# Science Competency Assessment

Teacher Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ University Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Elements | Candidate Proficiency | I | II | III | IV |
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| 1. Teaching Strategies | Demonstrates a knowledge of state-adopted content standards and applicable ELD Standards, and structures/sequences instruction for maximum student achievement. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Balanced Instruction | Balances the focus of instruction between science information, concepts, and engineering principles as outlined in the NGSS. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Science Concepts | Explains, demonstrates, and provides class activities that serve to illustrate science concepts, principles, scientific investigation, and experimentation. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Science Connections | Emphasizes the nature of science, the integration of engineering design, and the connections between society, technology and the environment. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Mathematical Concepts/   Technology | Integrates mathematical concepts, including the importance of accuracy, precision, and estimation, and the uses and limitations of media and technology as tools. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Science Careers | Encourages students to pursue science interests, especially students from groups underrepresented in science careers. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Ethical Treatment of Animals | Teaches students to provide ethical care when live animals are present in the classroom. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Cultural & Ethnic Sensitivity | Demonstrates sensitivity to students' cultural and ethnic backgrounds in designing science instruction. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Evidence and Argument | Teaches students to engage in discourse that fosters evidence-based explanations and arguments in speaking and writing. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Literacy   Instruction | Structures and sequences science instruction that supports students in reading increasingly complex texts. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |
| 1. Investigations/   Experiments | Guides, monitors and encourages students during investigations and experiments, teaching them multiple ways to record, scientific data, including the use of mathematical symbols. Establishes safe practices and procedures for safe use and care of equipment and materials. | Little to no competency | Beginning competency | Average competency | Excellent competency |