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My internship has been one of the most enriching experiences of my academic journey so far. Throughout my years at UNE, I gained valuable theoretical knowledge and worked with select student groups, but nothing compares to the practical insights gained during my recent months of student teaching. While classroom discussions and coursework provide a foundation, it's the hands-on experience that truly illuminates the complexities of teaching. From managing classrooms and grading assessments to forging meaningful connections with students, each aspect is fundamental to fostering a supportive and effective learning environment. Only by actively teaching can one fully grasp these nuances.

Through this internship, I've learned that being a teacher means never giving up on any student, regardless of challenges. It's about perseverance and understanding that every child can learn given the right support. This experience has underscored the importance of adapting to diverse student backgrounds and needs, a lesson best learned in a classroom setting. I am immensely grateful to my cooperating teacher and university supervisor for this invaluable opportunity.

Professional Development: Moving forward, I recognize a need to further develop my classroom management skills. While I've learned significantly during my internship, I aim to refine my approach by seeking advice from experienced educators. Staying focused during

lessons is another area for improvement. While I value student engagement, I understand the balance needed to ensure we meet our educational goals effectively. Navigating the administrative aspects of teaching remains a challenge due to my limited experience. I am committed to enhancing my understanding of these technicalities as I progress in my career.

Strengths: My ability to connect with students is one of my greatest strengths as a teacher. I am passionate about nurturing each student's potential and fostering a positive classroom environment where learning flourishes. I excel in lesson planning, continually striving to create innovative and engaging lessons that deepen students' understanding and connection to the curriculum. Collaboration is another strong suit of mine. I actively seek and value insights from fellow educators, recognizing that learning from others enhances my professional growth.