

Pre-Observation Guide for Mentees: **Establishing a “Problem of Practice”**

A [*Problem of Practice protocol*](#) establishes a purpose for peer observations and allows the observing teacher to determine what they hope to gain from the observation.

Start with a few questions for reflection.

- *Is there something you wish students did better or differently in your class?*
- *Is there something you wish you did better or differently in your teaching?*
- *Is there something you would like to change in your teaching practice?*

- I. Reflect on and write about one or more of the questions above, being as specific as possible.

- II. Given what you've written, what is a Problem of Practice you'd like to investigate during the observation of your mentor/peer's classroom?

- III. Develop questions that will help guide your Problem to Practice investigation and can help you gather solid observations about the classroom you will visit.