

Proficiencies are organized into three categories, with proficiencies for committed and culturally responsive educator combined in one category.

(K) Knowledge

(S) Skill

A List of Candidate Proficiencies

A competent educator:

1. demonstrates knowledge of the content that is being taught, and is able to assist students in the process of mastering content through the use of research-based practices; **(K)**
2. demonstrates the capacity to problem solve, and to think critically and reflectively; **(K)**
3. demonstrates an understanding of human development, and the ability to act on this understanding; **(S)**
4. demonstrates an understanding of classroom organization, planning, and management and the ability to act on this understanding; **(S)**
5. demonstrates an understanding of learning as a socially mediated, constructive process, and the ability to act on that understanding; **(S)**
6. demonstrates an understanding of effective communication and collaboration strategies; **(K)**
7. demonstrates an understanding of research, assessment and evaluation as ongoing processes involving multiple sources of information and techniques; **(K)**
8. demonstrates an understanding of the importance of involving families, communities, and colleagues in the education of all children, and the ability to act on this understanding; and **(S)**
9. demonstrates knowledge of current technology in educational practice, and the ability to apply it in a classroom or school setting. **(S)**

A committed and culturally responsive educator:

10. acts on the belief that *all* children can learn and creates instructional opportunities that adapt to learners from diverse cultural backgrounds and with exceptionalities; **(K)**
11. demonstrates an understanding of the urgency to accommodate the nature and needs of each learner, and is able to act on this understanding; **(S)**
12. demonstrates a commitment to high moral and ethical values; and **(K)**
13. assumes accountability for the outcomes of instruction, and continually validates the effects of his/her choices and actions on others. **(S)**
14. values and appreciates cultural differences within a classroom or school setting, and is able to apply an understanding of cultural and linguistic diversity to the design and implementation of instruction. **(K)**

A caring educator (dispositions)

15. understands the right of *all* students to have access to a curriculum that allows

them to develop to their full potential, and is able to act as an advocate for students in this respect;

16. maintains confidentiality;
17. demonstrates appropriate behaviors during class settings and in the work environment. The candidate has been alert and responsive, consistently.
18. demonstrates respect for the profession;
19. demonstrates punctuality in arrival to class, practicum, student teaching, field experience meetings, etc.
20. demonstrates the ability to compromise and to respect others' opinions during group work;
21. participates in professional development activities that were recommended.