Developing and Implementing Practice-Based Clinical Assessments Aligned with the edTPA

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Participant Outcomes

- Learn about several assessments developed by CCSU faculty
- Discuss lessons learned from participation in edTPA pilots
- Share strategies for moving forward

Significant Factors State & National Level

National level

- Blue Ribbon Panel
- Focus on evidence-based & high leverage practices

State Level

- EPAC
- NTEP
- CEEDAR
- edTPA

Significant Factors University Level

Strategic reorganization around teacher prep at the school level

- Governance structure
- Departmental reorganization

CEEDAR involvement

- Workgroup
- Training & technical assistance
- Resources (CEMs, ICs, professional development, networking)
- Accountability of deliverables & timelines

Sample Assessments

- UDL Lesson plan template: used in most of CCSU's teacher prep programs
- Positive Learning Profile & Planning
 Assignment: used in elementary (UG) & special education (G) programs
- Video analysis: used in CCSU's MAT program
- Learning Segment: used in special education
 (G) program

UDL Lesson Plan Template

Central Focus					
Standards Addressed					
Learning Objective(s)					
Related IEP Goal/ Objective(s)					
Communication Skill/Academic Language:					
Strategies/Supports to facilitate communication skill:					
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Assessments (provide multiple means of expression) Evaluative Criteria (note any relevant differentiation)					
Key Vocabulary					
Lesson Procedures/ Learning Tasks and Timeline (use UDL Checkpoints and cite within the lesson plan)					
Times			Student Language and Actions	Formative	UDL Strategies (cite checkpoint) and/or
	models as applicable)			Assessments	accommodations/modifications
	Initiation:				
	Lesson Development:				
	Introduce and Model New Knowledge/Skills: ("I do")				
	Guided Practice: ("We do")				
	Independent Practice ("You do")				
	Closure:				
Lesson-Specific Materials					
Teacher Materials Stude		Studer	nt Materials		Targeted Materials (assistive technology, etc.)
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Positive Learning Profile & Planning Assignment

Purpose: Assesses TCs ability to differentiate instructional strategies/planned supports based on learners' academic strengths and needs and justify those supports based on pedagogical content knowledge and evidence-based practices

Rationale: Based on edTPA pilot data, planning was an area of need for our teacher prep programs

Components:

- Positive Learning Profile (learner strengths & needs, potential EB strategies)
- Planning Commentary (EB strategy description, connection to learner need & justification)

Video Analysis Assignment

Purpose: Scaffolded analysis of teaching

Rationale: Opportunities to record & upload videos,

time stamping

Components:

- Lesson plan
- Two video segments:
 - 10 min segment in which TC is instructing a literacy or language objective in their discipline
 - 5 min segment in which students in the field placement classroom are using literacy and language to support content learning
- Written reflection

Video Analysis Assignment Three Lenses



Lens 1: The Students

- What opportunities were created for students to make sense of the new learning?
- How did students show what they learned?
- What are students' specific learning needs?



Lens 2: The Teacher Candidate

- How did the candidate share responsibility with students for learning?
- How did questions lead students to learn?
- What supports were provided to deepen learning or scaffold students who were struggling?



Lens 3: The Learning Environment

- Preparing the learning environment to support learning?
- Creating an environment of mutual respect and rapport with the students?
- Communicating standards of behavior?

Learning Segment Assessment

Purpose: Assesses TCs ability to plan and implement a lesson plan sequence, assess student learning, and adjust instruction accordingly

Rationale: Based on edTPA pilot data assessment was an area of need for our candidates

Components:

- Instructional plan
- 5 lessons (including pre & post testing)
- Assessment plan (progress monitoring, student feedback)
- Analysis of teaching

Idea Sharing...

- What assessments have your programs developed/used?
- What is your biggest assessment challenge?

Ongoing Challenges

Task I Planning for Instruction & Assessment

Justifying instructional decision making

Task 2 Instructing & Engaging Students in Learning

Video compression & time stamping

Task 3 Assessing Student Learning

Providing strong feedback to students

Next Steps

- Develop "through lines" on the selection & justification of EBPs in our program
- Embed assignments focused on providing students feedback and adjusting instruction in our methods classes
- Expanded use of video analysis
- Expanded training to TCs and faculty
- Ongoing use of data for program improvement

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