Education 604: Knowledge Construction and Accomplished Teaching (3 units) Fall 2005 Poway Cohort

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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 ongoing service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to student centered education, diversity, collaboration, professionalism, and shared governance.

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Course Description: This course provides an overview of a selection of educational philosophies, leads teachers through an examination of their personal philosophy of teaching and learning, and considers how philosophies shape educational practice.

This course plays a central role in the introduction of an "aesthetic of knowing" that is the foundation for the Teaching, Learning & Leadership Master's Option. Topics include various ways of knowing, the impact of context on knowledge construction, and an ethic of life-long learning via reflective practice. Questions of equity, inclusion, leadership, community, collaboration, and systematic inquiry form the core of the course.

Course Objective: This course is specifically designed to provide reflection on theory of learning and instruction, positioning of oneself in a theoretical framework, and application of philosophy to one's teaching practice. Students will articulate their educational philosophy and create an electronic portfolio of pedagogical examples of their philosophy in action.

Required Texts:

- Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (5th ed.) Washington D.C.: American Psychological Association. (www.apa.org)
- Daniels, H. & Bizar, M. (2005). Teaching the Best Practice Way. ME: Stenhouse. ISBN 1-57110-405-4
- Course Reader available online at http://library.csusm.edu/finding/reserves/ The password = student
- Palmer, P. (1998). The Courage to Teach. SF: Jossey-Bass.
- Task Stream Electronic Portfolio, Must register and pay fee online prior to first class @ www.TaskStream.com

Recommended Texts:

- Ladson-Billings, Gloria. (2001). *Crossing Over to Canaan: the journey of new teachers in diverse classrooms*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass. ISBN 0-7879—5001-7
- Lyons, N. (Ed.) (1998). With portfolio in hand: Validating the new teacher professionalism. NY: Teachers College Press.

Other Recommended Reading: To stay updated regarding educational issues that impact teaching, learning and leadership, you are urged to read current publications in the field. Some examples include: *Educational Leadership, Language Arts, Science and Children, Democracy & Education, Phi Delta Kappan,* and *Rethinking Schools.*

Accommodations for Disabilities: Discuss your needs for limited accommodation with the instructor within the first week of the semester. Students requiring substantial accommodations need to contact Disabled Student Services in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Craven Hall Room 5025A, (760) 750-4905 or (760) 750-4909 (TDD users).

Plagiarism: All work completed for this class must be of your own design. When relying on supporting documents authored or created by others, cite them clearly and completely using American Psychological Association (APA) style format (APAStyle.org). Failure to credit others and create original work of your own may result in a failing grade.

Readings: Reading requirements are critical to productive class discussion and assignments and will need your time and attention. The dates the readings and homework assignments are listed on the calendar indicate the date the readings and homework assignments are due.

Course Load: In all master course work, it is expected that for every one hour of contact time, you will complete approximately one hour of work outside of class. Please plan accordingly.

Professional Demeanor: Grading will also include a component of "professional demeanor." Students will conduct themselves in ways that are generally expected of those who are entering the education profession. This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Attendance:
- On-time arrival to all class sessions;
- Advance preparation of readings and timely submission of assignments;
- Respectful participation in all settings (e.g., whole group, small group, in/outside of class);
- Carefully considered, culturally aware approaches to solution-finding.

If instructor has to address any of the above with you – you most likely will not earn full credit.

Make up assignments - Students may make up one absence by attending one of the following and giving a verbal report in class with paper resources for peers:

- Oct 7-8, 5th Annual Bi-National Border Pedagogy Conference University of San Diego, <u>www.bilingualeducation.org</u>
- Oct 20-22, California Council on Teacher Education Conference Shelter Point Hotel & Marina, San Diego, www.ccte.org
- Nov 10 -13, California Art Education Association Sacramento Sheraton Grand Hotel, www.caea-arteducation.org/conference/Conference05/conference05.html
- Writing Workshop with Dr. Valadez and Dr. Woo. To Be Determined
- Other Educational Conferences with instructor approval

Please note assignments are due whether or not you are present in class that day.

College of Education Attendance Policy: Due to the interactive nature of courses in the College, and the value placed on the contributions of every student, students are expected to prepare for, attend, and participate in all classes. For extenuating circumstances contact the instructors before class is missed, and make arrangements to make up what was missed. At minimum, a student must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course. Each absence will reduce a grade by 10 points (one full grade). If a student earns 95 % and is absent 2 times = 95 - 2(10) = 75 points = C. A student may negotiate to make up one absence. Notification of absence does not warrant an excuse.

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<u>Attendance</u>	2					
8/29	introduction		10/17	philoso	phy writing group	
9/3	Palmer		10/24		ch. 5 & 6	
9/12		philosophy/portfolio		indepe	independent portfolio work	
9/19	worksh presentation prep	юр	11/7		ch. 7 & 8	
9/26	presentation prep		11/16		defenses on campus	
10/3	ch. 2		11/21	Portfoli	Wed. 5:30-8 pm o Work & Thanksgiving	
10/10	ch. 3 & 4		11/28		portfolio workshop	
			12/5		final	
<u>Professiona</u>	al Demeanor				/ 20 %	
Assignments		Due Dates			Percentage	
Best Practice Group Presentation		10/3 – 11/7			/ 30 %	
Philosophy Paper Drafts		9/15, 10/6, 10/20 & 11/3		ß 11/3	/ 30 %	
Electronic Portfolios of Best Practice		11/10, 12/2 & 12/9			/ 20 %	
Total					/ 100 % = Grade	
	iding & Evaluation					
90-100 nts =	$= \Delta$ 80-89 nts $= R$		70-79 nts =	= (C)	0-69 nts = No Credit	

Tentative Class Schedule

Readings and assignments are in bold next to the date they are due.

Session 1 Aug 29

EDUC 604 Course Introduction

Course Overview (Syllabus, Assignments & Class Norms)

Define Conceptions of Knowledge

Electronic Resources

Read Syllabus

Sign Up for a Best Practice Presentation.

Confirm Class Schedule & Assignments.

Learn how to access electronic resources

Session 2 Sept 3

Community Building & Presentation

Syllabus Quiz

In Groups of 3-4 Discuss Parker Palmer's Courage to Teach Building Community

Bring an artifact to share that represents who you are as a teacher.

Break

Plan a Best Practice Presentation

Objective: To teach a specific educational philosophy or perspective using a best practice teaching model.

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Step 2: Identify how you will use your best practice to teach our class about the educational philosophy/perspective. *Remember your peers have read the readings, so DO NOT teach the content or process extensively, rather bring it to life with a model demonstration.* Since the process is not the focus of the presentation make sure that the best practice will be transparent through presentation. Your presentation must:

- o use visuals, props, and varied activities that engage the entire group;
- address the needs of different learning styles, cultures, readiness levels, interests, and talents;
- create a culturally relevant pedagogy that addresses academic achievement, cultural competence, and sociopolitical consciousness (Ladson-Billings, 2001).

Step 3: Create a handout reviewing key concepts of educational philosophy/perspective, key concepts of best practice, resources for using best practice, critical analysis of best practice (pros & cons/cost & benefits), lesson, etc.

Step 4: Develop or locate 4 lesson plans modeling the best practice at different grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12. Make sure lesson plans include: objective (Student will be able to . . .), content (curriculum to be covered, materials used, standards addressed), process

(what will students do to learn), product (what will you use as an assessment) and then the steps teacher will take (into, through, beyond).

Step 5: Before your presentation, assign roles to each member. Decide who will do what, when, and for how long. You will need to determine what materials you will need to insure a successful presentation. Consider activities to debrief with the group. For example, quick writes, lesson plan revision, guided critique...

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- outline for presentation
- when you will meet (2-4 planning session)
- who will create the group email and send it
- what beliefs are implemented in this best practice
- how the educational philosophy/perspective and the best practice are aligned or not alligned
- what questions you believe the class will have about both the content and the process – and prepare to answer all questions
- who will be responsible for 4 lessons, handout, best practice resources, educational philosophy/perspective resources, critique and materials needed for presentation and who will bring/create them.
- who will type up the plan and send/respond via email to group and instructor by Sept 12

Step 6: Practice presentation to fit 20-30 minute requirements. Instructor will stop all presentations at 30 minutes.

Step 7: Conduct the presentation on your chosen date. Make sure all members of the group participate in MEANINGFUL ways Presentations will be graded on membership contribution to the process.

In class create a Rubric for the Best Practice Presentations.

Write a 1 pg reflection connecting Palmer's ideas to your teaching practice - Bring four copies of reflection to Session 2.

Email presentation plan to instructor by Monday

Read * Syllabus

- * Parker Palmer's Courage to Teach (entire text)
- * Daniels & Bizar's p. 1-32, 308-312 & your chap

Session 3 Sept 12

Educational Philosophy & Portfolio

Philosophy Paper Workshop

(Meet in computer lab)

You will write at least 5 drafts before uploading philosophy paper to electronic portfolio.

- 1st Draft read by peers
- 2nd Draft read by instructor
- 3rd Draft read by peers
- 4th Draft read by instructor
- 5th Draft upload as evidence in electronic portfolio

Step 1: Write a 3-page educational philosophy paper addressing the following:

your beliefs about knowledge and learning

- how you enact your beliefs in your curriculum choice, your instructional strategies and your management style
- how your identity plays a role in your pedagogy and how you meet the varied needs of your diverse students

Step 2: Philosophy Writing Workshop

- Bring 4 copies of your 3-page philosophy of education 1st draft.
- Philosophy Paper should address:
 - o Beliefs and Theories: teacher's beliefs about knowledge and learning
 - Practice: how teacher enacts beliefs in curriculum choices, instructional strategies and management style
 - Personal Pedagogy: how teacher's identity plays a role in his/her pedagogy and how he/she meets the varied needs of his/her diverse students
- Then get in groups of 3 (no larger), pass out copies of philosophy statement drafts.
- Read all three drafts (approximately 30 minutes).
- Write notes on each draft addressing the following (PQP):
 - o **P**raise: praise the strong parts of the paper. Be specific.
 - Questions: identify what questions you had about the paper
 Ask questions that probe and push the author to articulate what they mean.
 - Polish: what could be done to polish up the paper? Be specific.
- Discuss each paper. Focus on one at a time as a group, being attentive to the theoretical ideas, how well are the ideas supported, and how well are the ideas connected to both the ideas of others, examples of classroom practice, and personal pedagogy;
- Respond in writing to each peer, use **PQP** format (See attached graphic organizer)
- Discuss the draft as a group, by asking the author the questions generated in the written response.
- Allow about 30 minutes of undivided attention per draft, roughly 10 minutes to read, 10 minutes to write response, and 10 minutes to discuss as a triad. Attach peer response, one from each member of the group, to draft.
- Be sure group names are clearly indicated on draft, along with the author's name clearly delineated.
- Determine date to reconvene with writing group for 3rd draft.
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Attach 1 st draft and drafts with comments from peers.
Step 6: Revise again. Connect philosophy and pedagogy to readings from course.
Make sure you have a minimum of 3 citations. Use APA style.
Step 7: Meet with writing group for more feedback.
Follow directions from Step 2 and use PQP for guiding feedback to peers.
Step 8: Revise paper again.
Step 9: Turn in 4th Draft with all of drafts including comments from instructor & peers.
Step 10: Revise if needed and upload philosophy paper in electronic portfolio.

Break

Taskstream Workshop

- Access account. Log on to www.taskstream.com, Enter username and password.
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- Read examples of narratives and evidence. (1: MS, CF; 2:MF; 3: MS; 4: JF; 5:JF)
- Critique examples to help identify criteria for your portfolio work.
- Start creating your portfolio. Choose a proposition and practice writing narratives and uploading evidence.
- Create a rubric for taskstream assignment.

Session 4 & 5 Sept. 19 & 26

Presentation Preparation

Best Practice Presentation Preparation – Meet with group.

Session 6 Oct. 3

Multiple Ways of Knowing & Reading to Think

5 Tricks Game

Break

Reading to Think Presentation

Review Expectations for Presentations

Read Daniels & Bizar Ch. 2 (p. 33-76)

Read Course Reader:

Coloring Epistemologies

Whiteness

2nd Draft of Philosophy Paper to Instructor. Turn in all drafts & comments.

Session 7 Oct 10

Integrated Instruction & Small Group Activities

Integrated Instruction Presentation

Break

Small Group Activities Presentation

Read Daniels & Bizar Ch. 3 & 4 (p. 77-114, & 115-151)

Read Course Reader:

Critical Race Theory

Black Feminist Thought & Race Traitor

Session 8 Oct 17

Educational Philosophy

Philosophy Paper Writing Group

&

California Council on Teacher Education Oct 20-22

Sheraton Island Hotel & Marina

www.ccte.org

No Readings

3rd Draft of Philosophy Paper to Peers. Remember to turn in all drafts & comments.

Session 9 Oct 24

Representing to Learn & Classroom Workshops

Representing to Learn Presentation

Break

Classroom Workshop Presentation

Read Daniels & Bizar Ch. 5 & 6 (p. 152-191 & 192-221)

Read Course Reader:

Chicana & Language

Navajo Ways of Knowing

Session 10 Oct 31

Electronic Portfolio

Independent Portfolio Work, Halloween & Day of the Dead

No Readings

Session 11 Nov 7

Authentic Experiences & Reflective Assessment

Authentic Experiences Presentation

Break

Reflective Assessment Presentation

4th Draft of Philosophy Paper to Instructor. Remember to turn in all drafts and peer comments.

Read Daniels & Bizar Ch 7 & 8 (p. 222-268 & 269-307)

Read Course Reader:

Lebanese

Lesbian Perspective

Session 12 Nov 16

Preview Thesis Defenses

Defenses: Preview what you will be doing as a culminating activity for your masters.

On campus Wednesday 5:30 -8:00 pm

No Readings

Session 13 Nov 21

Electronic Portfolio

Thanksgiving Break & Independent Work on Portfolios

No Readings

Session 14 Nov 28

Electronic Portfoilo

Portfolio Workshop to finish Individual Portfolios in Computer Lab

Preview Final Class

Sign Up for Potluck

Post Electronic Portfolios Dec 2nd- No exceptions!

Read Course Reader: White Teacher

Session 15 Dec 5

EDUC 604 Final & Reflection

Portfolio Sharing & Potluck

Reflections on the semester

Implications for education reform & accomplished teaching

Discuss next semester coursework

Read Course Reader: White Teacher

While this syllabus is carefully planned, it may be modified at any time in response to the needs and interests of the class.

EDUC 604: Philosophy Paper

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Total 30 points

5 points

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All Drafts Included

Within 3 page limit

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Good Luck and Have Fun!

Representation of Ed Philosophy/Perspective			
Representation of Best Practice (Modeling & Lesson Plans)			
Handout (Resources for Best Practice and Philosophy)			
Critical Analysis of Best Practice (Pros & Cons)			
Debriefing (Engaging and Support next steps)	5 points		
<u>Timing</u> (Pacing, within 20 -30 mins. and all members participate)	5 points		
Total	30 points		

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EDUC 604 Taskstream Portfolio

Portfolio Objective: Student will be able to articulate what they have learned in this course about knowledge construction and accomplished teaching through use of the web based electronic portfolio. Students will describe their evidence, analyze how the evidence addresses the proposition from the National Board Teaching Standard and reflect on what they learned from the activity and/or creation of the evidence.

- **Step 1:** Sign up for Taskstream at www.taskstream.com
- **Step 2:** Instructor will ask administrator to group entire class.
- **Step 3:** Read through the 5 different proposition based on the National Board Teaching Standards. Identify which 2 propositions believe you had addressed in EDUC 604. Brainstorm what evidence you could use from this course to upload as examples for these 2 propositions. What other evidence outside of this course could compliment your evidence from the course? Prepare the evidence to upload electronically. (Scan paper copies onto a cd, email yourself a copy of a word document or a power point . . .)

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Step 5: Complete your taskstream narrative and upload a minimum of 3 pieces of evidence for each proposition.

Step 6: Have a peer read your electronic portfolio. And read their electronic portfolio as well. Remember to Praise, Question and Polish when giving feedback.

Step 7: Make any necessary revisions.

Step 8: Request feedback from instructor electronically.

Description	5 points
Analysis	5 points
Reflection	5 points
Evidence	5 points
Total	20 points