

**California State University, San Marcos**  
**Foundations of Teaching as a Profession**  
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**Course Description:** This course serves as an orientation to careers in elementary, middle and high school education. Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates should understand the nature of formalized education in the United States and be able to assess his or her interest in teaching as a career. Major topics include:

- Understanding the roles of schools in society
- Exploring philosophies and contemporary issues in education.
- Assessing the roles of teachers in schools.
- Understanding the qualifications and credentialing process for California teachers.
- Understanding and appreciating the student as an individual.
- Understanding factors affecting student achievement.
- Understanding critical issues in curriculum and instruction.
- Understanding infusion of special education in general education practices.
- Understanding the laws that influence teaching responsibilities.

This course is required for all credential candidates. All students must complete forty-five (45) hours of supervised fieldwork in K-12 classrooms.

**Mission of the College of Education at Cal State San Marcos:** The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to diversity, educational equity, and social justice, exemplified through reflective teaching, life-long learning, innovative research, and on-going service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism and shared governance.

(adopted by COE Governance Community, October 1997)

**Authorization to Teach English Learners:** The Cal State San Marcos credential programs have 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. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

(approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 2002)

**Special Education Inclusion:** Consistent with the intent to offer a seamless teaching credential in the College of Education, this course will introduce the collaborative infusion of special education competencies that reflect inclusive educational practices. Students will demonstrate a knowledge of laws and dispositions that relate to special education through a variety of activities such as the viewing and analysis of the video F.A.T. City and reading parts of *Creating an Inclusive School*.

**Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations:** Students are approved for services through the Disabled Student Services Office (DSS). This office can be contacted by phone at (760) 750-4905, or TTY (760) 750-4909. Students 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.

**College of Education Attendance Policy:** Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. Absences and late arrivals/early departures will affect the final grade. A minimum grade of C+ is required in EDUC 350 to qualify as prerequisite for admission to the Cal State San Marcos teacher credential program. COE attendance policy states, "At a minimum, students must attend 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 students have extenuating circumstances, please contact the instructor as soon as possible. In this section of EDUC 350, the following attendance

policy will apply: One class session may be missed without penalty to your grade. Each additional missed session will drop your final grade by 1/3 grade point (A to A-, A- to B+, etc.). If you miss four or more class sessions, you will receive an F.

**Credential Program Recommendations:** As one of several evaluation methods, EDUC 350 course instructors are asked for feedback concerning credential candidates who are applying for programs at Cal State San Marcos. Keep in mind that your professionalism and hard work in this class not only affect your course grade, but also indicate your readiness for a credential program.

**Fieldwork:** In addition to in-class work, assigned readings and projects, students will participate in forty-five (45) hours of supervised fieldwork assignments in a variety of public school settings. Details on the fieldwork are found on the WebCT site. Documentation of these hours is required to receive a grade in EDUC 350. Cal State San Marcos students are expected to adhere to professional standards in their dress and behavior in the field. Required clearances (fingerprints, TB test) are the responsibility of the student. A recommendation (usually from the classroom teacher where most of the fieldwork is done, also known as a Field Experience Recommendation) is a requirement for admission to the Cal State San Marcos Teacher Credentialing programs. If you need this form, you can download it from the course WebCT site.

### **All University Writing Requirement**

Every course at the university must fulfill the university's writing requirement of at least 2,500 words. In EDUC 350, this is accomplished through the following written assignments: Teacher Interview, Philosophy Paper, Reading Logs, and The Outsider.

### **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 a student and future educator, each student is expected to do his/her own work and to 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:** Students are expected to demonstrate competency in the use of various forms of technology (i.e. word processing, electronic mail, WebCT6, 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. 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 College 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.

**Teaching Performance Expectation (TPE) for EDUC 350:** A primary goal of Educ 350 is to begin the process of developing teacher candidates to become professional educators. The following TPE of the California Commission for Teacher Credentialing is expected to be met during this course:

**TPE 12: Professional, Legal and Ethical Obligations**

Candidates are aware of their own personal values and biases and recognize ways in which these values and biases affect the teaching and learning of students. They resist racism and acts of intolerance. Candidates appropriately manage their professional time spent in teaching responsibilities to ensure that academic goals are met.

Candidates for a Teaching Credential understand and honor legal and professional obligations to protect the privacy, health, and safety of students, families, and other school professionals. They are aware of and act in accordance with ethical considerations and they model ethical behaviors for students. Candidates understand and honor all laws relating to professional misconduct and moral fitness.

**Teaching Performance Assessment for Developing as a Professional Educator**

The successful completion of the personal philosophy assignment is a requirement for completion of this course and is a component of partially meeting the TPE described above. This statement will be used for assessment both in the course and at completion of the College of Education program. Retain an electronic copy of your statement for submission for your portfolio at the completion of your teacher education program.

**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 informational seminars are offered over the course of the program. TPA related questions and logistical concerns are to be addressed during the seminars. Your attendance to TPA seminars will greatly contribute to your success on the assessment.

Additionally, COE 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 your credential program.

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

**Class Discussions and Participation:** Students will engage in student-centered learning each class session, and will be expected to actively participate.

- Do you participate in class discussions productively, sharing your knowledge and understandings?
- Do you interact productively with your peers, taking on a variety of roles (leader, follower, etc.)?
- Do you contribute appropriately to group work—do you “do your share”?
- Are you able to accept others’ opinions?
- Are you supportive of others’ ideas?
- Do you support your peers during their presentations?
- Can you monitor and adjust your participation to allow for others’ ideas as well as your own to be heard?

**Course Requirements:** Teacher education is a professional preparation program. It is expected that students will come to class prepared to discuss the readings, submit required assignments, and participate in class activities. Students are expected to adhere to academic honesty and integrity, standards of dependability, confidentiality and writing achievement. Because it is important for teachers to be able to effectively communicate their ideas to students, parents, colleagues, and administrators, writing that is original, clear and error-free is a priority for the College of Education. It is expected that work will be turned in on time. Please discuss individual issues with the instructor. Points will be deducted if assignments are submitted late (10% penalty per day late; no credit will be awarded if the assignment is one week late).

**NOTE: If you will be absent, notify the instructor via email, as soon as possible, so arrangements can be made to save handouts, etc. You should also submit the day's written assignments via WebCT/email to avoid deduction of points. Assignments are downgraded by 10% each day late – after one week assignments receive no credit. Also, if you are given the option to revise your work, you must resubmit by the next class session.**

**Required Texts:**

Nieto, Sonia. (2006). *Why We Teach*. NY: Teachers College Press.  
ISBN 0807745936, Approximately \$12 - 20.

Grant, Carl. A. & Gillette, Maureen. (2005). *Learning to Teach Everyone's Children: Equity, Empowerment and Education that is Multicultural*. Thomson & Wadsworth.  
ISBN 0-534-64467-8, Approximately \$ 45 - 65

Villa, R. A. and Thousand, J. S. (2005). *Creating an Inclusive School* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. , ISBN 0-87120-251-4 Approximately \$12 - 25

**Assignment Values:** (100 points)

Additional instructions regarding course assignments are below and available on WebCT.

- Reading Response Logs 10 points
- Current Events in Education 5 points
- Interview Assignment 10 points
- Inclusion – The Outsider 10 points
- Classroom Observation Reports 20 points
- Contemporary Issues Research Report 15 points
- Personal Philosophy of Teaching 15 points
- Using Technology Assignment 5 points
- Participation and Professionalism 10 points

**Assignments and grading:**

1. **Reading Response log** 10 points

The reading log provides an opportunity to reflect on learning about teaching through the assigned readings for each session. In the reading log, do not summarize. Instead, respond to the readings: agree, disagree, note specific ideas, etc. Entries should be one paragraph in length per week. Log entries must be submitted via the course WebCT6 site by **Thursday (midnight)** note that some weeks require a Tuesday submission. You must bring a hard copy to class on (Tuesday) or Thursday for discussion with a peer. See the schedule for readings. The log will be graded holistically; you will either receive full credit or none.

No credit will be given for late submissions of reading logs. In extraordinary circumstances, if you do not have access to WebCT for a timely submission, you may email the log entry to me by Thursday at [vwiereng@csusm.edu](mailto:vwiereng@csusm.edu). Later, as soon as you re-establish WebCT access, you will resubmit on WebCT.

2. **Current events in education** 5 points

Sign up for a date when you will be responsible for presenting an item from the week's news in K-12 education (5 minutes maximum). The item may be from television, radio, internet (e.g., [www.edweek.org/](http://www.edweek.org/)), newspaper, or magazine, and may pertain to local, national/, or international issues. You will summarize and present the importance of the news for your classmates. Be sure that you make a connection to future teachers in California if the news is from afar. After you present your current event, go to the WebCT site and submit a one-sentence report as the "Current Events" assignment, so that you can receive credit. You must submit your sentence report the day you present; no credit will be given if submission is not received by **May 7**.

3. **Interview of a teacher** 10 points

Details are below. The written report is due via the WebCT site on **February 12** and bring a hard copy to class.

4. **The Outsider** (Inclusion assignment) 10 points  
Details are below. The written report is due via the WebCT site on **March 26**.
5. **Classroom observation reports** 20 points  
Using the classroom observation instrument provided online, write up five observations in your field sites. The template is on the WebCT site under Fieldwork Instructions and is also on the College of Education website at the top of the syllabus webpage. You must submit one written observation from each of these four types of school settings: Elementary, Middle, High, and Special Setting; the fifth written observation is from any setting (your choice). Submit these via the WebCT site as instructed on **February 26** and **April 9**. Turn in your Classroom Observation Record (timesheet) and Report Summary (distribution report) in class on **April 30**. If you do not complete the classroom observations, you will receive a grade of INC for the course.
6. **Contemporary issues research** 15 points  
Choose one (1) major contemporary issue in education that interests you and a partner. Research the issue together and prepare an oral report (approximately 15 minutes) to share in class. The presentation should provide a description of the issue, its pros and cons, an analysis of the issue's implications (the "so what"), and a summary or conclusion.
- You will present during **course weeks 11 through 15**. When you present your research orally, provide a one-page summary and a reference list of your research (8-12 references in bibliographic form) for your classmates. Each partner must submit the one-page summary to the WebCT site to receive credit for this assignment. The one-page handout is due to WebCT on the day you present with the final due date: **May 7**.  
See WebCt for evaluation forms and rubrics to complete and bring to class.
7. **Personal philosophy of schooling, learning, and teaching** (TPE 12 Critical Assessment) 15 points  
Details are below. *You must submit the philosophy paper rubric (found on WebCT) with your final paper for a complete score.* The FINAL written report is due via the WebCT site on **April 30**.
8. **Using Technology: Selecting a Community, District, and School** 5 points  
The activity written assignment must be submitted to WebCt by **(Sun.) March 19, midnight**. Late papers will not receive credit.
9. **Professional Disposition** 10 points  
This course is designed for active learning during class sessions. In order for this course to succeed for individuals and the group, students must come to class prepared to discuss assigned readings/topics and to participate in class activities. See details above in "Class Discussions and Participation."  
To measure professional dispositions fairly, there is an "Exit Slip" for *each weeks session*, asking you to respond to the week's learning and to grade yourself in professionalism. See and print a Disposition form found on WebCT...you will need one for EACH week (13 total).  
You will submit a closing reflection statement on your professional disposition on WebCT by **May 7**. The instructor will consider your self-assessment when assigning points for this assignment.

Disposition includes:

- General classroom attendance, promptness, and participation
- Attention to classroom discussion protocols
- Social and cooperative skills
- Attention to assignments (deadlines, quality, multi-tasking)
- General classroom demeanor
- Flexibility
- Openness to and enthusiasm for learning

### **TOTAL POINTS : 100**

Grades will be determined by the total number of points earned (100 points possible):

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| A = 93-100 | C+= 77-79 |
| A- = 90-92 | C = 73-76 |
| B+ = 87-89 | C-= 70-72 |
| B = 83-86  | D = 60-69 |
| B-= 80-82  | F = 0-59  |

## ASSIGNMENT DIRECTIONS

### Assignment (#3): Interview of a Teacher

(10 points)

In this assignment, you will interview a teacher and write a 3-4 page (1,500-2,000 word) summary of what you learned from him or her. Your purpose is to render a sketch so that your reader may be able to envision the teacher as a person with a distinct philosophy and experience.

#### **Gathering information:**

Interview a current or retired teacher who has had at least 3 years of full-time experience in elementary, middle, or secondary school classrooms. Suggested questions are:

- Why did the teacher choose to enter teaching? How attractive was the profession to prospective teachers at that time? What were the other career paths available; were any others seriously considered? Does the teacher have any regrets about becoming a teacher?
- What professional education did the teacher have? How helpful was it in learning to teach? At what point did the teacher feel comfortable as a teacher?
- What were/are the teacher's goals for the education of students? Have these goals changed over the years?
- What career moves (school buildings, grade level, special students, subject matter, etc.) has the teacher made? To what extent were those moves voluntary? For current teachers, are further moves desired? If so, what are they, and why?
- What have been the major joys and frustrations of teaching? What would help increase the joys and minimize the frustrations? On what issues does the teacher feel strongly about making changes in the way that schooling occurs now?
- How did/does the teacher learn about his/her students' lives and needs? How similar are the backgrounds of the teacher and his/her students? What have been the teacher's experiences with "culture shock" in working with students from different backgrounds?
- What are some favorite memories from the teacher's classroom? Does the teacher tend to remember individual students or activities, or are the memories more general?
- What does the teacher think of current "hot issues" in education such as the California High School Exit Exam and the No Child Left Behind Act? How does the teacher take action to address new reforms that impact his/her classroom?
- What is the teacher's metaphor for "teaching" or "teacher"? What are the main features of the teacher's approach toward teaching? What has the teacher learned from being a teacher?

#### **Analysis:**

After collecting your information, think about what you have learned about this teacher. Focus on a few themes that best characterize what you have heard. Do not try to be all-inclusive. *Protect your teacher's confidentiality by using a pseudonym and masking identifying details.*

In your analysis, incorporate what you have been learning about becoming and being a teacher. How does your teacher fit within the material addressed in your readings and in class? What issues are raised through your interview? What are the implications of your interview as you think about becoming a teacher? *Be sure you include at least one reference to the readings/discussions we have in class.*

### **Interview Checklist:**

Exemplary papers are characterized by:

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included a complete description of the teacher's experiences and views
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included an explanation of how the teacher interview relates to my thinking about teaching
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have included Integration of coursework (readings + discussions) into the analysis
- \_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed my work for correct conventions (grammar, punctuation, syntax and spelling).

### **Assignment (#8)—Using Technology**

**(5 points)**

You are looking for a teaching position. How do you know in which community to apply? You are to select two (2) communities to research via the Internet. Look for information about possible teaching positions. You may want to choose a community close enough to actually visit and a second one you are not familiar with, but might desire to work there. (Another possibility to researching teaching positions is [www.edjoin.org](http://www.edjoin.org) which lists current job openings in school districts across the state of California.)

#### What to do:

**STEP 1:** You are looking for a teaching position. Select the two districts you are going to research on line. Respond to the following list of questions as you peruse the website(s) regarding information that might be important to have in order to make an initial judgment about what it might be like to work in this community and school district.

- ✓ How large is the area the district covers? How many students are enrolled? How many schools and what types? How old is the district?
- ✓ Is this district a union or unified school district? What is the difference?
- ✓ Describe the population by looking at statistics: census numbers, housing, parent education levels, median family income, median price of home in the area, etc. You may find more to add!
- ✓ Student achievement: API or AYP scores; STAR test results
- ✓ Programs offered to students, parents and the community
- ✓ Messages from important people that impressed you (superintendent, school site leaders, PTA, school board members, etc)
- ✓ Learn more about the community in which the School District is located? Is it in a city or unincorporated area?
- ✓ Did anything surprise you in looking at the website? Any "issues" addressed on the website? What were they?
- ✓ Check out the job openings...what did you find? Be specific.
- ✓ List what other issues/areas you looked at...

**STEP 2:** Be sure to explore your two selected district websites by looking at individual school webpages/links. Which one intrigued you and why? Look for the answers to the questions above as you also look at community websites...what does the community have to offer its residents and students in K-12? Did you find any connections with the community and the school district?

**STEP 3:** You now want to synthesize the information you have retrieved. You are to write a one to two page summary (max), double-spaced about which school district you think you would apply to based on specific information you obtained from your research. Be succinct in your writing. You must include the name of the two school districts you researched and the community they are a part of. Add specific details you obtained from your research and explain what you discovered that helped you in your decision of that particular school district.

**STEP 4:** Check your writing syntax, spelling and sentence structure. Don't forget to spell check. This is an informal writing assignment, but will show your ability to "link" ideas together and support your decisions based on research you have completed. THEN, submit to WebCT6 (attach your paper in WebCT or copy and paste in assignment box) by Sunday, November 30, noon.

#### Checklist for Using Technology

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ I researched two school districts via the internet and have included their names in my paper.

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ I compared the two school districts in my paper, provided specific reference to the website information.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ I selected a district I would apply to and explained my reasons why.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ I read over the “What to Do” to be sure I followed all directions.
- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ I edited my work and submitted to WebCT before **3/19 midnight**.



## **Assignment (#4)—The Outsider**

**(10 points)**

Many students with special needs come to view themselves as “outsiders” because they are labeled as different from the typical student. But most of us experienced some sense of being an outsider during our K-12 years. After reading chapters 1-3 in Villa/Thousand’s *Creating an Inclusive School* and at least two of the *Voices of Inclusion*, write a reflective essay (2 to 3 pages, or 1,000-1,500 words) in which you comment on your own (or a friend’s) school experience in which you may have felt like an outsider. Reasons could include differences due to gender, religion, looks, beliefs/interests, family situation, academic ability, etc. Make at least one specific connection to the VT text or Jackie Thousand article (you will use the citation in your writing). Consider the following questions:

- What personal characteristics fostered your (or your friend’s) feelings of being an outsider?
- How did you react to and cope with the situation?
- Did you share your experience with any teachers or other school personnel? Did any of them assist you?
- What could school staff, parents or friends have done to help?
- In what ways did this experience change you? Did you “learn” from this experience?
- How might this experience make you a more sensitive and effective teacher?

### **THE OUTSIDER** Checklist & Criteria for Evaluation:

\_\_\_\_\_ All questions listed above addressed in your paper in a thoughtful/analytical manner.

\_\_\_\_\_ The reflective essay is two to three pages (1000-1500 words).

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a specific connection to the Villa/Thousand text or article) and properly used APA format in the citation.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have reviewed my work for correct conventions (grammar, punctuation, syntax and spelling).

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a resource page.

## **Assignment (#7): Philosophy of Schooling, Learning, and Teaching**

**(15 points)**

Write a 4-5 page paper (2,000-2,500 word) that explains your personal philosophy of schooling, learning and teaching. Follow the template below, and self-assess before you turn in the paper. Be careful to correctly cite information (APA format) used as support in your paper. Include a reference page.

### **Introduction**

- Describe the level of schooling and subject field(s) you hope to teach.
- Name your philosophy (or combination of philosophies) as described by Grant & Gillette Ch 8.
- Explain why you are attracted to this philosophical stance. Is it due to your own schooling and/or background, what you’ve seen in schools since your own school days, the influence of particular persons, texts, other experiences with children/youth, etc.?

### **Nature of schooling**

- Describe what you believe is the purpose of schooling in a democracy.
- How will you as a teacher help achieve these purposes?
- Give at least one concrete example of how you will interact with your students in light of your beliefs.

### **Nature of the learner**

- Describe what you believe is the nature of the learner.
- What are your thoughts about the students you will teach? What do they need from a teacher?
- Give at least one concrete example of how you will interact with your students in light of your beliefs.

### **Nature of the teaching/learning process**

- Describe what you believe is the nature of the teaching/learning process?
- What do you believe counts as knowledge and how should it be presented?
- How will you as a teacher use subject matter and other experiences to guide students toward meaningful learning activities?

- Give at least one concrete example of how you will interact with your students in light of your beliefs.

### **Teacher dispositions and actions**

- Describe what behavior (disposition/attitude & actions) you will exhibit in order to carry out your philosophical position.
- Give at least one concrete example of how you will conduct yourself in light of your beliefs.

### **Conclusion**

- Recap your philosophy.
- What are your outstanding questions/concerns/thoughts about becoming a teacher?

## **Criteria for Self-Assessment of Philosophy Paper**

Be sure to **self-assess** using the following criteria. Submit the self-assessment (one page max) with your final draft of your philosophy paper . These are the criteria that will be used to evaluate your philosophy paper.

Exemplary papers have the following characteristics:

- **Ideas**: The paper is clear and focused. It holds the reader's attention. Relevant information and details enrich the central theme. Ideas are supported by research, practical knowledge and experience. Conclusions show insight.
- **Organization**: The organizational structure enhances and showcases the central idea or theme of the paper. An inviting introduction draws the reader in; a satisfying conclusion leaves the reader with a sense of closure and resolution. Sequencing is logical and effective. Thoughtful transitions tie parts together. The paper flows so smoothly, the reader hardly thinks about it.
- **Connections**: The paper includes multiple references to EDUC 350 class experiences (specific text selections, class discussions, fieldwork observations, assignments, current events, etc.). All are properly cited in the paper and a reference page is included.
- **Voice**: The writer of this paper speaks directly to the reader in a manner that is individual, compelling, engaging, and has personality.
- **Sentence Fluency**: The writing has an easy flow. Sentences enhance the meaning. Sentences vary in length and structure. The piece has purposeful and varied sentence beginnings.
- **Conventions**: The writer demonstrates a good grasp of standard writing conventions. Spelling is generally correct. Punctuation is accurate. Grammar and usage are correct. Paragraphing tends to be sound. The piece needs very little additional editing.

**Course Schedule as of 1/20/09**  
(Schedule is subject to change at the discretion of the instructor)  
**BRING ALL BOOKS TO EACH CLASS MEETING**

| <u>Date</u>              | <u>Topic</u>                                     | <u>Readings</u>  | <u>Assignment</u>   |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Week 1</b><br>Jan. 20 | Course intro<br>Why teach?                       | Overview   |   |
| Jan. 22                  | (The credentialing process/advisor presentation) | Read the field experience guidelines at <a href="http://www.csusm.edu/coe/Syllabus/syllabus.html">http://www.csusm.edu/coe/Syllabus/syllabus.html</a><br>You will find this at the top of the Spring 2009 syllabi webpage, "EDUC 350 Field Experience"<br><b>Bring questions with you January 22</b><br>Read the website brochure of your choice at: <a href="http://www.csusm.edu/coe/Programs/index.html">http://www.csusm.edu/coe/Programs/index.html</a><br>and the EDUC 350 advising session info at: <a href="http://www.csusm.edu/coe/advising/credentialadvising.html">http://www.csusm.edu/coe/advising/credentialadvising.html</a> | Access the WebCT6 course website at <a href="http://webct6.csusm.edu/webct/entryPageInls.dowebct">http://webct6.csusm.edu/webct/entryPageInls.dowebct</a> |
| <b>Week 2</b><br>Jan. 27 | Becoming a teacher                               | Grant chapter 6 <u>Teaching: The Profession</u><br><br>Nieto: everyone read preface, intro, chapters 1 & 2 for discussion groups   |   |
| Jan. 29                  | Guest: Janet McDaniel                            |  | <b>Log 1:</b> G&G Chap. 6<br>Nieto readings   |
| <b>Week 3</b><br>Feb. 3  | Schooling in a democracy                         | Grant chapter 1 <u>The Changing Face of Teaching and Learning</u> and "The Goals of Education" article on WebCT site   | Waiver requests for field experience hours must be turned in during class today   |
| Feb. 5                   |  | Bring Nieto (select chapter)<br>Interview Writers Workshop   | <b>Log 2:</b> G&G Chap. 1 & "Goals" article<br><b>Bring hard copy of rough draft of interview paper to class</b>  |
| <b>Week 4</b><br>Feb. 10 | Philosophical perspectives                       | Grant chapter 8 <u>Educational Philosophy</u>  | Take "What is Your EP?" survey in GG pp. 300-305 and bring your results to class<br><br>Bring Nieto Book  |
| Feb. 12                  |  |  | <b>Log 3:</b> G&G Chapter 8<br><b>Teacher Interview</b> due (submit on WebCT & bring hard copy to class)  |
| <b>Week 5</b><br>Feb. 17 | School organization                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant chapter 7 <u>Organizational Structures of Schooling in the US</u></li> <li>• Discussion groups: Nieto</li> </ul>  | Share Group Nieto readings  |
| Feb. 19                  | Guest Principal?                                 |  | <b>Log 4:</b> G&G Chap. 7   |
| <b>Week 6</b><br>Feb. 24 | Rights and responsibilities                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grant chapter 10 <u>Teachers//Students/ Rights &amp; Responsibilities</u></li> <li>• Discussion groups: Nieto</li> </ul>  | Bring Nieto   |

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| Feb. 26   |  |   | <b>Log 5:</b> G&G Chap. 10<br><b>Observations 1 &amp; 2 due (hard copy &amp; webct)</b>  |
| <b>Week 7</b><br>Mar. 3                         | The lives and work of teachers                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant chapter 2 <u>Becoming an Effective Teacher</u></li> <li>Based on the reading, write 2 questions for the panel instead of a paragraph for the log this week</li> <li>Discussion groups: Nieto</li> </ul>  | Bring Nieto<br><b>Log 6:</b> G&G chap. 2 submit questions by Tuesday   |
| Mar. 5  | (Teacher Panel of experienced teachers)        |   | Be prepared to ask panel questions...  |
| <b>Week 8</b><br>Mar. 10                        | Inclusion                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VT ch 1, 2, 3 and "Voices" Inclusive Schools; History; Laws</li> <li>Jackie Thousand article: "Laws Related to Special Education that Affect Teachers"</li> <li>"F.A.T. City video"</li> </ul>   |  |
| Mar. 12   |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>"F.A.T. City video"</li> <li>Discussion of Outsider Assignment (read in syllabus and WebCt)</li> </ul>   | <b>Log 7:</b> Select to write on Villa Thousand chap. 1,2,3 and "Voices" along with Jackie Thousand article "Laws Related to Special Education..." |
| <b>Week 9</b><br>Mar. 17*<br>(No class meeting) | Why We Teach Online Component Using Technology | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See WebCt and syllabus for Technology assignment <i>Technology and School Districts Alternate Technology assignment on WebCT6 due by noon Nov 30 (Sunday)</i></li> <li>Work on Draft of Philosophy paper (Intro &amp; Philosophy)</li> <li>Work on The Outsider Assignment (due 3/26)</li> </ul> | <b>Technology Assignment due by midnight Sunday, March 22</b>  |
| Mar. 19*<br>(No class meeting)                  |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-line class discussion (WebCt)</li> </ul>  | <b>Log 8:</b> Reaction to Nieto Discussion Board due by midnight   |
| <b>Week 10</b><br>Mar. 24                       | School governance                              | Grant chapter 9 <u>Governance of Education: Who Controls Education?</u><br><br><i>Based on the readings, write 2 questions for the principal instead of a paragraph for your log</i>  |  |
| Mar. 26   |  | Personal Philosophy workshop  | <b>Log 9:</b> G&G Chap. 9 <b>The Outsider due</b><br><br>Personal philosophy <b>draft 2</b> due Nov 5 (bring hard copy to class)                   |
| <b>Spring Break March 30 – April 3</b>          |  |   |  |
| <b>Week 11</b><br>Apr. 7<br>On-line assignment  | School finance                                 | Grant chapter 11 <u>Educational Finance: Who Pays?</u><br><br><i>Based on the readings, write 2 questions for the district administrator instead of a paragraph for your log, submit to webct</i>   | <b>Log 10:</b> G&G Chap. 11  |
| Apr 9   | Guest Superintendent?                          | Bring hard copy of 2 finance questions to class   | <b>CI Presentation Group</b> __<br><br><b>Observations 3, 4, and 5</b>   |
| <b>Week 12</b><br>Apr. 14<br>On-line assignment |  | Work on Philosophy Paper (no class meeting)   |  |
| Apr. 16   | Guest: Superintendent?                         |   | <b>CI Presentation Group</b> __  |

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| <b>Week 13</b><br><i>Apr. 21</i> | Presentations | No Readings           | CI Presentation Group __  |
| <i>Apr. 23</i>                   | Presentations | No Readings           | CI Presentation Group __  |
| <b>Week 14</b><br><i>Apr. 28</i> | Presentations | No Readings           | CI Presentation Group __  |
| <i>Apr. 30</i>                   | Presentations | No Readings           | CI Presentation Group __<br><b>Personal philosophy due</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Observation Record (timesheet) and Report Summary (distribution report) DUE</li> </ul> |
| <b>Week 15</b><br><i>May 5</i>   | Presentations | No Readings           | CI Presentation Group __  |
| <i>May 7</i>                     | Presentations | ☺ Final Discussions ☺ | CI Presentation Group __<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participation self-evaluation due May 7</li> <li>Issues presentation handout due May 7</li> </ul>                                  |
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\*March 17 & 19 (technology research alternate assignment)—no class meeting; April 7 & 14 no class meeting

## PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS EXIT SLIP (EDUC 350)

Directions: Print this form before coming to class; complete it at the end of each Thursday session. You will respond considering Tuesday and Thursday activities. Answer questions 1.- 4., then choose one other question to answer. Turn it in each THURSDAY.

1. Name:

Date(s):

2. Were you on time, as you would be as a teacher?  
*If not, why not?*

Yes

No

3. Were you an attentive listener and an enthusiastic learner?  
*If not, why not?*

Yes

No

4. Did you complete assignments or readings on time for both days?  
*If not, why not?*

Yes

No

5. *What did you learn in this week's sessions?*

6. *What are some of the interactions you experienced this week in groups or in working with a partner, and what is a role you took on in the group work (leader, follower, etc.)?*

7. *What questions did you have regarding an area discussed or read about in class?*