

Instructional Assistant Spring 2014 Student SLO Report

1. What did you like about this program?

Text Response

--I liked the fact that I could directly relate what we were taught in the classroom to what goes on in the classroom. --I liked having practicum right away the first semester to give students the real feel for what they will be doing after graduation. I also liked having it again the last semester so I could see how far I have come throughout the course of the program. --The instructor was awesome! She always went above and beyond to make sure that each and everyone of us had the opportunity to succeed. If some of us didn't succeed, it was our choice and not because we didn't have the tools we needed.

I liked the experience of practicum in the classroom.

I really liked this program because of Shelly. She used so many different teaching techniques to meet the needs of everyone in the classroom. Also I liked it because you would learn material in one class and learn it again in another... it's kind of hard to explain but it was great review and a great way to show how the content was related.

The hands on experience, the opportunity to work in the field and the program focused classes. I was given a strong foundation and feel confident to work out in the field immediately.

I loved the differentiated learning. The professor modeled everyday how we should teach concepts and strategies. She gave us practical advice.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	5

2. What would you change about this program?

Text Response

I would like to see practicum a requirement each semester throughout the program, but that may be a little much as far as trying to find placements for all of the students.

I would change how the classes were set up. I would have preferred certain classes before another class, so the material would actually make sense. Also sticking to the class times would be great. It got really confusing changes class times all the time.

The general education requirements.

The organization.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4

3. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned effective communication skills.	0	0	0	2	3	5

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4. Provide any comments you have on effective communication skills you learned.

Text Response

In the IA field we need to be able to effectively communicate. My communication skills were acknowledged by my practicum teachers both times. I had to put my communication skills to the test as the IA club president when I organized a national trip for six program students and a program graduate to attend. I was able to plan/organize a successful trip and get our reimbursements from student government all within two weeks (which my instructor thought would be impossible--I taught her that if there is a will, there is a way!!)

I have learned that communication is key to everything. It is key to talk and make friendships with your classmates and your instructors. You can talk to them by written or verbal communication.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

5. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to apply mathematical concepts.	0	0	0	4	1	5

6. Provide any comments you have on mathematical concepts you learned.

Text Response

Math wasn't my forte when I was a child or even in high school, so at first I was bummed to see that we had a math class that was required. But in the end I was glad a separate math class was required in addition to the techniques for teaching math. It gave me the ability to refresh my memory on skills that I had learned in high school math. Sometimes if we don't use certain skills very often we place them in the way back of our minds--the courses forced me to dig up several concepts and remember what I learned years ago :)

In this program I have learned how to adapt and teach students math in an educational setting. I'm not really sure what this is asking.

I think it would be helpful to learn some of the new math strategies that are taught now.

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Total Responses	3

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7. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned how to transfer social and natural science theories into practical applications.	0	0	3	0	2	5

8. Provide any comments you have on transferring social and natural science theories into practical applications.

Text Response

I think it is very important to be able to understand people if you are going to be working with them. As an IA, we will be working with all types of people with all different personality styles, cultures, backgrounds, etc. The courses that we had to take such as psychology, sociology, and diversity classes really helped prepare us for the work place.

I learned a lot about how to apply the inquiry process and engage students in science.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

9. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I learned critical thinking skills.	0	0	0	2	3	5

10. Provide any comments you have on critical thinking skills you learned.

Text Response

All of our instructors taught us and required us to use higher level critical thinking skills in our classes.

I had already had critical thinking skills but yes I do believe they have gotten better since I now know the material better.

I definitely developed higher level thinking skills and learned strategies to asking questions to students. I also know how to scaffold learning.

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Total Responses	3

11. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to use technology effectively.	0	0	0	2	3	5

12. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about using technology effectively.

Text Response

Since technology in the schools have changed so much from when I was in high school, I was worried that I wouldn't be able to use the things that students are very accustomed to using in the classrooms today. Our media and technology in the classroom class really prepared me for all of the "new" technology that is out there. I feel 100% comfortable with all of the latest and greatest technology after taking that course.

I have learned how to implement types of technology in a everyday classroom setting. I learned the smartboard, ipad, mac, pc, projectors, cameras, the elmo, and many more.

I think more time using the smart board, i-pads, google docs would be helpful.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

13. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I have learned to value myself and work ethically with others in a diverse population.	0	0	0	0	5	5

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14. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about valuing yourself and working ethically with others in a diverse population.

Text Response

I don't know that I really learned this skill as I think I already had it since I have worked in customer service for about 13 years, but it was definitely validated. We were taught what will be expected of us ethically and morally when we are in the field.

I have learned that I need to give myself more credit for what I do because I do a great job and my classmates did to.

I practiced patience and teamwork skills through out the course.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

15. As a result of this program:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
I am able to make decisions that incorporate the importance of sustainability.	0	0	0	0	5	5

16. Provide any comments you have on what you learned about incorporating the importance of sustainability in decisions you make.

Text Response

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

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17. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
support all learning based on knowledge of subject matter.	0	0	0	0	5	5

18. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We were taught a lot in regards to ways to teach and support learning. I would feel 100% comfortable having to prepare for and lead a group of students on any subject matter.

- I attain the knowledge necessary for supporting learning with a variety of students. I understand the importance of getting to know each students before you can begin teaching them. You need to know how they learn best to attain the best results. I will adapt instruction through auditory, kinesthetic, and visual instruction. To do this to my best abilities I will use various teaching techniques and strategies. Some of these techniques and strategies include graphic organizers, demonstrations, read aloud, think pair share, word walls, direct instruction, think aloud, using prior knowledge, videos/technology, shared reading, independent reading, guided reading, modeling, using manipulatives, relating to real life experiences, give choices, observation, large/small group, journaling, games, flashcards, worksheets, hands-on work, and one on one work. I have attained this information through the courses offered through the Instructional/Educational Assistant Program here at Western Technical College. These courses include Techniques/Reading/Language Arts, Intro to Education Practices, Practicum, Technology/Media Resources, Techniques for Math, Techniques for Science, and Advanced Reading/Language Arts. These classes also included producing projects/assignments that demonstrated my understanding of the matter. Some projects were Read Aloud, Students Learn Math Math Game, and Student Centered Reading Project. Throughout these classes and working on these projects I have attained the knowledge needed to support and adapt instruction in an educational setting.

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19. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
identify developmentally appropriate child/adolescent physical, social/emotional, intellectual, and language characteristics and their developmental and environmental impact on learning.	0	0	0	0	5	5

20. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

By understanding how children grow/develop has really helped me know what to expect at different ages/stages. It helped me realize that even though no two children are the same there are guidelines as to what can be expected.

- This subject matter was taught and learned in IA: Child and Adolescent Development and IA: Intro to Education. This subject matter was learned through assignments dealing with each particular domain. Social/emotional behavior is the skills children develop that allow them to interact with others. Physical development is the process by which we grow and develop. Intellectual, or also known as cognitive, development refers to the processes that generate, shape, and reshape the nervous system. Language development is the process by which children come to understand and communicate. With knowing how and why these domains work and what they do helps educators understand where students are in their development process. It defines what to expect from certain students in a developmental delay, and how to recognize "red flags" in each developmental domain.

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21. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of all learners.	0	0	0	1	4	5

22. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We were taught that no two children learn the same way. We are prepared to create/lead lessons using a variety of instructional methods to be sure that we reach out to all students. - This subject matter was and is still taught to us in all courses but the main courses were IA: Supporting Students with Disabilities, IA: Overview of Students with Disabilities, IA: Techniques for Math, and IA: Techniques for Teaching Reading. Adapting instruction means that not every student is the same and that they are not all going to learn in the same way. If you teach in the way you learned the information, this method may not be the way your students understand/learn the information. This is why we adapt instruction: to meet the individual ways children learn.

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Total Responses	2

23. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
utilize a variety of instructional strategies, media, and technology to foster the development of critical thinking and problem solving.	0	0	0	1	4	5

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24. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

This program really prepared me for the use of media and technology in the classroom as well as how to reach out to ALL students. Giving a fair education doesn't mean to provide all students the same things, rather to provide all students with the tools they need to succeed.

- Utilizing instructional strategies, such as metacognition, graphic organizers, question answer relationship, self-monitoring, and technology help us to engage in students the learning process. All of these points were brought up in IA: Techniques for Reading/Language Arts and IA: Technology/Media Resources. Many projects were completed in these areas to validate our learning throughout this process. In Techniques for Reading/Language Arts I completed a project regarding Thematic Units. This project includes multiple instructional strategies since it is an "across curriculum" unit. It pulls the students in and draws their attention because it involves extension activities. These activities include reading, writing, listening, visual representation and speaking. These will engage students and get their creativity/imagination going with plenty of hands-on lessons. Also in this particular class there were handouts given focusing on strategies for comprehension, and graphic organizers. These handouts were a great educational resource and I would enjoy using them in the future due to their content. They both model and encourage problem-solving and critical thinking.

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Total Responses	2

25. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
use proactive classroom management techniques to promote a positive class climate, intrinsic motivation, and optimal learning.	0	0	0	1	4	5

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26. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

I learned several methods of proactive behavior management. It is better to promote positive behavior from the beginning by setting clear, concise expectations than to deal with behavior reactively.

- One sure way to utilize proactive behavior management is by building a community in your classroom from the first day of school. This will help with the flow of things in the classroom and will give everyone a sense of belonging. Doing this usually leads to positive behaviors in the classroom.

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Total Responses	2

27. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
demonstrate effective written and verbal communication in working collaboratively within the school setting and interactions with students and families.	0	0	0	1	4	5

28. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

During both of my practicum placements the teachers commented on how well I was able to communicate with students, teachers, office staff and even parents when I sat in on conferences.

- Be prompt when communicating with parents, faculty, or students. This is very important because this shows them that their feedback and input is important to you. When conversing with parents, faculty, or students always put people before their disability. This is known as "person first language". This recognizes the person and not the disability. It also demonstrates your knowledge and compassion for working with all students of all ability levels.

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29. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
assist in planning and implementing instructional strategies that reflect the learning cycle.	0	0	0	1	4	5

30. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We were taught the importance of spiral learning and building upon prior knowledge.
 - Always be prepared when in the classroom. Before students arrive look over the teacher's instructional plan and if there are any questions or concerns converse with the teacher before class, so this can be bypassed during class and not interrupt learning. Do what the teacher has asked of you in their plan for the day. This is to help out the teacher and to ensure that students learn to their best abilities. Prep your instructional materials needed for the lesson(s) prior to the learning time. Always remember to give positive, genuine and timely feedback to the students as well.

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Total Responses	2

31. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
utilize informal assessment strategies to collect data for the support of student learning.	0	0	0	2	3	5

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32. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

Assessment is a powerful tool that we use each and everyday in the field of education. We were taught several different forms of assessment, both direct and indirect that have prepared us to be a partner to classroom teachers when it comes to assessing children.

- This can be done by asking students questions pertaining to the data needed to be collected. This also can be done by observing the students. In my field placement I was to observe a student and then afterwards write down the students' progress on a piece of paper. This was to make sure the teacher knew of the progress if I was unable to speak with her after that observation. When writing or speaking about a student's assessment always be respectful, and professional keeping the information confidential at all times.

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Total Responses	2

33. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
incorporate the reflective process to promote student learning and professional growth.	0	0	0	2	3	5

34. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We had to do a program summative assessment at the end of the program that outlined what we learned about each of the program outcomes. This was a huge reflective project. It took a lot of time, but in the end it was definitely worth it so we could see how much we have learned. We were also taught that we need to be constantly reflecting on ourselves and making changes accordingly so we can continue to grow.

- Being able to see what you need to improve on is a great strength many people should have. If you know what you need to improve on then you can start working on improving those skills. To do this you may want to set goals for yourself. Setting goals for yourself is a great way on making them happen. There are many tools and resources out there to help better you personally and professionally. Such as, cooperating teachers, journal articles, websites, and conferences.

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Total Responses	2

35. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
assume professional responsibility for ethical, moral, and legal policies and procedures.	0	0	0	2	3	5

36. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

We were taught what our responsibilities are as far as ethics and morals are concerned. Being in the field really helped see these expectations in action. It is so hard to see the situation of some student's home lives, but we need to remember what we can do to help in those situations as well as what we can't. We need to remember to step back and look at the big picture.

Always follow the school rules. Read over the schools policies and procedures handbook before you begin working. So if questions or issues do occur you can and will be able to handle them in a professional manner. Never speak of students outside of a school setting. Student's confidential matters should not be shared with anyone outside of work. Never assume you have to do something that is not one of your duties. Always ask if you are unsure.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

37. As a result of this program, I learned to:

Question	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Total Responses
provide for health and safety needs of students.	0	0	0	1	4	5

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38. Provide any comments you have about learning this program outcome.

Text Response

This program really prepared us to deal with several health/safety issues. I really liked being taught about medically fragile students. It taught me about several different health related issues that IA's have to deal with on a daily basis.

- You are responsible for the safety of the students when on school property. This is inside and outside. Know your safety policies at the school you are at. Report any concerns involving the health and safety of a student. Remember you are the students care taker and protector when under your supervision.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

39. CONCLUSION - Please use this space to share any other feedback, comments, or suggestions about your experience at Western Technical College.

Text Response

Western was a really great experience for me! The small student to teacher ratio ensured that we were given what we needed to succeed. The instructors here truly care about their students. We were people and not just numbers to them. We really got to know them. I have created many friendships during my time at Western that I know will last a lifetime. I also loved the flexibility that Western offers with online learning. I took most of my courses online, but still still felt like I was part of the group at all times! I also like the fact that there are clubs for various programs. By being part of the IA club, I really came out of my shell so to speak and I learned a lot about being a leader. I will definitely recommend Western to my friends, family, and coworkers.

I feel as if WTC was a great choice for me and my education. It is a small campus and I loved that and the class sizes were great! I love how each class was hands-on! I know that I will exceed my expectations when I transfer because WTC has given me the opportunities to learn in so many ways!

I am extremely let down and disappointed in the lack of online courses being offered in the new Summer tri-mester format. I was originally on track to complete all courses by August of 2014 and I now will not be able to complete my courses and obtain my degree until December 2014 which will potentially hinder my ability to get a job immediately.

In conclusion this was a great experience that will help me be more confident and capable para professional.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	4