M.Ed. Portfolio Rubric (NCATE ASSESSMENT 8)

In order for the portfolio to be rated Target (Exemplary), the candidate must receive Exemplary in at least 6 of the 8 categories. In order for the portfolio to be rated Acceptable, the candidate must receive a minimum of Acceptable in each of the categories.

Name: Rating: Date: Revised Rating: Date:

	Target/Exemplary	Acceptable	Unacceptable	Comments
Organization & Presentation	Well organized into sections; original, yet professional	Organized into sections; neat, professional	Poorly organized or not divided into sections	
Grammar & Style	All writing is well constructed with few or no errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar & style	Proofread; standard English many have a few minor errors in punctuation, grammar &/or style which must be corrected	Many errors in spelling, grammar &/or style. Writing is not at the level of an M.Ed. candidate	
Cover Sheet	Original and professional, but not cute	Professionally appropriate	No cover sheet or cover sheet does not look professional	
Philosophy Statement	Clear, articulate, personalized; more than one reference to theory; discusses how children learn & implications for teaching. Mentions at least 4 of the following 7: optimal settings & environments, strategies, classroom management, literacy, diversity, inclusion, professionalism.	Clear, articulate, personalized; at least one reference to theory; discusses how children learn & implications for teaching. Mentions at least 3 of the following 7: optimal settings & environments, strategies, classroom management, literacy, diversity, inclusion, professionalism	Statement is not well constructed with little or no connection to optimal settings & environments, strategies, classroom management, literacy, diversity, inclusion, professionalism	
Entry 1 Examining Children's Literacy Dev't. (entire section is no longer than 3- 4 pgs., not including work samples)	4 work samples (2 samples from 2 children) are developmentally appropriate; written commentary expertly describes how you support literacy devt' in the 2 children; analysis & reflection demonstrate your high level of knowledge & understanding of literacy dev't in early childhood	4 work samples (2 samples from 2 children) are developmentally appropriate; written commentary describes how you support literacy devt' in the 2 children; analysis & reflection demonstrate your knowledge & understanding of literacy dev't in early childhood	Work samples are not developmentally appropriate; written commentary does not relate to artifacts and/or does not reflect knowledge & understanding of literacy dev't in early childhood	

Entry 2 Building a Classroom Community (entire section is no longer than 3-4 pags.; videotape/ DVD is 5-15 minutes)	Video/DVD shows you interacting with 1 or more children as they engage in a discussion that addresses a social studies topic, concept or theme, integrating the arts, and building classroom community. The written commentary expertly explains how the lesson supports the classroom community; analysis & reflection demonstrate your high level of knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate social studies lessons.	Video/DVD shows you interacting with 1 or more children as they engage in a discussion that addresses a social studies topic, concept or theme, integrating the arts, and building classroom community. The written commentary explains how the lesson supports the classroom community; analysis & reflection demonstrate your knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate social studies lessons.	The videotaped lesson is not developmentally appropriate or has no clear connection to social studies and/or building a classroom community; and/or the written commentary does not effectively demonstrate your knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate social studies lessons.	
Entry 3 Integrating Math & Science (entire section is no longer than 3-4 pags.; videotape/ DVD is 5-15 minutes)	Video/DVD shows you interacting with 1 or more children as they engage in a discussion or activity(ies) that demonstrate connections between mathematics/science in a developmentally appropriate way. The written commentary expertly explains how the lesson/activities support young children's developing understanding of the world around them. Analysis & reflection demonstrate your high level of knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate ways to provide scientific and mathematical experiences for young children in the classroom.	Video/DVD shows you interacting with 1 or more children as they engage in a discussion or activity(ies) that demonstrate connections between mathematics/science in a developmentally appropriate way. The written commentary explains how the lesson/activities support young children's developing understanding of the world around them. Analysis & reflection demonstrate your knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate ways to provide scientific and mathematical experiences for young children in the classroom.	The videotaped lesson is not developmentally appropriate or has no clear connection to math/science; and/or the written commentary does not effectively demonstrate your knowledge & understanding of developmentally appropriate math/science experiences for young children	

Entry 4 Documentation Documentation Documentation Documented demonstrates your high demonstrates your work does not effectively Accomplishlevel work with families, with families, development demonstrate work ments: as a learner, and role as a development as a learner, with families, Contributions and role as a leader/collaborator. development as a to Student learner, and role as leader/collaborator in a Summary synthesizes the Learning variety of ways. documentation. Reflection a Summary synthesizes the analyzes the effectiveness of leader/collaborator; (section documentation. your accomplishments and and/or summary contains Reflection expertly their impact on student does not synthesize Communication analyzes the effectiveness the documentation; learning. Log of your accomplishments and/or reflection With no more and their impact on does not effectively than 10 items, analyze the impact student learning. and of the accompanying documentation on artifacts; student learning. description/ summary of no more than 2 pages; and, 1/2 pg. reflection)

Evaluator's Signature			

General Comments: