Classroom Observation Report (Open-Ended)

Instructor __________________________ Observer ____________________________
Course ____________________________ Number of students present _____________
Date/time of observation _______________ Location ______________________

NOTE:
This form may be used by the observer to report feedback from the classroom observation. The observer should meet with the instructor several days in advance of the visit to determine the goals, context, and logistics of the classroom visit in advance. The instructor should also provide the observer with a copy of the course and any other relevant materials that will help the observer prepare for the visit. Within several days after the visit, the observer(s) should meet with the instructor to discuss observations and conclusions.

1. Describe the instructor’s knowledge of the topic and students.

2. Describe the instructor’s organization during the class.

3. Describe the method(s) of instruction.

4. Describe the instructor’s communication effectiveness.

5. Describe the form and extent of student participation.
6. What overall impact do you think this lesson had on students and their learning outcomes?

7. What were the instructor’s major strengths as demonstrated in this observation?

8. What suggestions do you have for the instructor for improving their teaching skills?

Did you have a pre-visit conference? _______________

A post-visit conference? _______________

Instrument adapted from the University of Minnesota’s Peer Review of Teaching classroom observation instruments: http://www1.umn.edu/ahr/teachlearn/resources/peer/.