Quick Tips for Shooting Classroom Videos

- Make sure the battery is fully charged
- Make sure the lens is clean and that nothing is obscuring its view
- Make sure the microphone is uncovered and clear of debris
- Test the camera to make sure it is working properly
- Secure the camera with a tripod
- If using a phone or portable device, set it up so that the video is oriented horizontally
- Make sure that the framing of the shot will include you and as much of the class as possible
- Keep the camera close to you to ensure good audio recording
- Make sure that there are no items creating noise near the camera (air conditioning unit, clocks, etc.)
- Try to avoid pointing the camera lens directly at a light source (window, lamp, etc.)
- If possible, have the camera pointing down at you instead of up

Pre-Production Skills and Practice

- It is a good idea to shoot some practice video.
- The quality of video project is directly proportional to the time spent in preparation.
- Shoot a few minutes of video, and then analyze it.
- How is the video?
- How is the sound?
- How would you capture it differently next time?