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Promising Practices for University Supervisors of Candidates Enrolled in Yearlong Clinical Experiences

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New Problem: Triangulation During Clinical Experiences

(Bullough & Draper, 2004)
Desired Flexible Triad Clinical Experience

Developmental Supervision

University Supervisor

Teacher Candidate

Collaborating Teacher

Doepker, 2008
Theorization of Approach

- Situated Learning (Dewey, 1904) in Yearlong Clinical Experiences
- Collaborative Inquiry & Co-generative Dialogue (Tobin & Roth, 2010)
- Pre-service Co-teaching (Roth & Tobin, 2002; Bacharach, Heck & Dahlberg, 2010)
- Partnership Principles: Conceptual Language & Framework for Relationships (Knight, 2007)
- Developmental Supervision: (Glickman, Ross, Gordan-Ross, 2014)
- Pedagogical Practices for Supervisors
  - Goal-setting (Knight, van Nieuwerburgh, 2012)
  - Facilitation of 3-Way Conversations (McLaughlin, Talbert, 2006)
  - Video Learning Teams (Knight, 2014)
Pre-service Co-teaching at KSU

PSCT is a collaborative approach that provides clinical experiences for teacher candidates who are supported by collaborating teachers who serve as on-going mentors and who model and share all responsibilities for the teaching and learning of a group of P-12 students. Throughout the experience, the teacher candidate and collaborating teacher establish a fully functioning co-taught classroom in which they share instructional space, materials and other resources. PSCT is an evidence-based approach that focuses simultaneously upon the development of the teacher candidate and the learning of P-12 students. Throughout the clinical experience, co-teachers are encouraged to co-reflect upon the teaching and learning process, and engage in co-generative dialogue to find creative solutions to complex problems of classroom practice” (Strieker, Shaheen, Digiovanni, & Hubbard, 2013).
Cycle of Effective PSCT

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**Cycle of Effective Pre-Service Co-Teaching**
- Partnership Principles
- Mentor Modeling
- Reflection on Data – Student & Classroom
- Co-generative Dialogue & Problem-solving

**Co-planning**
- Common Core State Standards
- Academic Language
- Classroom Management
- Rules & Routines
- Differentiated Instruction
- Intentional Assessment
- Models of PSCT – Roles & Responsibilities of Co-teachers
- Partnership Principles
- Mentor Modeling
- Theorizing Practice

**Student Learning**

**Co-assessment**
- Common Core State Standards
- Benchmarks of Behavior
- Pre-assessments
- Progress Monitoring
- Formative Assessment
- Models of PSCT

**Co-instruction**
- Common Core State Standards
- Student Engagement
- Higher-order Thinking
- Differentiated
- “Teaching at the Elbow”
- Models of PSCT

**Co-generative Dialogue & Problem-solving**
Developing Substantial Partnerships

Reciprocity
Praxis
Reflection
Dialogue
Voice
Equality
Choice

Knight, 2007
Communication Approaches

**EXPERT**

- **Candidate:** high need for support
- **Supervisor:** high level of input
- **High frequency of observations**
- **Communication:** present, explain, direct alternatives

**Directive Control Approach**

**Directive Informational Approach**

**Nondirective Approach**

**Collaborative Approach**

**PARTNERSHIP**

- **Candidate needs opportunities for learning & exploration**
- **Supervisor:** high level of input
- **Average frequency of observations**
- **Communication:** present, problem-solve, advise, describe alternatives

**PRINCIPLES**

- **Candidate:** needs opportunities for learning & exploration
- **Supervisor:** high level of input
- **Average frequency of observations**
- **Communication:** present, problem-solve, advise, describe alternatives

**FACILITATOR**

- **Candidate:** high level of input
- **Supervisor:** high level of input
- **Average frequency of observations**
- **Communication:** listen, reflect, clarify, encourage

Adjustment of communication based upon developmental needs of candidate

GROW: Student engagement & learning

3-way dialogue

Theorization of practice

Co-generative dialogue
Method

- Reflective Self-study

- Qualitative methods to describe and analyze how developmental supervisory practices, coupled with collaborative inquiry, could be used by supervisors of pairs of candidates and collaborating teachers to positively impact the candidates’ capacity for self-directed learning.
Our use of self-study

- Different from most self-study
- Allows us to use the self-study approach to reflect upon a college-level practice
- Allowed us to use a new lens
- The methodology used was an adaptation of case study
Method

PARTICIPANTS

- 15 University Supervisors
- 41 pairs of collaborating teachers and candidates

DATA SOURCES

- GROW
- Observation Protocols
- Reflections
The coding instrument was developed by one of the researchers using literature on case study and best practices in developmental supervision.

Draft was revised in collaboration with a second researcher.

Pilot round allowed all researchers to use the standard form. Revisions were made following to form the Coding Instrument for Supervisory Data (CISD).
## Data Analysis

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<th>Representative Data</th>
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<td>“[The teacher] realizes that she quickly calls on students who have their hands raised and doesn’t pull in students that are not volunteering to answer. So it is the same students who raise their hands for every question.”</td>
<td>Assessment of Current Reality or the Evidence</td>
<td>Goal Setting – Did the collegial supervisor facilitate each step in goal-setting process?</td>
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<td>“[Collegial Supervisor] invited CT to share her ideas with [TC] how to break tasks down into smaller steps and to work in smaller groups.”</td>
<td>Collegial Supervisor clearly involved CT and TC in discussion</td>
<td>Communication Approaches – Collaborative</td>
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<td>“Both [CT] and [TC] focused on the goal of students being able to state if the angle was an acute or obtuse angle and to reason why.”</td>
<td>The TC and CT intentionally worked together and created learning objectives</td>
<td>Content of Facilitation – Co-planning</td>
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Promising Practice #3: Systematic Candidate Goal-setting & Monitoring

- **G**oal
- **R**eality
- **O**pportunities & options
- **W**ho, what, where, when & why?
Findings

- Findings indicated a collegial supervision model that is highly impactful for pre-service teachers and their collaborating teachers and schools.
- Also allowed for a great deal of future study on the discourse of those candidates and their collaborating teachers.
- Caused us to question the term “co-teaching”; the data indicates that our teaching candidates are truly co-teaching.
Collegial Supervision Model

**SUPERVISOR AS EXPERT**

- Candidate needs information and time to explore new ideas, practices.
- Collegial supervisor provides detailed guidance to assist candidates in making connections and applying knowledge and skills from coursework to clinical experience to justify instructional decisions.
- Collegial supervisor and collaborating teacher advise candidate, provide alternative solutions, directly guide all conversations.

**SUPERVISOR AS FACILITATOR**

- Candidate monitors progress toward meeting goals.
- Candidate monitors P-12 learning and engagement.
- Collegial supervisor and collaborating teacher support the candidate during reflective dialogue.

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**Command Control**
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**Information Resource**
- Candidate monitors progress toward meeting goals.
- Candidate monitors P-12 learning and engagement.
- Collegial supervisor and collaborating teacher support the candidate during reflective dialogue.

**Goal-setting & Reflection**
- Candidate monitors progress toward meeting goals.
- Candidate monitors P-12 learning and engagement.
- Collegial supervisor and collaborating teacher support the candidate during reflective dialogue.

**Self-directed Learning**
- Candidate monitors progress toward meeting goals.
- Candidate monitors P-12 learning and engagement.
- Collegial supervisor and collaborating teacher support the candidate during reflective dialogue.

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**PARTNERSHIP**
- Collegial supervisor acts directly to modify the practice of the teacher candidate.
- Typically occurs when candidate needs assistance with classroom or behavior management.
- Candidate may need additional feedback sessions.

**PRINCIPLES**
- Collegial supervisor facilitates 3-way reflection as they co-plan, co-assess or co-reflect.
- Feedback session based upon video recording of teaching & learning.
- Candidate begins to establish goals and a plan for professional development.

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