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SCHOOL OF EDUCATION MISSION & VISION STATEMENT

(Adopted by SOE Governance Community, January 2013)

Vision

To serve the educational needs of local, regional, and global communities, the School of Education advances innovative practice and leadership by generating, embracing, and promoting equitable and creative solutions.

Mission

The mission of the School of Education community is to collaboratively transform education. We:

- Create community through partnerships
- Promote and foster social justice and educational equity
- Advance innovative, student-centered practices
- Inspire reflective teaching and learning
- Conduct purposeful research
- Serve the School, College, University, and Community

BASIC TENETS OF OUR CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

- Student centered education
- Research and theory specific to the program field inform practice
- Connections and links between coursework and application
- Strong engagement between faculty and candidates
- Co-teaching clinical practice
- Culturally responsive pedagogy and socially just outcomes

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Focuses on developing a preliminary understanding of theory, methodology, and assessment of English Language Arts and second language learning in self-contained or departmentalized settings.

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 elementary and middle school classrooms.

Course Prerequisites

Admission to the SOE Middle Level Education Program

Course Objectives

KNOWLEDGE - Teacher candidates will:

- Gain an understanding of how a first and second language is acquired.
- Gain an understanding of the reading process and its relationship to thought, language and learning and the knowledge of reading content including: word analysis, fluency, vocabulary- academic language- and background knowledge, reading comprehension, literary response and analysis.
- Gain understanding of how to learn to read and write in first and second languages.
- Become familiar with how to “deliver a comprehensive program of systematic, explicit instruction in reading, writing, listening, and speaking aligned to the California Common Core State Standards.
- Become familiar with “multiple monitoring measures within the three basic types of assessments to determine students’ progress towards state adopted content standards.”
- Become familiar with “differentiated reading instruction and interventions to meet the needs of the *full range of learners (including struggling readers, students with special needs, English learners, speakers of non-standard English, and advanced learners)* who have varied reading levels and language backgrounds.”

SKILLS - Teacher candidates will:

- Become sensitive observers of children’s language using behaviors.
- Demonstrate knowledge and ability to utilize multiple monitoring measures within the three basic types of assessments to determine students’ progress towards state adopted content standards: entry level assessment for instructional planning, monitoring student progress, post test or summative assessment.
- Be able to analyze and interpret results [of children’s reading and writing behaviors] to plan effective and differentiated instruction and interventions.
- Demonstrate knowledge of components of effective instructional delivery in reading, writing and listening and speaking.
- Develop the ability to select appropriate materials and instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of students and use “State Board of Education (SBE)-adopted core instructional materials for both instruction and intervention.
- Develop the ability to differentiate literacy instruction in order to provide Universal Access.
- Learn how to organize the classroom for teaching reading and writing to the *full range of learners (including struggling readers, students with special needs, English learners, speakers of non-standard English, and advanced learners)* who have varied reading levels and language backgrounds

ATTITUDES AND VALUES – Teacher candidates will:

- Develop an appreciation for the natural language abilities children possess for processing and producing print.
- To appreciate the need and value of integrating reading writing into all curricular areas
- Affirm the importance of a rich environment for an effective language arts program.
- Develop a sensitivity to and appreciation for culturally and linguistically diverse learners.
- Develop a sensitivity to and appreciation for the importance of reading and writing for students' 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.

REQUIRED TEXTS, MATERIALS AND/OR ACCOUNTS

Cooper, J. D., Kiger, N., & Robinson, M. (2014). *Literacy: Helping Students Construct Meaning, 9th Edition*. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. ISBN: 978-1285432427

National Common Core Initiative: <http://www.corestandards.org/read-the-standards/> (view College and Career Anchor Standards here)

ELA/ELD Framework: (download the full framework approved July 2015):

<https://www.mydigitalchalkboard.org/cognoti/content/file/resources/documents/4b/4b6b5574/4b6b5574ba634f2a0d505cc4b0e78013ab4a7f9a/FrameworkFINAL72415.pdf>

ELA/ELD Framework chapter by chapter: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/cf/elaeldfrmwrksbeadopted.asp>

Recommended (optional)

Cunningham, P. (2013) (6th ed.) *Phonics They Use*

Allington, R. *What really matters in fluency*.

Zarrillo, J. J. (2010). (3rd ed.) *Ready for RICA: A test preparation guide for California's Reading Instruction Competence Assessment*. Merrill Prentice Hall.

Cougar Courses

Content for this course will be available on Cougar Courses <http://www.cc.csusm.edu>

Choice Books (You will choose one to read)

Alexander, K. (2014) *Crossover*

Alexie, S. (2008). *The absolutely true diary of a part time Indian*

Fleischman, J (2004). *Phineas Gage: A gruesome but true story about brain science*

Levithan, D. (2005) *Boy meets boy*

Westerfield, S (2011). *The Uglies*

Woodson, J. (2014) *Brown Girl Dreaming*

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. Candidates successfully completing this program receive a credential with authorization to teach English learners. (*Approved by CCTC in SB 2042 Program Standards, August 02*)

TEACHER CANDIDATE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Teacher Performance Expectation (TPE) Competencies

The course objectives, assignments, and assessments have been aligned with the CTC standards for the Multiple Subject Credential. This course is designed to help teachers seeking a California teaching credential to develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to assist schools and district in implementing effective programs for all students. The successful candidate will be able to merge theory and practice in order to realize a comprehensive and extensive educational program for all students. You will be required to formally address the following TPE in this course:

TPE 1A- Subject-Specific Pedagogical Skills for Multiple Subject Teaching Assignments: Reading Language Arts.

Teacher Performance Assessment

Beginning July 1, 2008 all California credential candidates must successfully complete a state-approved Teacher Performance Assessment (TPA), as part of the credential program of preparation. During the 2015-16 academic year the CSUSM credential programs will use either the CalTPA (California Teacher Performance Assessment) or the edTPA (Educative Teacher Performance Assessment).

Check with your program coordinator to determine which assessment is used for your credential program.

CalTPA

To assist with your successful completion of the CalTPA, 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. The CalTPA Candidate Handbook, TPA seminar schedule, and other TPA support materials may be found on the SOE website:

<http://www.csusm.edu/education/CalTPA/ProgramMaterialsTPA.html>

edTPA

Beginning in fall 2015, for newly entering initial candidates, the CSUSM assessment system is the edTPA. To assist with your successful completion of the edTPA, a capstone class is part of your curriculum. In this class edTPA related questions and logistical concerns are addressed. Additional support materials are available on the edTPA website:

http://www.edtpa.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Candidates.html

Additionally, to support your success in your credential program and with TPA, SOE classes use common pedagogical language, lesson plans (lesson designs), and unit plans (unit designs).

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

This syllabus is subject to change.

Expected Dispositions for the Education Profession

Education is a profession that has, at its core, certain dispositional attributes that must be acquired and developed. Teaching and working with learners of all ages requires not only specific content knowledge and pedagogical skills, but positive attitudes about multiple dimensions of the profession. The School of Education has identified six dispositions that must be evident in teacher candidates: social justice and equity, collaboration, critical thinking, professional ethics, reflective teaching and learning, and life-long learning. These dispositions have observable actions that will be assessed throughout the preparation program. For each dispositional element, there are three levels of performance - *unacceptable*, *initial target*, and *advanced target*. The description and rubric for the three levels of performance offer measurable behaviors and examples.

The assessment is designed to provide candidates with ongoing feedback for their growth in professional dispositions and includes a self-assessment by the candidate. The dispositions and rubric are presented, explained and assessed in one or more designated courses in each program as well as in clinical practice. Based upon assessment feedback candidates will compose a reflection that becomes part of the candidate's Teaching Performance Expectation portfolio. Candidates are expected to meet the level of *initial target* during the program.

School of Education Attendance Policy

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the School of Education, all candidates (course participants) are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, candidates (course participants) 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 candidate (course participants) have extenuating circumstances, s/he should contact the instructor as soon as possible. (*Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997*).

For this course: Students missing two class sessions will see their grades reduced by one full grade. Students missing three or more class sessions will see their grades reduced by two full grades. Leaving early or arriving late by more than 15 minutes constitutes one absence. Illness and emergencies are considered on a case-by-case basis; however, 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 Disabled 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.

All University Writing Requirement

Every course at the university, including this one, must have a writing requirement of at least 2500 words. Writing requirements for this class will be met through the signature assignments as described below.

Course Format

This course will meet face to face. Some assignments and/or class meetings may be held online.

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 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.

Academic Honesty and Integrity: Students are responsible for honest completion and representation of their work. Your course catalog details the ethical standards and penalties for infractions. There will be zero 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.

Refer to the full Academic Honesty Policy at:

http://www.csusm.edu/policies/active/documents/Academic_Honesty_Policy.html

Plagiarism

As an educator, it is expected that each candidate (course participant) 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.

Credit Hour Policy

Students are expected to spend a minimum of two hours outside of the classroom each week for each unit of credit engaged in learning.

Class Behavior Expectations

Students in this class are expected to follow these basic principles:

- Demonstrate respect for oneself and for others.
- Treat others with dignity and behave in a way which promotes a physically and psychologically safe, secure, and supportive climate.
- Allow all community members to engage as full and active participants where the free flow of ideas is encouraged and affirmed.

Contact Information for Technical Support Assistance

If you need any technical support, contact IITS Student Help Desk: <http://www.csusm.edu/sth/>.

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 School 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 REQUIREMENTS

Assignments are to be turned in on the due date, no exceptions. Hand-written work is not accepted. Assignments should use size 12 font and be double-spaced. Proofread and edit word-processed assignments prior to submission to ensure the text is error-free (grammar, spelling), and ideas are logically and concisely presented. All citations, where appropriate, should use American Psychological Association (APA) format.

Assignment	Points Possible
Primary Grade Observation (Sept. 27, 2016)	25
Literacy Lesson Plan (sign up) <i>Focus: Reading Strategy</i>	20
Investigating Literacy Assessments (Oct. 11, 2016)	20
Reading Responses	30
Lit Circle Role sheet	5
Total Points	100

Grading Standards

A	93-100	A-	90-92		
B+	87-89	B	83-86	B-	80-82
C+	77-79	C	73-76	C-	70-72

In both the Literacy courses (EDMI 521 and EDMI 522), you will study topics in literacy instruction related to RICA domains.

RICA DOMAINS COVERED
Embedded in each area: Assessment, Universal Access/Differentiated Instruction, Oral Language and Writing
Domain 1: Planning Reading Instruction based on Assessment
Domain 2: Word Analysis
Domain 3: Fluency
Domain 4: Vocabulary, Academic Language, and Background Knowledge
Domain 5: Comprehension

PRIMARY GRADE OBSERVATION (25 pts.) (Due on Cougar Courses: September 27, 2016 by midnight)

You will spend one morning (2 to 2 ½ hours) in a kindergarten or first grade classroom of your choice to observe beginning literacy instruction including as many of the following as possible:

- Phonemic Awareness
- Concepts About Print
- Phonics Instruction
- Spelling Instruction
- Reading Comprehension-Narrative
- Supporting Reading through Oral and Written Language Development
- Vocabulary Development
- Writing

Then reflect upon what you saw, how it connected (or did not connect) to the theories you are learning this semester, and why the teacher made the pedagogical decisions that he/she did. Try to answer the following questions in your reflection:

1. How was the room organized, the physical layout?
2. Was there a classroom library? Was it organized in any particular way?
3. What opportunities did students have for independent reading? Did they choose what they read?

4. Did the teacher work in small groups? How were the groups organized? How were students placed in groups?
5. How did the teacher differentiate instruction? How did she meet the needs of all the students?
6. What was the rest of the class doing when the teacher worked in small groups?
7. What literacy concepts (see list above) did you observe?
8. What took place – what was the nature of the instruction?
9. Did the teacher read aloud? What? For how long?
10. How much time was spent on reading instruction?
11. Was it a literacy rich environment? How so?
12. Was there evidence of student work in the room? What kind?
13. Did you see any kind of reading assessment? What was it? What was being assessed?
14. What else did you notice about early reading instruction?

Your final reflection will be a narrative about what you saw and your analysis of those observations. Please include the setting (small group, large group, one-on-one), what the teacher and the students did and what accommodations were made for students with special needs, or English language learners. **Five pages Maximum.**

ANNOTATED MENU OF ASSESSMENTS (20 pts.) (Due on Cougar Courses: Oct. 11, 2016 by midnight)

This is designed to familiarize you with a variety of assessment tools and evidence of student learning. You will describe the process and purpose of various assessment tools, including entry-level, progress-monitoring, and summative. Complete the Menu Section and then choose two assessment tools from your menu and describe how the information from that assessment would or could inform your instruction. What would you do with the assessment information you have gathered about your student(s). You may use an example you have observed or create a scenario in which an assessment might help you understand what a student, a small group or a whole class knows and how that will inform your teaching.

For Menu Section, complete a descriptive list of 10 different assessments. Be complete in your descriptions.

MENU SECTION				
Write the name of the assessment.	Is it entry-level, progress monitoring, or summative?	Describe the purpose of the assessment.	Describe what the assessor does and what the student does.	Describe the kinds of data the assessment creates.
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2.				
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READING STRATEGY LESSON PLAN (20 pts.) (Due on Cougar Courses by the morning you share your lesson)

Follow the lesson plan format posted in the Moodle the day you present your lesson. Design a lesson where you teach a **reading comprehension strategy** to any grade level. It can be small group or whole group instruction just make sure that you are explicitly teaching the students one aspect of becoming a proficient reader. This lesson **MUST** explicitly teach a reading comprehension strategy, and the focus in 522 will be writing strategies. Examples of reading comprehension strategies are:

Make predictions	Make inferences
Form hypothesis	Summarize what you read
Support the hypotheses you make	Recognize the main idea of a story
Monitor how well you comprehend while you read	Identify patterns in a text
Form mental pictures while you read	Sound out a word you don't know
Ask questions of yourself while you read	Organize information while you read.
Use context clues to figure out words you don't know	Choose books you can read
Relate what you are reading to what you already know	

Recommended sites for literacy lessons (in no particular order): There are many websites with lesson plans. The following are some of my favorites. You don't have to use these. I'm just trying to save you some time. There are many more out there, just be aware of who sponsors the site and what the sponsor might be trying to sell you or what their philosophical orientation might be.

1. **Readwritethink:** Co-sponsored by NCTE and IRA the two premier literacy professional organizations: <http://www.readwritethink.org/>
2. **Teaching that makes sense:** www.ttms.org
3. **Achieve the Core:** <http://achievethecore.org>
4. **Teaching Channel:** https://www.teachingchannel.org/videos?categories=topics_common-core
5. **Scholastic:** <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/home.jsp>
6. **Edutopia:** <http://www.edutopia.org> Use "Browse Topics" bar at the top and you can browse by topic or grade level
7. **Kathy Schrock's Guide to Everything:** Educator who vetted and compiled an impressive list of resources for teachers. She was one of the first to post a website of resources for educators on the web: <http://www.schrockguide.net>
8. **National Council of Teachers of English:** www.ncte.org. While you are there join the Ning: <http://ncte2008.ning.com/>
9. **International Literacy Association:** <http://www.reading.org/>
10. **Reading Quest:** A great site full of comprehension strategies for all content areas: <http://www.readingquest.org/strat/>
11. **Comprehension Strategies:** http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/literacy/comprehension_strategies.html
12. **Web English Teacher:** <http://webenglishteacher.com/>
13. **English Companion:** <http://www.englishcompanion.com/>
Materials by Jim Burke, high school teacher and author of many excellent books. Go to "classroom resources" on top bar.

Important: Your lesson must address the needs of mainstream students, as well as make provisions for second language learners, students presenting difficulty, and accelerated students. How are you going to work with students who are having difficulty? How will you scaffold second language learners' learning during the lesson? How will your lesson provide enrichment for accelerated students? Will you meet with students individually or in a small group while other students work independently? Use the lesson template posted in Cougar Courses

Reading reflections (30 pts.):

It is expected that everyone will understand all the readings and will come to class prepared to discuss them. Write at least 3 comments or questions from the readings for that session. **Do not summarize.** Please give thoughtful reactions, responses, and reflections. If the readings are from more than one book, try to comment on more than one book. We will use these as the basis of our discussion at the beginning of some

classes. These should be posted in Cougar Courses **before** each session and they should show that you have done the reading. Do NOT do reading reflections for the adolescent novels.

Literature Circles (Due Oct. 18):

We will read the books before our class session (see schedule and look for literature circles), engage in discussion and brainstorm teaching and learning activities that could be implemented in reading/language arts classrooms. You will meet before reading the books and choose the role you will prepare for when discussing the book. You can download and print your role here: http://www.ipadlitcircles.com/uploads/1/0/6/6/10664962/lit_circles.role_sheets.pdf or I can provide paper copies. The multicultural books are chosen to represent various genres, multiple perspectives and characters from a variety of backgrounds.

No final exam.

SCHEDULE/COURSE OUTLINE

*Differentiation and comprehension strategies will be woven into each class session.
Course Schedule Subject to Change*

Session	Topic	Readings & Assignments
1: September 2, 2016	Overview of course Creating a culture of literacy	Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapter 1
	What is language? What is literacy?	
2: September 9, 2016	Processes of literacy	RE-Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapter 1 Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapter 5 DUE: Reading Reflection for Ch 1 & 5
	Emergent literacy (e.g. phonemic awareness, concepts about print) Oral language development in the L1 and L2	
3: September 16, 2016	Word analysis (e.g. phonics, chunking, spelling)	Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapters 3 & 6 Read: Common Core State Standards (www.cde.ca.gov) DUE: Reading Reflection
	California Common Core State Standards	
4: September 23, 2016	Kindergarten/ First grade observations - Morning	Review: Any <i>Literacy</i> chapter that we have already read Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapter 11 DUE: Reading Reflection
	Assessment	
5: September 30, 2016	Comprehension instruction	Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapters 4 & 7 DUE: Kdg/First grade observation analysis DUE: Reading Reflection
6: October 7, 2016	Writing instruction	Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapters 2 & 8; Plus articles on CC DUE: Comprehension lesson plan DUE: Reading Reflection
	Day on the CSUSM campus with Jimmy Santiago Baca	
7: October 14, 2016	Considerations for designing effective literacy lessons	RE-Read: <i>Literacy</i> chapter 3 & 6 DUE: Reading Reflection DUE: Comprehension lesson plan DUE: Assessment menu
	Vocabulary and spelling	
8: October 21, 2016	Strategies for choosing texts Synthesis and closure	Read: <i>Literacy</i> appendix "Good Books and Where to Find Them" DUE: Lit Circles Role Sheet Due, Bring Book to class for Discussion