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Division of Special Education and disAbility Research**

**EDSE 790-003: *Internship in Special Education***

**CRN: 72836, 1-6 - Credit(s)**

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**Course Description:**

Supervised internships that apply university course work to instruction of children and their families in school and community settings. Notes: Students enroll in two separate internships appropriate to the area of study for a total of 6 credits.

**Prerequisite(s):** Passing scores on Praxis I prior to final internship, and permission of advisor.

**Advising Contact Information:**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. For assistance contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703)993-3145.

**Nature of Course Delivery:**

Learning activities include the following:

Individual demonstration, reflection, discussion, observation and consultation

**Learner Outcomes:**

Upon completion of the course, students will:

- Demonstrate understanding of development and the ability to plan and execute curriculum appropriate to the chronological ages, developmental and functional levels of the students being taught.
- Demonstrate the integration of the theoretical methodology with the practical applications in the field.
- Demonstrate positive and appropriate interactions with students, families and other professionals. This includes the ability to manage the classroom/resource room, co-teach in a general education setting, develop and enforce classroom expectations, develop strategies to anticipate behaviors and deal with them, and work through transitions during the day. This also includes demonstration of confidentiality when communicating about students with disabilities.
- Develop and implement developmentally and functionally appropriate intervention activities within a variety of settings, including those that enhance and support integration and/or inclusion as well as those activities that are therapeutically based. This includes demonstration of a positive learning environment geared to the individual as well as the group. This may also be demonstrated in the general classroom environment as well as special education settings.
- Demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively as part of a team including but not limited to general and special educators and therapists, parents and other related/support staff.
- Demonstrate the ability to be lead teacher by overseeing the entire classroom while also meeting the individual needs of students, directing/teaming with assistants, and monitoring the ongoing activities and tone of the class. If working with students on an individual basis, demonstrate the ability to plan for that child based on goals and objectives and provide on-going assessment for both the child and the intervention sessions.
- Demonstrate support within an integrated environment, as appropriate. This includes knowledge of general curriculum specific to the ages and grades of students, ability to modify the general education curriculum as needed, ability to work with general education staff in a manner which enhances the education of the student(s) with disabilities by providing direct or indirect support and the knowledge of how to work

with groups of students demonstrating mixed abilities and needs (whether identified as disabled or not).

- Select and utilize assessment and/or monitoring tools and strategies, including but not limited to county-wide assessments, SOLs, VAAP (as assessed for individual students), etc.
- Develop developmentally, educationally and functionally appropriate IEPs.
- Select and utilize workable and useful data/record keeping strategies.
- Monitor and analyze teaching performance.
- Demonstrate additional competencies contained in personal goals statement or delineated by the cooperating teacher and/or university supervisor.

**Required Textbooks:**

*Student Teaching Handbook*

**Recommended Textbooks:**

*none*

**Required Materials:**

*Student Teaching Handbook and Forms*

**Additional Readings:**

*none*

**Course's Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations:**

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the special education areas of Special Education: Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum K-12. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization. The CEC Standards are listed on the following website:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/ProfessionalStandards/> The CEC standards that will be addressed in this class include Standard 4: Instructional Strategies, Standard 5: Learning Environments and Social Interactions, Standard 6: Language, Standard 7: Instructional Planning, Standard 8: Assessment, Standard 9: Professional and Ethical Practice, and Standard 10: Collaboration. \*NOTE: NCATE Assessments (in many but not all courses) may address additional CEC standards.

**Policies (Attendance and Late Work Policies):**

*Attendance Policy:*

Attendance is clearly essential. Absenteeism requires advance notification per school policy. In addition, the cooperating teacher should be notified individually as should the university supervisor if a scheduled

meeting or observation will be missed. Excessive absenteeism can result in an extended placement or change of placement in partnership with the Field Placement Office.

*Late Work Policy:*

Assignment deadlines are negotiated between the university supervisor and the intern; therefore, if an assignment cannot be completed as required, the intern needs to reschedule the appointment or renegotiate the deadline. Submission of all assignments in accordance with the agreed upon schedule increases the likelihood of on-time completion of placement requirements.

**TaskStream Submission:**

For student evaluation, program evaluation, and accreditation purposes, all students are required to submit an NCATE assignment from selected Special Education courses to TaskStream. The NCATE assignment required for this course mu

**Grading Scale:**

There are only two grades available for this course:

*Satisfactory* – student has successfully completed course requirements and successfully presented portfolio.

*No Credit* – student has not provided sufficient work to evaluate progress toward meeting por

**Schedule:**

The schedule is set in partnership among the intern, the cooperating teacher, and the university supervisor. Therefore, the basic schedule should be agreed upon in the orientation meeting with specific calendar items established in accordance with the required products noted in the syllabus and the handbook.

**Student Teaching Handbook:**

Detailed responsibilities and requirements for this course are included in the *Student Teaching Handbook*. This document provides descriptions of the responsibilities of the student, university supervisor and the cooperating teachers. It also includes copies of all of the forms and materials necessary to complete the internship and provide documentation for Taskstream and for the credentialing department in the College of Education and Human Development.

**GMU POLICIES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:**

*a.* Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/>].

*b.* Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html>].

- c.* Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- d.* The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See <http://caps.gmu.edu/>].
- e.* Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>].
- f.* Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- g.* The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See <http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>].

## **PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITIONS**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times.

## **CORE VALUES COMMITMENT**

The College of Education & Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles. <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/Revised 06/25/12>

*For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See <http://gse.gmu.edu/>].*

**Note:** *This syllabus may change according to class needs. Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.*