



## **Exercise 7:**

To help provide evidence for written commentary and video recordings, ask a critical friend to observe your teaching and complete this worksheet.

### **CRITICAL OBSERVATION WORKSHEET**

**The observer should cite evidence in your teaching that addresses each of the following questions.**

1. What is the evidence of the teacher's ability to plan a thoughtful sequence of learning experiences that:
  - Fosters development of clearly delineated \_\_\_\_\_ concepts?
  - Employs the \_\_\_\_\_ process as an integral part of the activities?
2. What evidence suggests that the individual employs activities that:
  - Are directly relevant to the \_\_\_\_\_ concepts?
  - Tap the students' natural curiosity and interests?
  - Allow for the students to have some control of the activity?
3. What evidence indicates that the learning experiences are designed to help students discover \_\_\_\_\_ principles for themselves?
4. What evidence exists to show that the teacher helps students understand the relevance of the featured activities to the concepts being addressed?
5. What evidence indicates that the students are deeply engaged intellectually as they actively participate in \_\_\_\_\_?
6. What evidence indicates that the teacher encourages posing questions and formulating and discussing ideas?
7. What evidence reveals that the teacher challenges students' thinking while interacting with them?
8. What evidence verifies that the students engage in \_\_\_\_\_ as they work with other students and/or they engage in independent activities?
9. What evidence shows the teachers ability to:
  - Reflect on students' learning?
  - Examine her or his own role in fostering engagement and learning?
  - Identify areas that need improvement?