Clarion University of Pennsylvania Secondary/Middle Level Teacher Candidate Work Sample Impact on Student Learning Assignment

As part of your student teaching experience, teacher candidates are responsible for assessing the impact of their instruction on student learning. In order to do this, candidates will design learning experiences based on the student's current knowledge of the topic and assess the effectiveness of planned instruction for each student. In order to do this, candidates will, with their cooperating teacher, decide on a topic for the unit/project lessons. Candidates will then pre-assess to determine the student's prior/current knowledge of the topic. Using the pre-assessment information, candidates will design an integrated unit/project with a minimum of five learning experiences—including goals, objectives, standards, procedures, and assessments — for the students. After the students have engaged in the unit/project learning experiences, candidates will perform an assessment to determine the impact of their instruction via the learning experiences.

Teacher candidates will submit the following to the university supervisor:

- 1. One copy of the pre-assessment with attached data analysis regarding the students' prior/current topic knowledge.
- 2. A copy of the unit/project learning experience plans (minimum of five- each focusing on different content areas) using the lesson plan template.
- 3. One copy of the post-assessment with attached data analysis spreadsheet regarding effectiveness of instruction via the learning experience.
- 4. A 3-part summary statement that includes: (a) most effective outcomes of instruction via the learning experience, (b) what the candidate would change or do differently to improve the least successful or least effective instruction, and (c) what the candidate plans to do next to enhance student learning in the content area.

The Teacher Candidate Work Sample will be assessed by the <u>university supervisor</u>. Candidates must obtain a minimum overall average of 2 on the criteria in order to successfully complete student teaching. Candidates who do not meet the minimum overall average will have their work sample returned to them and will need to revise their work in order to meet the minimum overall average.

The Teacher Candidate Work Sample is to be completed once during the <u>first</u> <u>placement</u> of student teaching.