

Field Notes Form

Interviewing for Curiosity – Part I

Name: _____

Date & Time of Observation: _____

Location Observed: _____

1. Descriptive Notes (What you see)

Spend at least 30 minutes observing the space. Use this section to capture specific behaviors, patterns, and environmental features. Consider the following:

- How do people enter, exit, and move through the space?
- How are individuals or groups positioned? (e.g., isolated, clustered, facing one another)
- Are there areas that seem popular or ignored?
- Who appears comfortable or uncomfortable?
- Are there informal “rules” that seem to govern behavior?

2. Sketch or Map of the Space

Use this space to draw a basic layout of the space and mark how it is used. Indicate key features or where people tend to cluster.

3. Interpretive Notes (What you think might be going on)

Now that you've described what you saw, begin interpreting:

- What behaviors surprised you?
- What patterns or rhythms did you notice?
- Did anything contradict your assumptions?
- What questions do you have based on your observation?

4. Curiosity Check-In

Reflect briefly on how curiosity showed up during your observation.

- What did you find yourself wondering about?
- What would you want to ask someone who uses this space?
- What assumptions did you notice in your own thinking?