

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS  
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
EDMX 627: Assessment, Planning, and Instruction in Special Education**

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Kellogg Library, 5102  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m – 4:00 p.m. (7 weeks)  
2 evening classes, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (October 16<sup>th</sup> and December 11<sup>th</sup>)**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Focuses on methods for assessing, instructing, and modifying curriculum so that students with disabilities, language, and other learning differences may access the core curriculum in inclusive educational environments through the application of best practices. Authentic assessment, social skills development, and multi-level assessment and instruction are examined. *Requires participation/observation in the public schools.*

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION 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 on-going service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student-centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance.

**Required Text:**

Kluth, P. (2010). *“You’re going to love this kid!” teaching students with autism in the inclusive classroom (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)*. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes. (CHAPTER WILL BE PROVIDED IN CLASS)  
Pierangelo, R. & Giuliani, G.G. (2013). *Assessment in special education: A practical approach (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. NJ: Pearson Education Inc. ISBN 0-205-60835-3 (P & G)  
Snell, M., & Brown, F. (2011). *Instruction of Students with Severe Disabilities (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. NJ: Pearson Education Inc. ISBN 0-13-707546-4 (S & B) (USED IN EDMX 631, 633, 627, and 635)  
Selected readings posted on Moodle

**Student Learning Outcomes**

- 1.0 Observation Skills**
  - 1.1 Direct observations in informal situations
  - 1.2 Using checklists and various observation formats to record observational data
  - 1.3 Observing and detecting practices used in a setting serving learners with moderate/severe disabilities with a field report requirement.
  
- 2.0 Record Keeping**
  - 2.1 Maintaining a checklist/timelines for the assessment process
  - 2.2 Employing competency checklists
  - 2.3 Keeping anecdotal records
  - 2.4 Utilizing IEP and ITP forms
  - 2.5 Utilizing referral and planning for assessment forms
  - 2.6 Recording and submitting observation notes (e.g., progress monitoring field observation).
  
- 3.0 Assessment Techniques**
  - 3.1 Evaluating various commercially available assessment instruments.
  - 3.2 Administering, scoring and interpreting commonly used formal measures (standardized, norm-referenced)
  - 3.3 Using informal assessment methods (e.g., criterion-referenced, curriculum-based)

- 3.4 Assessing student work in the classroom (e.g., work sampling)
- 3.5 Using assessments for specific populations
- 3.6 Using supplementary norm tables
- 3.7 Using authentic assessment approaches (performance-based, rubrics, portfolios)
- 4.0 Nondiscriminatory Testing**
  - 4.1 Structuring the assessment environment
  - 4.2 Scheduling assessment sessions
  - 4.3 Evaluating and selecting assessment instruments
  - 4.4 Selecting and preparing assessment materials
  - 4.5 Ensuring parental participation in reporting of student performance
- 5.0 Writing Case Reports**
  - 5.1 Gathering and reporting background information
  - 5.2 Using a structured format for reporting
  - 5.3 Reporting interactions with the child
  - 5.4 Reporting the child's approach to tasks and learning styles
  - 5.5 Using clinical judgment in interpreting results
  - 5.6 Summarizing overall finding regarding a child
  - 5.7 Making recommendations for interventions
- 6.0 Generating IEPs**
  - 6.1 Summarizing current levels of functioning
  - 6.2 Identifying long-range goals and short-term objectives
  - 6.3 Completing sections of an IEP and ITP
  - 6.4 Adapting the IEP as a parallel curriculum for students under IDEA
  - 6.5 Ensuring parent participation and observation of rights
- 7.0 Best Educational and Assessment Practices**
  - 7.1 Incorporating authentic assessment into lessons
  - 7.2 Adapting lessons for individual learners using differentiated
- 8.0 Collaborative Interdisciplinary Teaming**
  - 8.1 Demonstrating the effective use of collaborative teaming principles to:
    - a) develop IEPs, IFSPs, and ITPs; assessment plans and reports; instruction
    - b) problem solve curricular, instructional, and emotional or behavioral mismatches for students
    - c) guide other instructional and special education related decision making
  - 8.2 Facilitating a planning meeting for a student eligible for special education or being considered for specialized support services
  - 8.3 Differentiating the roles of various interdisciplinary team members and soliciting and utilizing diverse expertise of team members

## **PRELIMINARY EDUCATION SPECIALIST TEACHING CREDENTIAL STANDARDS**

CCTC Preliminary Education Specialist standards ARE addressed by EDMX 627 via the classes and assignments

- M/M/S 3 Educating diverse learners with disabilities - *Web-Base Instruction (WBI) #1 and #2; RTI Workshop*
- M/M/S 4 Effective communication and collaborative partnerships - *Case Study*
- M/M/S 5 Assessment of students - *WBI #3; WJ III Practice Lab; Instrument Fair; Case Study*
- M/M/S 8 Participating in ISFP/IEPs and post-secondary transition planning - *Case Study*
- M/M/S 11 Typical and atypical development - *WBI #1; RTI Workshop; Case Study*
- M/M/S 12 Behavior, social and environmental supports for learning - *Case Study*
- M/M/S 13 Curriculum and instruction for students with disabilities – *Progress Monitoring*
- M/M 1 Characteristics of students with mild/moderate disabilities – *WJ III Practice Lab; WBI #2 and #3; Case Study*
- M/M 2 Assessment and evaluation of students with mild/moderate disabilities – *Instrument Fair; Case Study*
- M/M 3 Planning and Implementing Mild/moderate curriculum and Instruction – *Case Study*
- M/M 5 Specific instructional strategies for students with mild/moderate disabilities – *Progress Monitoring and Case Study*

- M/M 6 Case Management – *Case Study*  
 M/S 4 Assessment, program planning and instruction - *Progress Monitoring*  
 M/S 5 Movement, mobility, sensory and specialized health care – *Progress Monitoring*

**Key:**

- M/M/S** = Program Design Standards for Preliminary Education Specialist Credentials  
**M/M** = Mild/Moderate Disabilities Standards for Education Specialist Credentials  
**M/S** = Moderate/Severe Disabilities Standards for Education Specialist Credentials

**CLASS SESSIONS (FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE) TOPICS AND ASSIGNMENTS DUE**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Assignments Due</b>
<b>8/28</b>	Introduction to Course Ecological Systems Theory and Person-Centered Planning Foundational Concepts in Assessment Methods of Assessment	Syllabus P&G 1-2 S&B 3	
<b>9/4</b>	Bias, Reliability, Validity Sharing of Ecological Reflection Intro: Assessment Case Study	P&G 3-5	<b>Ecological Paper Due</b>
<b>9/11</b>	Intentional Teaming RTI and Eligibility Writing a Comprehensive Report	P&G 8, 17	<b>WBI#1 Due</b>
<b>9/18</b>	Progress Monitoring Behavioral Data Collection Task Analysis Intro: Progress Monitoring and Task Analysis Project	S&B 4-5	
<b>9/25</b>	Woodcock Johnson III Practice Administration Tests of Academic Achievement and Assessments of Intelligence	P&G 9-10	<b>WJIII Report Due</b>
<b>10/2</b>	Social Communication and Sensory and Movement Differences in Autism Spectrum Disorder; Social Skills Strategies; Childhood Autism Rating Scale, Gilliam Autism Rating Scale, Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule	Moodle - Kluth Ch.1 S&B 11 P&G 12	<b>WB1#2 Due</b>
<b>10/9</b>	Special Guest Speaker: Jan Israel, School Psychologist Assessments of Behavior: Adaptive Behavior, Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, Berry VMI, FBA/FAA  Special Guest Speaker: Dr. Lori Heisler Assessments of Speech and Language: Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test 3; Test of Auditory Comprehension of Language 3	P&G 11, 13	<b>Progress Monitoring and Task Analysis Due</b>

Session	Topic	Reading	Assignments Due
<b>10/16</b> <b>5:00 –</b> <b>7:00</b>	Instrument Fair Statewide Testing (CMA, CAPA)		<b>Instrument Fair Due</b> <b>WBI #3 Due</b>
<b>12/11</b> <b>5:00 –</b> <b>7:00</b>	Assessment Case Study SHARE Course Evaluations		<b>Assessment Case</b> <b>Study Due</b>

### ASSIGNMENT POINT DISTRIBUTION, GRADING SCALE, AND DESCRIPTONS

Assignments	Notes	Points
Session Participation	7 day sessions @ 2 points per session; 2 evening sessions @ 1 point per session	<b>16</b>
Eco Map and Report	Report on personal ecological systems with your own quilt square for the Class Quilt	<b>7</b>
Practice Administration of Woodcock-Johnson Achievement	Submit protocols with your practice report paper	<b>10</b>
Instrument Review Report and Share Fair	Post review on Moodle and sharing at the class Fair	<b>8</b>
Moderate/Severe Field Visit: Progress Monitoring & Task Analysis	Observation report and task analysis	<b>20</b>
Assessment Case Study:		<b>24</b>
Observation for Assessment	4 points	
Case Study	10 points	
IEP Meeting Preparation Plan	10 points	
Web-Based Instruction Activities	Three @ 5 points	<b>15</b>
<b>Maximum Total Points:</b>		<b>100</b>

#### Grading Scale

**93% = A      90% = A-      87% = B+      83% = B      80% = B-      78% = C+**  
 A grade of C+ or better is required for a course to count toward a credential. Points below 77% = F.

#### **In-Class and Online Participation (16 points maximum)**

Regular, punctual attendance is critical and expected in the teaching profession. Because this class is participatory in nature, the experiences and discussions are difficult to recreate. Additionally, it is important that each class member have the opportunity to exhibit collaborative teaming and participatory behavior. Participation points are assigned based upon the following criteria: collaborative cooperation in all face-to-face and web-based classes and group assignments; enthusiasm for the content and activities; respect for speakers; patience and flexibility with the technology; appropriate use of all assessment materials.

#### **Ecological Design Map and Reflective Paper (Individual, 7 points total).**

Candidates learn about Urie Brofenbrenner's work on systems theory of development across the life span and understanding children/learner behaviors. During this process, each candidate creates an individual Ecological Design Map of their own. Examples of past maps will be shared. This is an individual creative assignment. Each candidate also composes a 3-4 page reflective paper explaining her/his Ecological Design Map.

#### **Practice Administration of the Woodcock Johnson III: (Individual, 10 points)**

Requirement is to practice administering the WJIII to another classmate and share out as whole group. The format for reporting is found at the end of this syllabus. You must submit your protocols with your written summary (paper = 5 points, completed protocols = 5 points).

**Instrument Review and Instrument Fair: (Individual, 8 points)**

Each candidate selects and reviews a commercially available educational assessment instrument and writes a guide for the use and interpretation of the instrument. All reviews are posted for classmates on Moodle and are shared with classmates in a live class, so that each member of the class has a composite set of commonly used assessments. Participation in the Instrument Fair **with the instrument** is required (paper = 4 points; instrument presentation = 4 points).

**Moderate/Severe Progress Monitoring and Task Analysis Project: (Individual, 20 points)**

Candidates will observe a classroom, selected by the instructors, that supports students with moderate/severe disabilities, to observe data collection and progress monitoring in action. Candidates will observe on-site for at least 2 hours. Based on this observation candidates will complete an observation narrative and create a task analysis. A sign-up sheets for observation dates and times will be provided in class. Components of project include:

1) Observation Report (10 points)

2) Task Analysis (10 points)

(See Progress Monitoring and Task Analysis Project at the end of the syllabus.)

**Assessment Case Study: (Individual, 24 points)**

Each candidate selects and conducts this comprehensive assessment case study for a student who is eligible for special education or who is being referred for an initial assessment for consideration for special education services. A detailed grading rubric will be provided in class. This assignment has three components:

1) Observation for Assessment (4 points)

2) Case Study Report (10 points)

3) IEP Meeting Preparation Plan (10 points)

(See assignment report templates at the end of the syllabus.)

**Web-Based Instruction Activities and Reflections: (Individual, 15 points - 3 at 5 points each)**

WBI #1: Response to Intervention, Professional Learning Communities, Learning Disability determination, and web search (5 points)

WBI #2: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Assessment (5 points)

WBI #3: Examination of California testing: STAR, CAHSEE, CMA, and CAPA Requirements (5 points)

- Post response to the WBI prompts by the due date listed on the course schedule through Turn-It-In on Moodle.
- Use professional and respectful person-first language at all times.
- All activities/reflections must be 2-3 pages in length, double-spaced, 12-point font, 1 inch. margins. Please do not write out the prompt on your submission.

**COURSE FEATURES AND PROFESSIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS****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)*

**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 Honesty Policy**

See the CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy below. Plagiarism of any type will result in a failing grade. 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>. All work in this course must be the original work of the credential candidate. Scanning of student work via TurnItIn™ software may be used to verify student authorship and accurate citation of copyrighted materials or thoughts, ideas, and/or work of others. The instructor may require that some

assignments in the course be submitted using the built in Turnitin™ software feature. Students making unauthorized copies of copyrighted materials or microcomputer software will receive a failing grade.

### **CSUSM Academic Honesty Policy Statement from the CSUSM Catalog**

“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 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.”

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

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School 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*).

### **University Writing Requirement**

The California State University maintains a Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) for master’s candidates. This requirement must be achieved prior to Advancement to Candidacy. A master’s candidate will satisfy the graduate writing requirement by receiving a passing score on a written product as assessed with the GWAR rubric. Toward the goal of providing opportunity for graduate students in the School of Education to satisfy the writing requirement, papers in graduate classes are expected to adhere to writing and format style guidelines described in the sixth edition of the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (aka, APA Manual). This manual is a required across all graduate-level (600-level) courses.

### **Other Professional and Administrative Requirements**

1. Use “Person-first” language (e.g., “Student with Down Syndrome” rather than “Down Syndrome student”) must be used throughout all written and oral assignments and discussions.
2. Word-process all written documents. Be sure to keep an electronic copy of all of your work including Cougar Courses postings. Also, you will want these copies for your records and professional portfolio.
3. Always write in a professional voice. Be sure to avoid abbreviations, contractions, and slang. Write out acronyms on first appearance - such as Individualized Education Program (IEP).
4. Examine Moodle at least twice weekly for messages and newly posted materials and resources. Download materials needed for each class *prior* to class and bring to class all required resources.
5. Complete and post all assignments on the due dates for full credit. If you have extraordinary circumstances that impact completion of your assignments, please inform the instructor.
6. Participate in class discussions and group activities and demonstrate positive interpersonal skills with classmates and guests. Participation points are assigned on the basis of participation, collegiality, collaborative effort, and professionalism in interactions with fellow students, the instructors and guests.
7. If you are to miss class, be sure to select a class “buddy” to ensure that you receive handouts and information when you must miss class. You may wish to have the following:  
Buddy:                                      Phone#:                                      e-mail:

## ASSIGNMENT DETAILS AND TEMPLATES

### Ecological Reflective Paper Ecological Design Map (7 points)

1. Create your own Ecological Design Map. Examples of past Design Maps will be available in class
2. Ecological Systems Self Report. Based upon your reflection and creation of your Ecological design map, write a three - four page paper reflecting upon the following.
  - a. Write a description of each of the ecosystems in your map and their importance to you. This should take about two pages, one long paragraph for each subsystem.
  - b. Write a paragraph about any significant interactions/events within the system(s) across time (Chrono) or any significant points you wish to share.
  - c. Write a 3-paragraph reflection on how this experience helps you in better understanding and accepting of differences in culture, cultural heritage, ethnicity, language, age, religion, social economic status, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, and abilities and disabilities of individuals.
  - d. Discuss how this assignment has enabled you to recognize the potential influence of varying cultural factors and practices on development.

### WJIII Practice Administration Lab Sheet (10 points)

**Team Members:** \_\_\_\_\_

Assume the person you are testing is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader performing at approximately a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade level.

Administer **all** subtests of WJIII (except Handwriting). Choose one subtest to describe in this Lab Sheet. Papers are due at end of class session.

**Name of Subtest:**

**Brief description of subtest**

*(Example: Letter-Word Identification: naming letters and reading words aloud from a list)*

**Timed Test? If so, what is length of time?**

**Basal/Ceiling? If so, what is basal/ceiling? ...3 in a row or 6 in a row?**

**Do you need to complete a page due to visual stimulus after student reaches ceiling?**

**Were suggested starting points provided and if so, do you feel they were appropriate? If not, please explain.**

**Provide a brief description of how subtest is administered.**

**How is subtest scored?**

**Problems or concerns with ease of administration? ... use of materials? ...maintaining an objective demeanor?**

**Reflection on this Practice Administration Lab.** One paragraph per team member on how this assignment and in-class training has provided you the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to assess students in a comprehensive manner.

**Instrument Review Report and Share Fair  
(8 points)**

**Name:**

**Title of Instrument:**

Publisher, website, address, phone, edition(s) or forms, cost if known

**Technical Overview:**

Components, uses, derived scores, item development

**Standardization:**

Standardization sample(s), and any sub-groups or special samples, norm development, were individuals with disabilities, or those learning a second language in the sample?

**Administration of the Instrument:**

Time, qualifications of evaluator, method: interview or direct administration, giving instructions, completing forms, giving credit for direct administration items, adaptations allowed.

**Interpreting Performances and Clinical Judgment of Results:**

Scores available, characteristics of scores and how they can be used, partial credit if allowed.

For what group of learners would the results from this instrument be considered accurate?

Would results be appropriate for individuals with disabilities or second language learners?

Are there learners for whom conditions of the environment must be modified before administration of the instrument and its components?

How could one consider the results of this instrument as a component of a battery of measures?

**Writing Prompt:**

Write 3-4 paragraphs reflecting how this experience increases your skill in evaluating, selecting, administering and interpreting assessment devices.



**Web-Based Instruction Activities and Reflection**  
**(15 points maximum, 3 activities at 5 points each)**

**WBI #1: Response to Intervention (RTI)/Professional Learning Communities (PLC)**

The underlying theory of RTI is to identify and provide appropriate interventions (in the general education classroom) to struggling students. If implemented properly, these interventions could help these students solve their learning problems and perhaps avoid special education placement. Your assignment is to research the following web sites and reflect on how this assignment has helped you become more proficient in implementing evidence-based and multi-faceted methodologies and strategies necessary in teaching and engaging students with disabilities (3-4 paragraphs). How has this process increased your ability to determine the appropriateness of interventions or instructional environment based on developmental differences? (2-3 paragraphs).

Please note that there are 2 other response requirements within the websites listed below.

Response to Intervention websites:

<http://www.nrclid.org/about/publications/papers/mellard.pdf>

<http://www.ldanatl.org/pdf/rti2005.pdf>

<http://www.rti4success.org/>

<http://www.wrightslaw.com/info/rti.index.htm>

[http://www.eed.state.ak.us/nclb/2008wc/RTI\\_What\\_Is\\_It\\_How\\_Does\\_It\\_Differ.pdf](http://www.eed.state.ak.us/nclb/2008wc/RTI_What_Is_It_How_Does_It_Differ.pdf)

<http://www.ldinfo.com/rti.htm>

<http://www.nasponline.org/advocacy/rtireference.pdf> (Choose one link from this website and write a review of 2- paragraphs).

<https://copilot.csusm.edu/owa/?ae=Item&t=IPM.Note&id=RgAAACo4UZWuYzFTp0OuADiaGLiBwAa1Xs4Y7b1QpfkWO0QdTAGAABR9Yx6AAa1Xs4Y7b1QpfkWO0QdTAGAA7GPcqVAAAJ> (This is an e-book on RTI. Please scan and write a 2-3 paragraph reflection of its contents.)

Professional Learning Communities websites:

<http://allthingsplc.info/>

<http://www.centerforsri.org/plc/>

**WBI #2: Autism Spectrum Disorder and Assessment**

Read Kluth Chapter 1 (in Moodle) – Defining Autism and respond to the following questions:

1. Discuss three ways in which in the characteristics of individuals with ASD may affect the assessment process and selection of assessment procedures. Your response must evidence understanding of Kluth Ch. 1. (3-4 paragraphs)
2. Discuss several ways that assessment procedures might be modified for students with ASD. Why might you use such procedures? (3-4 paragraphs)

**WBI #3: STAR, CAPA, CAHSEE, CELDT, CMA**

Explore all the sites listed below and the testing programs contained in those sites.

1. Write a 3-4 paragraph reflection which demonstrates your knowledge of required statewide assessments and ability to plan for and participate in these state-mandated accountability measures.
2. Write a 3-4 paragraph essay which explains your views on students with disabilities taking part in required statewide assessments such as the CST, CMA, CAPA, CELDT and CAHSEE.

STAR CA State Testing and Reporting <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/index.asp>

CAPA <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/capa.asp>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/participcritria.asp>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/participcriteria.doc>

CAHSEE: Ca. High School Exit Exam: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs>

CELDT: Ca. Eng. Lang. Dev. Test: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el>

CMA: Ca. Modified Assessment:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/cmastar.asp>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/documents/cmaparticipcriteria.doc>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sr/participcriteria.asp>

## **Progress Monitoring and Task Analysis (20 points)**

Candidates will observe a classroom, selected by the instructor, that is serving students with moderate/severe disabilities, to observe data collection and progress monitoring in action. Candidates will observe on-site for a half of a school day (2 hours). The following components must be included in your report:

### **1. *Observation Report:*** (10 points)

In this section you will summarize and reflect on your observation by addressing the following questions:

- Describe the setting in which you observed.
- Describe the activities/events you observed (activities, materials, teaching methods/approaches, and specialists observed, if applicable).
- Describe the types of data collection/progress monitoring you observed. How often is it collected? How is it analyzed? How does it guide instruction?

This section must also include your time sheet signed by the teacher you are observing.

Observation Report must be at least 3 pages.

### **2. *Task Analysis:*** (10 points)

As Snell and Brown indicated, “Analyzing a task and breaking it down into teachable steps for a student is not a trivial process.” In this section you will be creating a task analysis data collection form based on a student you observed during your observation.

- Based on your observation, select a skill that may be needed for one of the students you observed or chose a skill you observed during your observation. Be sure that it is functional, age-appropriate, and requires multiple components (not a discrete skill).
- Define the target skill simply, including a description of the settings and materials most suited to the natural performance of the task.
- Perform the task yourself and/or observe others performing the task and note the steps involved. Adapt the steps to suit the student’s disabilities and skill strengths as best you can.
- Write out the task steps so that steps (a) are stated in terms of observable behaviors; (b) result in visible change in the product or process; (c) are ordered in a logical sequence; (d) are written in second-person singular so that they could serve as verbal prompts (if used); and (e) use language that is not confusing to the student, with the performance details that are essential to assessing performance enclosed in parentheses.
- Develop the task analysis data collection form. See example in Snell and Brown p. 154. For this assignment please include the following components: target skill definition, setting, instructional cue, data collection schedule, probe schedule, materials, latency period, criterion, task steps with dates for data collection for baseline, teaching, and probe, recording key, and an area for anecdotal comments.
- Describe the types of prompts you will use to teach this skill and how you will work to fade prompts. (2-3 paragraphs).

**Assessment Case Study  
(25 points)**

**I. OBSERVATION FOR ASSESSMENT REPORT TEMPLATE (5 points)**

**Heading:**

Child's Name: (use a pseudonym)

Name: (your name)

C.A.: (chronological age)

Observation times:

Grade:

**Reason for Assessment:**

Initial referral, triennial review, change of placement, transition, program exit.

**Placement:**

Describe current placement and related services provided, summarize previous placements and/or services. Get information from records.

**Background Information:**

Provide a brief summary of background information, impact of impairment/disability on development and/or school performance, previous assessment results. Review records (special education file, cum folder, teacher interview) to obtain information.

**Interactions with Others:**

Discuss interactions with teachers, service providers, assessors, peers, adults, observer, social interactions in the classroom and in other environments (playground, cafeteria, physical education (P.E.), etc.).

**Present Levels of Performance:**

*Performance in the general education setting(s):* Math, Language Arts, P.E., English Language Development (for 2<sup>nd</sup> language learners), etc.

*Performance in the special setting(s):* SAI, RSP, Learning Centers, speech therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility, etc.

**Areas in Need of Assessment:**

Based on your observation, review of records, and interview with teacher, *in your opinion*, what do you see as areas in need of assessment: academic, social/emotional (social communication and social understanding/skills), communication (verbal and non-verbal), motor (fine and gross motor; sensory), self-help, vocational/employment, independent living skills, visual and auditory processing, and so forth.

**Recommendations for Assessment Sessions:**

Based on your observation, review of records, and interview with teacher, describe recommendations for upcoming assessment sessions in the following areas:

- Instrumentation: instrument, subtests, materials
- Set up of assessment environment, number and length of sessions
- Behavior management and/or intervention during assessment process to maintain student engagement
- Need of interpreter to provide support for English Language Learner

**NOTE: This observation report must be completed before conducting any assessments. Be sure to secure parental consent prior to this observation. You must submit the Parent Permission form with your paper.**

**II. CASE STUDY REPORT TEMPLATE (10 points)**

Note: Write in complete sentences, this is a narrative report, no outlines please.

**1. HEADING**

Child's Name: (fictitious)

Evaluator's Name:

Age:

Child's Placement: (SDC, RSP, etc.)

Grade of Placement:

Date of Evaluation:

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Provide one to two thorough paragraphs on the child's background including age, gender, ethnicity, educational background, family systems, previous special services, other notes of interest. Please be sure not to use the child's real name, or that of his/her school building, teachers, or parents.

### 3. INTERACTIONS WITH THE CHILD:

Provide one to two paragraphs on your interactions with the child, establishing rapport, responses to your questions, warmth, shyness, verbal expressiveness, accuracy of child's perceptions of your questions, other notes of interest.

### 4. INSTRUMENTATION AND RESULTS OF ASSESSMENT:

Provide a brief one-paragraph description of **each** instrument used (e.g. title, purpose, name of selected sections and/or subtests administered). Immediately following each descriptor, present the results from that instrument (see example below). You may use a separate table for each instrument similar to this example.

WOODCOCK JOHNSON R/III	Year: 1999	Year: 2002	Year: 2004
Letter Word Identification	50	55	67
Passage Comprehension	45	50	52
Calculation	50	55	60
Word Attack	50	52	54
Quantitative Concepts	33	37	42

### 5. ADDITIONAL SECTIONS AND ALTERNATIVE ASSESSMENTS (not required if not necessary)

If the child you are assessing has very specific special needs which require specialized instruments, or is low functioning and requires life skills assessment, you may add additional notes or results of specialized assessment procedures. Examples might be proficiency in American Sign Language, Braille skills, or special safety and life skills. Some children may not be able to take formal assessments. One can then do alternative assessment through observation of approach to tasks, adaptation to the environment, safety skills, life skills, use of the senses in learning, and other notes of interest. NOTE: This section might include the California Alternative Performance Assessment (CAPA) for students with significant disabilities. One would need to observe the child's teacher administration and with parent permission.

### 6. INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

This is an essential section and the true heart of the process. Employing good clinical judgment, interpret the meaning of the results you have acquired. Be sure to state whether you consider the results accurate, inflated, or deflated and state your reasons. Be sure to indicate how the results should be used in educational planning. Remember, you do not make recommendations about placement (e.g. SED, SDC, RSP, LH, etc.) that is decided in the IEP meeting. However, when you are a district teacher and serving an IEP team in the future, it would be within your purview to make recommendations about how your results might affect recommended time in general and special ed classrooms, provision of support services, involvement of family and parents and other notes of interest. Remember our goal is inclusion, and integrated services.

### 7. SUMMARY & RECOMMENDATIONS

This summary may be one to two paragraphs and should include a summary of your results and recommendations. As in the interpretation section above, this is a key component of your report and goes far beyond mere reporting of technical data. In this section, provide a brief summary statement about current levels of function. Then provide more specific and detailed recommendations regarding materials, curricular adaptations, length and duration of specific support services, time in general and special education, behavior management, pre-vocational goals, and other notes of interest.

### 8. LONG TERM GOALS

Based on the information in all the above sections, compose three IEP long-term goals for the child. These will be re-stated in your IEP Plan. Goals must include given, learner, observable and measurable behavior and criteria.

### 9. RESPONSE TO THIS PROCESS:

This is also an essential part of this assignment. In a formal report for the schools, you would not include this section. For this university assignment, your professor wants to read about your response to this process. Please provide at least two paragraphs. Do not skimp on this important section. If you "run out of steam" by this point, put the report aside and re-visit it the next day.

### **III. IEP MEETING PREPARATION PLAN TEMPLATE (10 points)**

This assignment helps you prepare your notes and recommendations for an IEP meeting. Always be prepared, and never enter an IEP meeting with forms completed, expecting parents to merely sign off!

#### **1. PRESENT LEVELS OF PERFORMANCE:**

Based on information gathered for your case study, discuss student's strengths, preferences and interests. Describe student's present academic levels in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Address student's communication development, gross/fine motor skills, social/emotional/behavioral development, vocational, and adaptive/living skills.

#### **2. SPECIAL FACTORS**

In this section, discuss student need for assistive technology. If the student is an English Learner, consider the language needs of the child as those needs relate to the IEP. If the student's behavior impedes the learning of self or others, specify behavior interventions, strategies, and supports needed.

#### **3. ANNUAL GOALS**

Based on information gathered for your case study, write three long term goals for the student. If you use percentages, be sure to provide a logical context for the calculation (8 out of 10 questions for 80%). If you have the child's previous IEP available, be sure to consider previous goals and objectives when formulating yours. These should be presented in list format.

#### **4. ACCOMODATIONS/MODIFICATIONS**

Disclose your recommendations for aids, services, program accommodations or modifications and/or supports you believe will enable your students to successfully access curriculum and meet his/her academic goals. Be sure to discuss adaptations for an English learner.

#### **5. SERVICES**

Provide recommendations about continuation or inception and duration of support services. Suggest periods for delivery and work towards integrated delivery of services (not during math, OK during home room, etc.). These services include occupational therapy, adapted physical education, speech/language services, etc.

#### **6. EDUCATIONAL SETTING**

You will make recommendations about placement/changes of placement. These could include continuation of current placement, adaptation of time in general and special education settings, etc.

#### **7. FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

Provide one thorough paragraph on the inclusion and collaboration of parents and extended family in the process. This is essential to the entire process! Be sure to incorporate the requests and interests of the parents in your selection of areas assessed, your recommendations for behavior and instructional management, and inclusion of parents in all steps of this process.

#### **8. CONSULTATIVE COLLABORATION FOR INCLUSIVE PRACTICE:**

Provide one thorough paragraph regarding supporting this child in the general classroom and curriculum. Provide information on the extent of support needed, tips for the gen. ed. teacher, establishing co-teaching, etc.

#### **9. IEP MEETING AGENDA**

Provide an agenda that would be followed for this child's IEP meeting. This should be in list format. (Template will be provided in class)