

SELF EVALUATION FOR LEARNING DISABILITIES SPECIALISTS

For your self-evaluation, you are asked to write a report discussing your LDS procedures and methodology, your handling of professional responsibilities, and your professional development.

This worksheet is meant to help you reflect on your experiences. You will turn in only your report. This worksheet will not be put in your personnel file.

Self Evaluation Worksheet: The statements and ratings below are to be used as a checklist; they are not meant to represent all of what you do, nor are they meant to represent required duties and responsibilities – part time faculty will mark “Not Applicable” more often than full time faculty. Use this worksheet as a guideline for your self-evaluation report in which you can include additional details and reflection. Each of us is on a continuing quest to improve our practice – this is your opportunity to reflect on that quest and articulate your goals and plans for the future. After completing this worksheet, you can determine which items you want to highlight in your self-evaluation report. The worksheet may also serve as a tool for engaging in dialog with your evaluator.

LDS Procedures and Methodology

	Often/ Always	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never	Not Sure/ Not Applicable
I diagnose learning disabilities and determine eligibility for services in accordance with state guidelines.				
I use appropriate and varied tools for evaluating and assessing student learning outcomes.				
I teach students how to apply learning strategies particularly suited to their individual needs in order to determine goals.				
I develop a prescriptive individual education plan for each student detailing appropriate support services.				
I help students gain greater independence in an academic environment.				
I help students identify priorities and meet their goals.				
I communicate ideas clearly, concisely, and effectively.				
I conduct myself in such a way as to establish a rapport with students.				
I am attentive to student questions and concerns.				
I work effectively with professionals in state and local agencies.				
I adhere to a weekly schedule that meets contractual requirements.				
I use my time efficiently.				
I am sensitive to the needs of students with diverse backgrounds and experience.				

Professional Responsibilities

	Often/ Always	Sometimes	Rarely/ Never	Not Sure/ NA
I submit required reports/documents in a timely manner.				
I respond to communication from colleagues (including faculty, classified staff and management) in a timely and professional manner.				
I attend and participate in division, department, and other required meetings.				
I participate in department committees/tasks (i.e. Program Review).				
I serve on college committees and/or task forces.				
I serve on peer evaluation and/or hiring committees.				
I mentor colleagues and share successful strategies.				
I provide student mentoring regarding matriculation, tutoring, or student services when appropriate.				
I assist in outreach by promoting my college and by recruiting students and/or faculty and staff.				

Professional Development

	Often/ Always	Sometimes	Rarely/Never	Not Sure/ NA
I serve on District and/or statewide committees.				
I participate in activities designed to enhance professional performance and scholarship (i.e. research, advanced coursework, recording, publishing).				
I keep current in my field (i.e. by reading journals, attending exhibits, performances, conferences).				
I maintain professional contacts (i.e. through listservs, blogs, conferences).				
I present at conferences or professional meetings.				
I participate in community organizations.				
I seek out training in my field (i.e. by taking classes, working with a mentor)				
I am a member of a professional organization.				

Self Evaluation Report: Using the categories and your ratings on the self-evaluation worksheet, write about your past job performance and plans for professional growth and development. Your report should have four sections:

1. LDS Procedures and Methodology
2. Professional Responsibilities
3. Professional Development
4. Needs and Goals

Possible questions to consider include:

A) LDS Procedures and Methodology

- What new effective practices or pedagogical approaches have you used recently?
- How do you plan to continue developing your activities and approaches in the future?
- How might you be willing to share successful strategies with colleagues?

B) Professional Responsibilities

- In what ways did you participate in campus/district/statewide/community activities? (may not be applicable for part-time and probationary faculty)
- What are your plans for participating in campus/district/statewide/community activities in the coming semesters? (may not be applicable for part-time faculty)

C) Professional Development

- What were your major professional challenges this semester?
- How do you plan on addressing these challenges in the future?
- What professional development activities do you anticipate pursuing in the near future?

D) Needs and Goals

- What support do you need from the college/department/division in order to accomplish your goals related to teaching and methodology, professional responsibilities and/or professional development?