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College of Education Mission Statement

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).*

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The primary aim of this course is for students to develop an understanding of the theory, methodology, and assessment of English language arts and second language learning in integrated and inclusive K-8 school classrooms. This class is aligned with California 2042 standards.

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. Students successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners.

(Approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02)

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. At a minimum, students 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 student have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. *(Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997).*

For this course, 2 absences will lower your grade by one full grade. Non-participation in a WebCT or independent session constitutes an absence as well as not attending a face-to-face class. Notification of an absence does not constitute an excuse.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students 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 5205, and 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.

All University Writing Requirement

Every course at the university must have a writing requirement of at least 2500 words. This course meets that requirement through the lesson plan, reading reflections, case study, and AHA assignment.

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 student 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.

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.

Course Prerequisites Consent of Program Coordinator plus successful completion of EDMS 521B.

Course Objectives

(Knowledge) Teacher candidates will:

- Understand the process of conducting an in depth reading and writing assessment through the use of classroom diagnostic techniques.
- Understand how to expand on the knowledge gained in EDMS 521 about the process of assessment in the mini case study.
- Understand how to provide ongoing support for students in reading and writing in the content areas.
- Understand the process of writing and how to support students through interactive writing, shared writing, guided writing, and finally individual writing.
- Extend the understanding of how to provide ongoing support for special education students and English language learners in reading and language arts.
- Extend the understanding of and become familiar with current approaches to the teaching of reading.
- Understand the differences between assessments based on the performance of a norm reference group and assessments based on authentic classroom situations and work.

(Skills) Teacher candidates will:

- Make sensitive observations of children's language using behaviors
- Analyze children's reading and writing behavior as a basis for making instructional decisions
- Translate the results of formal and informal reading/writing assessment into instructional plans
- Develop the ability to select appropriate materials and instructional strategies to meet the needs of students
- Learn how to organize the classroom for teaching reading and writing in culturally, linguistically diverse populations.

(Attitudes and Values) Teacher candidates will:

- Develop an appreciation for the natural language abilities children possess for processing and producing print
- Develop an appreciation for the need and value of integrating reading/writing into all areas of the curriculum
- Affirm the importance of a rich environment for developing an effective language arts program
- Develop a sensitivity to and appreciation of culturally and linguistically diverse learners
- Develop a sensitivity to and appreciation of children with special learning needs

- Develop an appreciation for the importance of reading and writing for their own personal and professional growth
- Develop a respect for each student, his/her abilities and background and the student's right to instruction that meets his/her individual needs.

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://lynx.csusm.edu/coe/CalTPA/CalTPAdocuments.asp>

Required Texts

Culham, R. (2005). *6+1 Traits* (either primary or upper grades). Scholastic.

Flint, A. (2008). *Literate Lives*. Wiley

You will sign up for ONE of the following children/young adult books in class:

Lunch Money by Andrew Clements

A Step from Heaven by An Na

Four Kids in 5E and One Crazy Year by Virginia Frances Schwartz

A Series of Unfortunate Events, Book One by Lemony Snicket

The Field Guide (Spiderwick Chronicles #1) by Tony DeTerlizzi

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan

Optional (we will be using and discussing):

Johns, J. (2000). *Basic Reading Inventory, 10th edition*.

We will discuss recommended books throughout the semester.

Course Requirements

Thoughtful Participation – 10

Reading Responses – 20

Case study – 35

Writing Strategy Lesson Plan – 25

AHA paper – 10

- **Reading Responses (20 points)**

For **each week** (not each chapter) of readings, you will write a response. You may respond in a variety of ways that reflect multiple manners of demonstrating knowledge. Possible formats such as found poems, KWL charts, graphic organizers, etc will be taught in class. You must connect course content to your classroom and observational experiences. This assignment is ongoing and begins with readings for the 2nd class session. Responses must be completed **BEFORE** each class session but will be turned in according to the schedule listed in the course agenda. Entries will be graded according to their comprehensiveness, insightful connections, and deep understanding of the issues.

- **Writing Strategy Lesson Plan (25 points)**

You will work with one other person to write a standards-based lesson plan that focuses on teaching writing to students at a grade level of your choice. You will review how to write a lesson plan in your EDMS 512 class, and we will discuss how to teach writing in depth in this class. Your lesson plan should be based on at least one writing standard and demonstrate how you will **TEACH**, not assess, writing strategies. Use your learning from EDMS 511 and 512 when writing this lesson plan. Choose both writing and math standards to show how you would use writing in math as either a tool for learning or an assessment of learning. You will turn in the same lesson plan for your math methods course. Professor Flores, Professor Sharp, and I have been in close contact regarding this assignment.

Questions to keep in mind when writing your lesson: What is the purpose of your lesson? How does it relate to real reading? Are your instructional activities closely connected to a CA content standard? Do your instructional activities take the needs of advanced, struggling, English-language and “regular” learners into account?

Non-negotiables: 1) Your lesson must demonstrate an understanding of the needs of “regular,” advanced, struggling, second language, and reluctant learners. In other words, you must provide scaffolding for struggling and second language students as well as enrichment for advanced learners. 2) You must first identify the CA content standards, then identify which assessment(s) will allow the students to demonstrate mastery of those standards, and finally explain the instructional activities that will move the students toward mastery. All 3 elements must be closely aligned. 3) Use the lesson plan template that Professor Sharp taught you in 511 and 512.

- **Case study (35 points)**

See detailed instructions on the assignment page of WebCT.

- **AHA assignment (10 points)**

The most useful part of any course is when you make connections to the material being taught in a personal, meaningful way. You should be thinking about how you can use what we are learning in EDMS 522 and how it will affect your future practice. The purpose of this assignment is to help you be more aware of those “lightbulb” moments when you make connections between what you are learning and your personal experience. You will write a reflection on one of those moments. Write a paper where you identify what course concept or educational theory you connected with, describe how it validates what you have been thinking or have experienced, and identify what you have seen in your field observations that supports your AHA. It is due by the second to last class session but can be turned in at any time.

- **Thoughtful participation (10 points)**

Being a teacher involves more than planning lessons and delivering instruction. You must be able to articulate the reasons behind your curricular decisions, to advocate for students, and to defend policies about which you feel strongly. Engaging in professional conversations with parents, administrators, other teachers, and the public is imperative for teachers today. To that end, I expect that each student will participate actively and thoughtfully in each class session.

RECOMMENDED: RICA Resource Notebook

This is NOT part of your grade and will not be turned in unless you choose this for your choice assignment; however I highly recommend that you keep a RICA study guide. The major concepts tested on the RICA are covered in both 521 and 522. If you maintain a study guide, it will help you organize your notes when studying for the exam. This is NOT a course requirement; merely a suggestion. You can find detailed suggestions for creating a RICA notebook in the assignment section of WebCT.

Grading Standards

Grades will be assigned based upon the level of connectedness to the instructions specified in this syllabus. I expect that all final work is error-free in terms of grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Late work will only be considered on a case-by-case basis. Students must have extenuating circumstances and discuss them with the instructor well before the assignment is due. If permission to turn work in late is not explicitly granted by the professor, late work will not be accepted nor considered in the final grade.

Schedule/Course Outline

Although this schedule is carefully planned, the instructor reserves the right to make changes based on unforeseen events and teachable moments.

| Date | Topic | Assignment (if any) |
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| Session 1 August 25 | Literacy assessment Case study | Get: Textbooks Review: Syllabus and assignments |
| Session 2 September 1 | Labor Day | No class |
| Session 3 September 8 | Assessment continued | Read: Flint, pp 76-83 and chapter 9 |
| Session 4 September 15 | Comprehension | Read: Flint, chapter 8 |
| Session 5 September 22 | Writing | Read: Culham Intro and chapters 1 & 2 Read: Flint, pp161-165 Due: Reading reflections (3) |
| Session 6 September 29 | More writing | Read: Culham chapters 3, 4, 5, & 6 |
| Session 7 October 6 | Still more writing Writers' Workshop <i>Meet in UH 360</i> | Read: Culham chapters 7 & 8 Bring: Rough draft of writing lesson plan Due: Reading reflections (2) |
| Session 8 October 13 | Independent reading, literature circles, literature response and analysis | Read: Choice book Read: Flint, chapter 10 |
| Session 9 October 20 | Online session: Spelling and Vocabulary | See: Detailed directions on WebCT Read: Articles on WebCT Have you had an AHA moment yet? |
| Session 10 October 27 | Content area literacy | Read: Flint, chapter 11 Due: Lesson plan |
| Session 11 November 3 | Content area literacy | Read: Matching Instructional Strategies to Facets of Comprehension (onWebCT) |
| Session 12 November 10 | Case study workshop <i>Meet in UH 360</i> | Bring: All assessment data for case study Read: Flint, chapter 12 |
| Session 13 November 17 | Planning, organizing, and managing literacy instruction | Due: Case study Read: Flint, pp 199-215 and 244-251 |
| Session 14 November 24 | Online session: Review of emergent literacy concepts | Read: Flint, chapter 6 See detailed directions on WebCT |
| Session 15 December 1 | Literacy Café | Read: "Literacy Café" article on WebCT Due: Reading reflections (3) Due/Bring: Make sure that AHA assignment has been turned in. If you turned it in earlier in the semester, please bring a hard copy to use during Literacy Café. |