentiated Instruction for Each of the Two Focus Students**Guiding Prompts**

- a. How will you use your analysis of the lesson and evidence of student learning to guide your planning of future lessons for each of the two Focus Students? Provide specific examples.

Type your response in the textbox below.

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