## **Teaching Philosophy Outline and Rubric**

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- I. Introduction
  - a. Include a statement here that clearly identifies your 2-3 goals.
  - b. It can help to link your introduction to your profession as well. For instance, why are your goals important in your field/discipline?
- II. Goal One
  - a. Be sure to include illustrative examples that show the 'how' with each goal.
  - b. It can also help to indicate how you will measure/assess your effectiveness in reaching these goals.
- III. Goal Two
- IV. Goal Three (Optional)
- V. Conclusion
  - a. Document areas for growth here and indicate any type of professional development work you have done/will do.

	Needs work (1)	Solid (2)	Great (3)	Excellent (4)
Goals for Student Learning – 10	Articulation of goals is	Goals are articulated.	Goals are clearly	Goals are clearly
What knowledge, skills, and	unfocused, incomplete,	However, they are broad	articulated. Goals are	articulated and specific.
attitudes are important for	or missing.	and not necessarily	mostly relevant to the	Goals are relevant to the
student success in your discipline?		specific to the discipline.	instructor's discipline	context of the
		Goals focus on	and mostly go beyond	instructor's discipline
What are you preparing students		knowledge acquisition.	knowledge acquisition.	and go beyond
for?			Goals are generally not	knowledge acquisition to
			referenced throughout	consider skills, attitudes,
What are key challenges in the			the statement.	career goals, etc. Goals
teaching-learning process?				are referenced

				throughout the statement.
The Learner – 10 What is the role of the teacher within the classroom or other learning environment? What are the characteristics of an effective teacher? What influence do teachers have on student success in the learning environment?	The statement does little to articulate a view of the learner or their role in the learning environment.	The statement briefly refers to the learner's role in the teacher-learner relationship. The learner's role within the learning environment is not clearly articulated.	The statement features a view of the learner within the learning environment. The role of learners in the teacher-learner relationship is discussed.	The statement features a clearly articulated view of the learner within the learning environment, demonstrating a coherent theory of the learner's role in the Teacher-Learner relationship.
Teaching methods - 10 What teaching methods do you use? How do these methods contribute to your goals for students? Why are these methods	The statement features little in the way of strategies. The strategies present are not strongly tied to the writer's goals, expectations, and theory of the Teacher-Learner relationship.	The statement features general strategies which are sometimes congruent with the writer's goals, expectations, and theory of the Teacher-Learner relationship.	The statement features general strategies which are mostly congruent with the writer's goals, expectations, and theory of the Teacher-Learner relationship.	The statement features specific strategies which are congruent with the writer's goals, expectations, and theory of the Teacher-Learner relationship.
appropriate for use in your discipline?				
Evaluation – 20 What teaching assessments do you use?	Evaluation of teaching effectiveness is not articulated fully.	Statement discusses evaluation tools and teaching effectiveness. However, plan is not	Statement articulates a plan to evaluate teaching effectiveness. Evaluation is tied to	Statement articulates a cohesive plan to evaluate teaching effectiveness. Evaluation
What do these teaching assessments say about your teaching?		clearly articulated and/or is not clearly tied to goals for student learning.	goals for student learning. Some evaluation tools are described.	is clearly tied to goals for student learning. Specific examples of evaluation

What are your strengths as a teacher?  How will you improve students' achievement of these learning goals?  What aspects of your teaching are				tools are clearly described.
you working on now?  Inclusive Learning Environment – 20  How do your own and your students' identities (e.g., race, gender, class), background, experience, and levels of privilege affect the classroom?  How do you engage students in a variety of ways?	Inclusion is not connected to teaching practices and/or is not addressed adequately.	Inclusivity is addressed in a cursory manner or it is isolated from the rest of the statement of teaching philosophy.	Statement articulates a philosophy of inclusion. Inclusive education is sometimes integrated throughout the statement. Statement demonstrates some awareness of issues of equity in the discipline.	Statement articulates a coherent philosophy of inclusion. Inclusive education is integrated throughout the statement. Statement demonstrates awareness of issues of equity in the discipline.
How do you integrate diverse perspectives into your teaching?  Illustrative Examples – 20  Do you provide specific examples from experience, academic work, or field experience?  Do you Illustrates points in a vivid or memorable way?	Supporting examples are of unclear relevance or are inadequate.	Examples are relevant but are generic or not based in personal experience.	Supporting examples from the writer's experience are specific and relevant.	Specific examples from experiences in the classroom as a teacher or student, from field experience, or from academic work are that illustrate points are present throughout the statement.

Clarity – 10	The statement is not	The statement is	The statement is mostly	The statement is
Is the writing clear? Organized?	cohesive, clear, well	sometimes cohesive,	cohesive, clear, well	cohesive, clear, well
Free from errors of mechanics and usage? Written in appropriate academic style?	organized, and free from grammatical errors.	clear, well organized, and free from grammatical errors.	organized, and free from grammatical errors.	organized, and free from grammatical errors. The writer's voice is strong.
Does the writing have a unifying theme?				
Is the writing suggestive of the writer's voice?				