

California State University San Marcos
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
School of Education

COURSE: EDMX 571
Education Specialist – Clinical Practice: General Education Settings
(7 credit units)

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION and MISSION STATEMENT

Observation and teaching in general education setting in selected K-12 schools under the supervision of a classroom teacher and University supervisor and includes participation in student teaching seminars. This course is aligned with California's SB 2042 Standards. *May not be taken for credit by students who have received credit for EDMX 572 or EDMX 571. Graded Credit/No Credit. Enrollment Requirement: Successful completion of program prescribed coursework.*

Mission Statement

The mission of the School 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 ongoing service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance.

Teacher Candidate Learning Outcomes and CalTPA

Teacher Candidates will be required to complete a Teaching Performance Assessment, show proof of Teacher Performance Expectations and complete critical assessment tasks- specific assignments for this course. It is the teacher candidate's responsibility to understand expectations and complete assignments by stated due dates. 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 online through Moodle Cougar Courses. TPA related questions and logistical concerns are to be addressed during the seminars. Your attention to TPA seminars 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 your credential program. The CalTPA Candidate Handbook, TPA seminars, and other TPA support materials can be found on the SOE website.

II. CLINICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Candidates will:

- ❖ assess and instruct students with and without disabilities in the elementary grades in accordance with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Multiple Subject Teaching Performance Expectations

Student learning outcome objective assessment methods:

Observations by university supervisor of clinical performance objectives indicated in the program's courses objectives and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Multiple Subject Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs).

Observations by the school-based cooperating teacher of clinical performance objectives indicated in the program's courses objectives and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Multiple Subject TPEs.

III. MATERIALS NEEDED FOR CLASS

Because this is a supervised clinical experience, the materials for this class include the following:

- 1) Cal State San Marcos *Assessment of Multiple Subject Teaching Performance Expectations EDMX 571 Concurrent Credential Clinical Practice II* form,
- 2) *Multiple Subject Teaching Performance Expectations with Added CSU San Marcos TPEs (Full Text and TPE Portfolio Dividers in Multiple Subject Clinical Practice Handbook)*
- 3) Cal State San Marcos *Multiple Subject Handbook – Section I: Information for Teacher Candidates* and signed *Teacher Candidate Handbook Agreement*

All of the above forms and handbooks are posted online at the School of Education's clinical practice website location.

IV. SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS

1. Each candidate in this clinical practice meets with a university clinical practice supervisor at least five times to discuss clinical experiences in order to expand participants' knowledge of various assessment and intervention techniques and to practice participation in Individual Educational Program meetings.
2. Each candidate engages in a minimum of eight weeks of supervised clinical practicum hours in one or more elementary general education school setting. *Education Service Field Experience Logs*.
3. Attend all team and faculty meetings and execute other professional responsibilities.
4. Maintain a TPE Binder with evidence for all the appropriate TPEs. TPE artifact suggestions are located in the Education Specialist Special Education Handbook in Appendix H.

V. PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

1. "Person-first" language (e.g., "Student with Down Syndrome" rather than "Down Syndrome student;" "Johnny who happens to have Down Syndrome" rather than "My Down Syndrome student") must be used throughout all written and oral assignments and discussions.

2. Word process all written plans for treatment and assessment. Keep an electronic copy of all of your work. You will want these for your records and for potential future use as professional portfolio entries.
3. Complete and submit all clinical experience documentation on the due dates for full credit. If you have extraordinary circumstances that impact timely submission, inform the university supervisor. Any time that you have questions or concerns, please contact the university supervisor immediately.
4. Profession behavior is expected at all school and community sites with educational and program personnel, students, families, and supervisory personnel.
5. Academic Honesty Policy and Plagiarism. Students are expected to adhere to standards of academic honesty and integrity, as outlined in the Student Academic Honesty Policy. All assignments must be original work, clear and error-free. All ideas/material 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 accordingly. 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 a grade, a failing grade for the assignment or the class as a whole, or dismissal from the program or university.

VI. GRADING SCALE

Credit/No Credit

University Supervisors, in collaboration with the cooperating teacher/s and on-site liaison will prepare a Clinical Practice Summary report and complete the TPE assessment based upon observations, site feedback and TPE Portfolio artifacts. These documents (Summary and TPE assessment) will be presented to the teacher candidate at the exit meeting and all participants will sign the documents. 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 at an appropriate level (approaching in EDMX 570, met in EDMX 571), the candidate may be required to extend or repeat the experience.
2. If a candidate is unsuccessful in a clinical practice experience, a grade of NO CREDIT will 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 candidate be in the potential situation of receiving NO CREDIT for clinical practice, the university supervisor and cooperating teacher must complete a State of Concern (SOC) as soon as possible and provide copies to the Program Coordinator. The documentation in the SOC, the action plan, and the follow up steps to the plan are key documents that are used to verify inadequate performance in clinical practice, if the action plan is not achieved.
4. 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 the site or district administrator.

VII. COURSE FEATURES

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.

Students with Disabilities Requiring Reasonable Accommodations

Students 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. 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.

Academic Writing Requirement

This course ensures that the university's minimum 2,500-word per course writing requirement is the course assignments, reflections, and postings for Education Specialist standard.

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. Teacher candidates are responsible for honest completion of their work. There will be no tolerance for infractions. 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 educators, teacher candidates will do their own work and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism and 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.

School of Education Attendance Policy – Clinical Practice

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 Program Coordinator as soon as possible.

Electronic Communication

Electronic correspondence is part of your professional interactions. If you need to contact an instructor, cooperating teacher, on-site liaison, university supervisor, or classmate, email is often the easiest way to do so. Please be reminded that electronic correspondences are a very specific form of communication with their own nuances, meaning, and etiquette. For instance, electronic messages sent with all upper case letters, major typos, or slang often communicate more than the sender originally intended. With that said, please be mindful of all electronic messages and craft them with professionalism and care.

Things to consider in electronic communication:

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

SUGGESTED WEEKLY SUPERVISOR/CANDIDATE REFLECTIVE COMMUNICATION

Name _____ Week: from _____ to _____

1. Prior to delivering a lesson, my lesson plan was completed and reviewed by my cooperating teacher? What adjustments did I make or need to make based on informal assessment and feedback?
2. When was an affirming or “aha” moment in my teaching this week? When did I feel most confident and competent with my skills?
3. What was my biggest challenge this week? When did I feel disconnected or discouraged?
4. If I could repeat this week, what would I do differently based upon the learning and responses of my students?
5. What am I most proud of this week based on the learning and responses of my students?

If you are in a co-teaching placement, which co-teaching approaches did you use this week?

____ Supportive ____ I led ____ CT led
____ Parallel ____ I led planning ____ We jointly planned ____ My CT planned
____ Complementary ____ I led, my CT complemented ____ My CT led, I complemented
____ Team ____ Guided by CT ____ Jointly planned & delivered instruction

Questions I have; help I would like: _____

Requested focus of next observation. (Be sure to have a lesson plan available.)

____ Interactions with students ____ Classroom management/discipline
____ Questioning strategies ____ Differentiation of instruction
____ Use of technology in instruction and/or by student in learning
____ Other _____