

MICKELSON EXXONMOBIL TEACHERS ACADEMY SYLLABUS

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Division of Elementary, Literacy, Multicultural and Secondary
Education**

**EDUC 500.621
Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy
Fall 2012
Sunday – Friday
7:45 am – 4:30 pm
July 22nd, 2012 through December 1st, 2012
Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, New Jersey**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Strengthen pedagogy and content knowledge in math and science for teachers in grades 3 – 5 the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy is a five-day residential intensive course.

COURSE PURPOSE AND INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Goals for the Academy are to focus on Improving the Teaching and Learning of Mathematics and Science:

Members of the academy teams will:

- Deepen their understanding of mathematics and science content in the areas of data and statistics, measurement, force and motion;
- Build expertise in facilitating student learning through problem solving and inquiry;
- Use links between math and science to support student learning;
- Understand how children learn and apply that knowledge to classroom instruction;
- Increase their knowledge and use of instructional resources to support student learning; and
- Network with others involved in elementary school mathematics and science education.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

National Board for Professional Teaching Standard, Core Proposition 2

REQUIRED/SUPPLEMENTAL/RECOMMENDED TEXTS AND/OR READINGS:

Required Texts:

Uncovering Ideas in Physical Science, Page Keeley
Stop Faking It: Force and Motion, William Robertson
Math Matters 2nd Edition, Suzanna Chapin and Art Johnson
Questions for Math Teaching by Peter Sullivan and Pat Lilburn

Supplemental Readings:

Article: Science and Children, November 2010 – Science Notebooking

Article: Science and Children, January 2011 – Date Collection

Others as assigned

COURSE REQUIREMENTS, PERFORMANCE-BASED ASSESSMENTS, EVALUATION CRITERIA, AND GRADING SCALE:

All participants are required to attend ALL whole group, color group and number group sessions. The total course hours range from 35 – 45 hours.

Participants are also required to complete follow-up reflection due November 1, 2012.

***Reflection: (1 -3 pages typed)**

These questions guided your “Planning for Instruction” at the end of the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

- ☐ What one significant change do you plan to make in your mathematics and science instruction when you return to your classroom? If you are not a classroom teacher, respond from the perspective of your role in supporting mathematics and science instruction.
- ☐ Why is this a change you want to make?
- ☐ What impact do you expect this change to make on student learning? On other’s learning?
- ☐ What support do you need to make this change happen?

Your Reflection Task (1-3 pages double-spaced typed) builds on the plan. Use the questions below to guide this reflection.

- ☐ Describe how this change has impacted your teaching and your students’ learning.
- ☐ Share both challenges and success stories.
- ☐ Share examples of student work or other evidence reflecting this change in your teaching.
Examples: scan samples of your students’ notebooks, share a 5E lesson plan, ask your students for feedback on a lesson, etc.
- ☐ Describe your “next steps” in changing your personal teaching practice to model the objectives of the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy.

Please send all reflection papers s to [your course instructor](#) on or before Thursday, November 1st, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

GRADING SCALE:

A = 10 points

A- = 7 – 9 points

B+ = 5 – 6 points

B = 3 – 4 points

C = 2 -1 points

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS:

The Graduate School of Education (GSE) expects that all students abide by the following:

Students are expected to exhibit professional behavior and dispositions. See gse.gmu.edu for a listing of these dispositions.

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PROPOSED CLASS SCHEDULE:

Schedules are placed in registration packets.

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SUNDAY 22-Jul-12	MONDAY 23-Jul-12	TUESDAY 24-Jul-12	WEDNESDAY 25-Jul-12	THURSDAY 26-Jul-12	FRIDAY 27-Jul-12
	R: G: B:	R: G: B:	R: G: B:	R: G: B:	R: G: B:
	P: Y:	P: Y:	P: Y:	P: Y:	P: Y:
	7:00-7:45 Breakfast	7:00-7:45 Breakfast	7:00-7:45 Breakfast	7:00-7:45 Breakfast	7:00-7:45 Breakfast
	8:00-8:45 Whole Group LuAnn/Sherri	8:00 - 9:45 Color Group	8:00-8:45 Planning time 45 mins	8:00-10:30 Color Groups	8:00-10:45 Color Group
	<i>Interactive Theater</i> 30 mins	<i>Walking Directions</i> 1 hour and 45 mins		<i>Origami Boxes</i>	<i>Iron Scientist</i>
	8:45 - 9:15 Whole Group Emil Jacobs 30 mins		8:45-9:00 Break <i>restrooms only</i> 15 mins	2 hours and 30 mins	2 hours and 45 mins
Key		9:45-11:15 Color Group	9:00-11:00 Color Group	10:30-10:45 Break 15 mins	10:45-11:00 Break 15 mins
Color Groups:	9:15-9:30 Break <i>restroom only</i> 15 mins	<i>Gravity on a Roll</i> <i>Speed & Acceleration</i> 1 hour and 30 mins	<i>Measurement Menu</i> 2 hours		
Red				10:45-12:15 Whole Group Learning Center	11:00-11:30 Planning time 30 mins
Green	9:30-11:15 Color Group			1 hour and 30 mins	11:30-12:30 LUNCH 1 hour
Blue	<i>Egg Drop</i> 1 hour and 45 mins		11:00 - 11:15 Break 15 mins		
Purple		11:15 - 11:30 - Break 15 mins		12:15-1:15 LUNCH 1 hour	12:30-1:45 Whole Group
Yellow			11:15-1:00 Color Group	<i>with ExxonMobil Guests</i>	<i>Calvin Mackie -- Keynote</i>
Orange	11:15-12:30 Color Group	11:30 -12:30 Color Group	<i>Thirds the Charm</i> 1 hour and 45 mins		1 hour and 15 mins
Classrooms:	<i>Four Points</i> 1 hour and 15 min	<i>Science/Math Notebooks</i> 1 hour		1:15 - 3:00 Color Group	
			1:00 End of Day		
3:00-5:00 Registration				<i>Pendulums</i> 1 hour and 45 minutes	1:45 - 2:00 Group Photo
5:30 Reception	12:30-1:30 LUNCH -	12:30-1:30 LUNCH	1:15 - 1:45 Staff Debriefing		
6:30 Dinner -- 8th floor	School Team Working Lunch 1 hour	School Team Working Lunch 1 hour		3:00 - 4:00 Whole Group	2:00 Departure
8:00 Team Coordinators	1:30-2:30 Whole Group Cathy Seeley 1 hour	1:30-2:45 Color Group <i>How Children Learn</i> 1 hour and 15 mins		<i>Special Session</i> 1 hour	Staff/Faculty Clean-up
	2:30 -2:45 Break 15 mins	2:45-3:00 Break 15 mins			
	2:45-4:30 Color Groups	3:00 - 5:00 Color Group		5:30-6:30 Reception 1 hour	
	<i>What's Typical</i> 1 hour and 45 mins	<i>May the Force Be With You</i> 2 hours			
				6:30-9:00 Dinner Gerry Wheeler -- Keynote Grand Ballroom	
	5:00 - 6:00 Staff Debriefing	5:30 - 6:30 Staff Debriefing			