



**EDMS 571**  
**Clinical Practice in Middle Schools I**  
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*Conceptual Framework Theme: Engaging diverse communities through leading and learning for social justice.*

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**School of Education Mission & Vision Statement**  
*(Adopted by SOE Governance Community, January 2013)*

*Vision*

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

*Mission*

The mission of the School of Education community is to collaboratively transform education. We:

- Create community through partnerships
  - Promote and foster social justice and educational equity
  - Advance innovative, student-centered practices
  - Inspire reflective teaching and learning
  - Conduct purposeful research
  - Serve the School, College, University, and Community
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**Basic Tenets of our Conceptual Framework**

- Student centered education
  - Research and theory specific to the program field inform practice
  - Connections and links between coursework and application
  - Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
  - Co-teaching clinical practice
  - Culturally responsive pedagogy and socially just outcomes
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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Observation and teaching in selected schools under supervision of classroom teacher and university supervisor. *Graded Credit/No Credit. May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for EDMS 561. Enrollment Restriction: Admission to the Middle Level Education Program.*

### **Required Materials**

Because this is a supervised clinical practice experience, the materials for this class include the *Assessment of Teacher Performance Expectations Assessment* form, the *Middle Level Professional Dispositions Rubric*, and the *Clinical Practice Summary* that are found on the School of Education website for clinical practice. Additional materials on the website include the *Middle Level Clinical Practice Handbook* along with other forms used in clinical practice.

(<http://www.csusm.edu/education/ClinicalPractice/HandbookML.html>)

### **Taskstream Enrollment and Postings**

The School of Education uses Taskstream to manage assessment of candidates' TPEs and professional dispositions. Candidates must be enrolled in Taskstream throughout the Middle Level Education program(s). Enrollment fees are paid by going to [www.taskstream.com](http://www.taskstream.com) and registering for at least one year. After enrolling, access the Middle Level Education Program by clicking the *Enter Code* button and entering ML1415. The Middle Level Education Program will then show up on your Taskstream home page when you log in. Be sure to remember your enrollment name and password.

### **Authorization to Teach English Learners**

This credential program has been specifically designed to prepare teachers for the diversity of languages often encountered in California public school classrooms. The authorization to teach English learners is met through the infusion of content and experiences within the credential program, as well as additional coursework. Candidates successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners. (*Approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 2002*)

## **CLINICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

Candidates will:

- Assess and instruct young adolescent students of various cultural and linguistic backgrounds in middle school classrooms
- Demonstrate mastery of the Teacher Performance Expectations as assessed using the *TPE Assessment* form
- Demonstrate mastery of the Professional Dispositions as assessed using the *Middle Level Professional Dispositions Rubric*
- Use technology effectively to collect and analyze data about student learning and then use those data to adjust instruction accordingly

### **Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes**

- Two formal observations each by the university supervisor and on-site liaison. Observations are grounded by the professional dispositions and teacher performance expectations (TPEs).
- Four formal observations by the cooperating teacher. Observations are grounded by the professional dispositions and teacher performance expectations (TPEs).
- Completion of the professional dispositions rubric, the TPE Assessment form, and the Clinical Practice summary form all of which summarize performance and professional growth.
- The evaluations are developed with input from the candidate's university supervisor and cooperating teacher. The final summary is signed by the candidate, the university supervisor, and the cooperating teacher.

### **California Teacher Performance Assessment (CalTPA)**

Beginning July 1, 2008 all California credential candidates must successfully complete a state-approved system of teacher performance assessment (TPA), to be embedded in the credential program of preparation. At CSUSM this assessment system is called the CalTPA or the TPA for short.

To assist your successful completion of the TPA, a series of mediasite presentations are provided during the program. TPA related questions and logistical concerns are addressed. Your viewing of the mediasite presentations will greatly contribute to your success on the assessment.

Additionally, SOE classes use common pedagogical language, lesson plans (lesson designs), and unit plans (unit designs) in order to support and ensure your success on the TPA and more importantly in the credential program.

The CalTPA Candidate Handbook, TPA seminar schedule, and other TPA support materials can be found on the SOE website: <http://www.csusm.edu/education/CalTPA/ProgramMaterialsTPA.html>

### **Assessment of Professional Dispositions**

Assessing a candidate's dispositions within a professional preparation program recognizes that teaching and working with learners of all ages requires not only specific content knowledge and pedagogical skills but also positive attitudes about multiple dimensions of the profession. The School of Education has identified six dispositions – *social justice and equity, collaboration, critical thinking, professional ethics, reflective teaching and learning, and life-long learning*. There are three levels of performance for each disposition: *unacceptable, approaches, meets*, and the accompanying rubric describes behaviors illustrative of each disposition. University supervisors will distribute the disposition rubrics at the beginning of the Clinical Practice experience, and cooperating teachers will communicate early with supervisors about candidates' progress toward those dispositions. Final determination of the scores for data point two will be made at the exit conference. Communicate with your supervisor about whether he/she or you will upload the scores into Taskstream. Candidates are expected to achieve the level of "meets" for each disposition by the end of the program.

(<http://www.csusm.edu/education/ClinicalPractice/HandbookML.html>)

### **School of Education Attendance Policy**

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School of Education, all candidates are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, candidates must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. Should the candidate have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. (*Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997*).

### **Clinical Practice Attendance Policy**

All teacher candidates are expected to be present at their assigned school site as scheduled by program requirements and the specific school site calendar and teaching contract. Should the teacher candidate have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the university supervisor and cooperating teacher as soon as possible.

### **Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations**

Candidates with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations must be approved for services by providing appropriate and recent documentation to the Office of Disable Student Services (DSS). This office is located in Craven Hall 4300, and can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Candidates authorized by DSS to receive reasonable accommodations should meet with their instructor during office hours or, in order to ensure confidentiality, in a more private setting.

### **All University Writing Requirement**

Every course at the university, including this one, must have a writing requirement of at least 2500 words. The requirement for Clinical Practice is met through the writing of lesson plans and other documents related to teaching. CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy

“Students will be expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the

### **Student Academic Honesty Policy**

All written work and oral presentation assignments must be original work. All ideas/materials that are borrowed from other sources must have appropriate references to the original sources. Any quoted material should give credit to the source and be punctuated with quotation marks.

Students are responsible for honest completion of their work including examinations. There will be no tolerance for infractions. If you believe there has been an infraction by someone in the class, please bring it to the instructor’s attention. The instructor reserves the right to discipline any student for academic dishonesty in accordance with the general rules and regulations of the university. Disciplinary action may include the lowering of grades and/or the assignment of a failing grade for an exam, assignment, or the class as a whole.”

Incidents of Academic Dishonesty will be reported to the Dean of Students. Sanctions at the University level may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

### **Plagiarism**

As an educator, it is expected that each candidate will do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstances. If you are in doubt about whether your work is paraphrased or plagiarized see the Plagiarism Prevention for Students website <http://library.csusm.edu/plagiarism/index.html>. If there are questions about academic honesty, please consult the University catalog.

### **Use of Technology**

Candidates are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, Moodle, use of the Internet, and/or multimedia presentations). Specific requirements for course assignments with regard to technology are at the discretion of the instructor. Keep a digital copy of all assignments for use in your teaching portfolio. All assignments will be submitted online, and some will be submitted in hard copy as well. Details will be given in class.

### **Electronic Communication Protocol**

Electronic correspondence is a part of your professional interactions. If you need to contact the instructor, e-mail is often the easiest way to do so. It is my intention to respond to all received e-mails in a timely manner. Please be reminded that e-mail and on-line discussions are a very specific form of communication, with their own nuances and etiquette. For instance, electronic messages sent in all upper case (or lower case) letters, major typos, or slang, often communicate more than the sender originally intended. With that said, please be mindful of all e-mail and on-line discussion messages you send to your colleagues, to faculty members in the School of Education, or to persons within the greater educational community. All electronic messages should be crafted with professionalism and care.

Things to consider:

- Would I say in person what this electronic message specifically says?
- How could this message be misconstrued?
- Does this message represent my highest self?
- Am I sending this electronic message to avoid a face-to-face conversation?

In addition, if there is ever a concern with an electronic message sent to you, please talk with the author in person in order to correct any confusion.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

### Teacher Candidate Responsibilities:

1. Be on site all day every day October 20-December 12. Call the cooperating teacher and on-site liaison in case of absence. **Exchange email addresses and phone numbers on your first observation day!** Observe the contract hours and holiday breaks scheduled by your school site.
2. First week (Week of October 20):
  - a. Spend half of each day with the cooperating teacher. Observe classes and assist in routine tasks and responsibilities. The other half may be spent observing other teachers and other aspects of the school as arranged by the on-site liaison.
  - b. Confer with your cooperating teacher to prepare for gradual assumption of full teaching responsibilities for half of the day. Discuss how the curriculum you will teach fits into the “big picture” of the scope and sequence of the entire year’s curriculum.
  - c. Learn students’ names; discuss classroom organization and discipline issues with the cooperating teacher.
3. Second week (Week of October 27):
  - a. Begin teaching half days, following the lesson plans devised by the cooperating teacher.
  - b. Assist the cooperating teacher (co-teach or work with small groups or individuals as directed by the cooperating teacher) in the remaining classes.
  - c. By the end of the week, create a calendar of your five-week curriculum/instruction plan with your cooperating teacher. Give a copy to your on-site liaison and university supervisor and include a copy in your TPE portfolio.
4. Third through fifth weeks (Weeks of November 3, 10, 17\*):
  - a. Continue teaching half days, now using lesson plans that you have written with the guidance of the cooperating teacher.
  - b. Submit a complete lesson plan to the cooperating teacher at least two days prior to teaching a lesson. Based on feedback from the cooperating teacher and subsequent class progress, note revisions on your plan. Keep your lesson plans (with revisions and reflections as appropriate) in your TPE portfolio.
5. Sixth through eighth weeks (Weeks of November 17\* and December 1 & 8):
  - a. Continue teaching your half-day classes, writing your own lesson plans that are approved by your cooperating teacher. In addition, work with him or her to take over teaching responsibilities in the remaining half-day of classes. With assistance, write lesson plans for the remaining classes. Your cooperating teacher may assist you in conducting instruction in those classes.
  - b. Continue teaching full time through December 12.
  - c. Submit a complete lesson plan to the cooperating teacher at least two days prior to teaching a lesson. Be sure to note any last minute revisions on your plan. Remember to keep your lesson plans in the appropriate places in your TPE portfolios.
  - d. Confer regularly with the cooperating teacher and on-site liaison.
  - e. Attend end-of-semester evaluation conference with the cooperating teacher, on-site liaison and university supervisor. *Bring your filled out TPE Assessment Form and any written work as requested by your support team. The TPE Assessment Form must be filled in on the computer and then printed out. The form can be found at: <http://www.csusm.edu/coe/ClinicalPractice/HandbookML.html>*
6. Attend all team, department, and faculty meetings and other professional responsibilities. Engage in professional opportunities (e.g. extra-curricular duties, school events) as they arise.
7. Attend seminars/lunches/workshops (as scheduled) with the on-site liaison.

8. Be formally observed at least four times by the cooperating teacher and twice each by the on-site liaison and university supervisor; obtain written feedback using the CSUSM observation instrument.

\*If, at week 5, you and your cooperating teacher feel that you can go to the next step, then do so.

#### **Cooperating Teacher Responsibilities:**

1. Share ideas with teacher candidate about goals, unit and lesson planning, classroom organization, and other topics.
2. Assist teacher candidate with long-range planning calendar.
3. Provide materials and ideas for teacher candidate's lesson plans, while allowing and supporting the teacher candidate's creativity in instructional strategies.
4. Support the teacher candidate to take responsibilities for instruction for half days during the weeks of November 3 and 10. Assist the teacher candidate as needed (i.e., "team teaching") with the remaining half day of responsibilities during the remaining weeks of Clinical Practice I.
5. Review the teacher candidate's lesson plans two days prior to teaching and provide feedback to them.
6. Confer regularly with the teacher candidate.
7. Observe as many lessons as possible with written and verbal comments. Written feedback from four observations must become part of the teacher candidate's record (use the CSUSM observation instrument).
8. Confer with the on-site supervisor and university supervisor as needed.
9. Attend end-of-semester evaluation conference with the teacher candidate, on-site liaison and university supervisor. Prior to the conference, work with the teacher candidate to fill out the TPE Assessment Form. Use the TPE portfolio to identify evidence for progress toward meeting each TPE.

#### **On-Site Liaison Responsibilities:**

1. Communicate with teacher candidates, cooperating teachers, and university supervisor; help solve field-related problems.
2. Observe two lessons using observation instrument; confer with teacher candidate soon after; confer with the cooperating teacher regarding the observation.
3. Arrange observations for teacher candidates with other school personnel to fulfill course-related requirements and to provide a broader view of the school site.
4. Schedule and conduct seminars with teacher candidates during full-time student teaching.
5. Attend end-of-semester evaluation conference with the teacher candidate, cooperating teacher and university supervisor.

#### **University Supervisor Responsibilities:**

1. Communicate with teacher candidates, cooperating teachers, and on-site supervisor; help solve program-related problems.
2. Observe two lessons using observation instrument; confer with the teacher candidate soon after.
3. Meet with the cooperating teacher and on-site liaison during week 5 to discuss the teacher candidate's progress toward meeting the professional dispositions. Upload the disposition scores (PD data point #2/#3) into the appropriate Taskstream account.
4. Attend end-of-semester evaluation conference with the teacher candidate, cooperating teacher and on-site supervisor, and write the final evaluation for the teacher candidate's permanent file.

### **Grading Standards**

#### **Credit/No Credit**

The cooperating teacher and teacher candidate complete the *TPE Assessment Form* and send it to the university supervisor in advance of the exit conference. The university supervisor also completes the *Clinical Practice Summary* form. These documents serve as official verification of successful completion of Clinical Practice and are required for the University to be able to recommend a candidate for a credential at the end of the program.

1. A grade of CREDIT (CR) or NO CREDIT (NC) will be assigned for Clinical Practice experiences by the University supervisor. If a teacher candidate has not successfully met the *Teacher Performance Expectations* for the Middle Level Education program (“approaching” in CPI, “meets” in CPII) and/or has not met the *professional dispositions* at an appropriate level (“approaching” in CPI, “meets” in CPII), the candidate may be required to extend or repeat the experience. This information will be provided through a Statement of Concern in advance of the exit conference.
2. If a teacher candidate does not meet the requirements addressed in the Statement of Concern, a grade of NO CREDIT may be given. Granting of an additional opportunity for clinical practice will be made based on the circumstances under which the original NO CREDIT was given.
3. Should a second clinical practice experience be recommended, the Candidate must re-register for the clinical practice course prior to the new placement being made.

#### **Conditions for Removal from School Site**

A candidate will be removed from the school site and a Statement of Concern documenting the situation will be written immediately if a candidate:

1. Endangers students or others;
2. Violates recognized codes of conduct, e.g. CSUSM Student Code of Conduct, CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy NEA Code of Ethics, CA Education Code Section 44932; and/or
3. Is dismissed from the classroom or school site by the cooperating professional or site or district administrator. (see Statement of Concern- Guidelines [www.csusm.edu/education/ClinicalPractice/HandbookMS.html](http://www.csusm.edu/education/ClinicalPractice/HandbookMS.html))