Instructional Skills Rubric

	Excellent	Good	Needs Some Attention	Needs Improvement
Organization and Clarity	Effective sequencing of ideas Successful use of transitional devices Previews and summarizes information Focused on topic; concise yet substantial Effective use of supporting detail to develop topic	Apparent sequencing of ideas; at times may be somewhat loose Transitional devices are used, but not always effectively Attempts to preview and summarize information Mainly focuses on topic with occasional strays, at times may lack substance or conciseness Includes supporting details, but not always effectively	Sequencing of ideas are not apparent Few transitional devices; Little or no attempt to give a preview or summary of information Often strays from topic Information is conveyed but with inappropriate timing (e.g., too brief, too long) Insufficient use of detail	Ideas are confused and disconnected No transitional devices No preview or summary presented. Not focused on the topic; little information is conveyed; no supporting detail
Relevance of Content	Information illustrated through practical examples Clear explanation of why and how information is useful Provides relevant examples to students to help comprehension Uses visual to effectively supplement points	Some use of practical examples, though insufficient Some attempts to explain why and how content is useful, but not sufficient or clear Generally effective use of visuals, but may occasionally have problems (blocking view, misspellings, etc.).	Minimal use of examples and/or explanation of why and how content is useful Minimal use of visuals, or visuals are poorly organized/chosen.	No use of examples No explanation of why and how content is useful. Visuals not used, but needed.
Teacher Presence	Demonstrates confidence, poise, rapport with audience Responds quickly and directly to questions Answers are concise but substantial Checks for comprehension	Some difficulty establishing rapport with audience, but generally confident Responds to questions, but response may take time, may stray from topic, or may include too much or too little information Sometimes checks for comprehension, but not consistently	May occasionally appear nervous, hesitant, condescending, or indifferent to audience needs Takes too long to respond to question, does not provide adequate answers Does not check for comprehension	Appears to be nervous, unapproachable, or unconcerned about audience needs Unable to understand basic questions, even with repetition and modification.
Interpersonal Skills	Appropriate use of nonverbal communication skills (posture, gestures, facial expressions, use of space, back channeling)	Generally appropriate use of nonverbal communication Minor problems may be noticeable, but do not detract from verbal communication	Inappropriate nonverbal communication detracts from verbal message (too stiff, too relaxed, awkward or non-existent movement)	Repeated or constant use of inappropriate nonverbals (no eye contact, too close/far from audience, etc.)