

# PEER OBSERVATION FORM

Observer: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Observation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Time: \_\_\_\_\_ End Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. General Description:** Describe the session. Comment specifically on the following: Was the atmosphere conducive to effective tutoring? How many students did the tutor work with? How did s/he manage the group? What issues or challenges did the students present? Was the session generally effective?

**2. Nature of the Interaction:** Describe the interaction between the student(s) and the tutor. You may want to comment on the ratio of tutor talk to student talk, whether the student(s) and tutor effectively listened to each other, whether they communicated effectively (verbal & non-verbal), specific examples of positive interaction between the tutor and student(s), and specific examples of awkward interaction between the tutor and student(s).

**3. Tutoring Techniques 1:** What strategies or techniques did the tutor employ to facilitate the material to the student(s)? Did these techniques promote passive or active learning on the part of the student(s)? Were these strategies successful – why or why not?

**4. Tutoring Techniques 2:** If you were the tutor in this situation, would you employ the same strategies and techniques – why or why not? What, if anything, would you have done differently?

**5. Summary: AFTER YOU AND YOUR PARTNER HAVE OBSERVED EACH OTHER'S SESSION,** discuss the following items with your partner. Describe your peer observation experience. Did the experience give you any new insights into either your own tutoring techniques or tutoring in general? If so, what are these insights and how will they make you a better tutor? Overall, was this experience worthwhile? What could be done to make this a more effective experience? **Write up your results after your discussion.**