



FAST TRAIN Programs

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
EDUC 511:
Introduction to Teaching in International Schools
6F1, CRN 42714
3 Credits

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Course Description

This course focuses on the structure and variations of international schools and human growth and development of their students. This includes the examination of international education, its mission and philosophies; comparative models of international education; the relationship between models of international education and patterns of student development; and parameters of effective instruction.

Nature of Course

This course is a seminar. This means that our work together will primarily be through dialogue with each other. We will have a variety of activities including cooperative learning, mini-lectures, videos, micro-teaching and applications of your readings. Your own experiences as teachers, readers, writers, and learners, along with the course readings, will be an important part of our developing collective understandings.

It is vitally important for each student to complete the assigned readings on a daily basis. Typically, a course meets once weekly for approximately 2.5 hours in the case of FAST TRAIN courses it is an accelerated program both in the acquisition of information and in its application. Expect to complete readings and assignments for every day of the class. **Successful students in**

the FAST TRAIN learning environment are proactive, self-regulated, and manage their time well.

Learner Outcomes

This course is designed to enable students to:

1. To become familiar with the role and purpose of international schools, as well understanding contemporary issues in the international school community.
2. To become familiar with international school student characteristics - including the stage theories of development, age-level characteristics and student variability.
3. To identify and analyze issues related to education in a pluralistic and multicultural setting and society.
4. To become familiar with principles in educational psychology that affect learning.
5. To understand the parameters of effective instruction - including behavioral learning theories, cognitive learning theory, information processing theory, as well as understanding motivation and humanistic approaches to education.
6. To become familiar with the following aspects of child abuse: definition, historical evolution, different forms, underlying factors, legal statutes, assessments, interventions.

Standards: The following standards will be addressed in this course:

ACEI Standards: Candidates for certification, licensure and/or degree in the FAST TRAIN program are expected to demonstrate their acquisition and ability to apply the following ACEI Standards at acceptable or target levels:

1.0 Development, Learning and Motivation – candidates know, understand and use the major concepts, principles, theories and research related to development of children and young adolescents to construct learning opportunities that support individual students' development, acquisition of knowledge and motivation.

3.2 Adaptation to Diverse Learners – candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

4.0 Assessment for instruction – candidates know, understand and use formal and informal assessment strategies to plan, evaluate and strengthen instruction that will promote continuous intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of each elementary student.

5.1 Professional growth, reflection and evaluation – candidates are aware of and reflect on their practice in light of research on teaching, professional ethics and resources available for professional learning; they continually evaluate the effects of their professional decisions and actions on students, families and other professionals in the learning community and actively seek out opportunities to grow professionally.

5.2 Collaboration with families, colleagues, and community agencies – candidates know the importance of establishing and maintaining a positive collaborative relationship with

families, school colleagues, and agencies in the larger community to promote the intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth and well-being of children.

Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organization

EDUC 511 is the introductory course in FAST TRAIN, a program that prepares elementary and ESOL teachers for international schools. FAST TRAIN applies the goals of GMU elementary and ESOL education curriculum to an international context. EDUC 511 focuses upon the program goals that address educational foundations, **especially in human growth and development and psychology**. In addition, EDUC 511 primarily addresses the following Standards from the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) and the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE). EDUC 511 also addresses the following Core Values from the College of Education and Human Development. Visit the appropriate links for complete descriptions and examples of each standard and/or value.

INTASC	ITSE	Core Values
Standard #1 Learner Development	Standard #1 Facilitate & Inspire Student Learning and Creativity	Value #2 Ethical Leadership
Standard #2 Learning Differences	Standard #2 Design & Develop Digital-Age Learning Experiences & Assessments	Value #5 Social Justice
Standard #3 Learning Environments	Standard #3 Model Digital-Age Work and Learning	
Standard #9 Professional Learning and Ethical Practice	Standard #4 Promote & Model Digital Citizenship & Responsibility	
Standard #10 Leadership & Collaboration	Standard #5 Engage in Professional Growth & Leadership	
http://www.ccsso.org/intasc	http://www.iste.org/standards	http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/

Further, EDUC 511 addresses the following essential understandings in the IB Level I Award Programme at an introductory (awareness) level:

- A. International education and the role/philosophy of the IBO programmes.
- B. Curriculum frameworks (principles, structures and practices).
- C. Curriculum and instructional design.
- D. Curriculum articulation
- F. Teaching methodologies and the support of learning
- G. Differentiated teaching strategies
- H. Selection and evaluation of teaching and learning materials
- I. The principles of assessment
- N. The principles and process of reflective practice
- O. Collaborative working: planning, implementation and evaluation.

Required Course Texts

Ormrod, J.E. (2014). *Educational psychology: Developing learners* (8th edition). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson. **ISBN: 978-0-13-297442-4**

Students are responsible for having the most recent edition of the required textbook. Should you purchase another edition, it will be your responsibility to make the adaptations for readings in on your own. **Online versions of the textbook (rented) are NOT recommended for this course since you will need the textbook to finish your Child/Adolescent Study and field work.**

Technology Resources

- All students are required to have access to a computer with Internet access and a current GMU email account.
- All students will be enrolled in the online Curriculum Center through the International Baccalaureate Organization.
- Relevant Websites:

U.S. DOE, Education Resources Information Center

<http://www.askeric.org/Virtual/Lessons/Guide2.html>

The Gateway Collection of Lesson Plans (U.S. DOE)

<http://www.thegateway.org/collections.html>

Education World – Lesson Planning

http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson

International Baccalaureate Organization – Online Curriculum Center (OCC)

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

Virginia Standards of Learning

<http://www.knowledge.state.va.us/main/sol/sol.cfm>

American Psychological Association

<http://www.apa.org>

Child Abuse Prevention

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/mandated_reporters/cws5691/requirements.html

GMU Policies and Resources for students

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See <http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/>].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>].
- 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.

- 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/>].
- 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/>]. FAST TRAIN students attending during the 8 day summer session must notify their instructor the first day of class should they need additional support because of a disability.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- 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. [See <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>]

Laptop/Cell Phone Use

Laptop use is permitted at the discretion of the instructor and for specific purposes as assigned in the class (e.g. small group work). Laptops will be closed during discussions, lectures and other assignments in class which require your full attention. Cell phones must be turned off during class periods. Cell phones may be used during break or at lunch time.

Integrity of Work

FAST TRAIN students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code ([http:// oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/](http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/)). The principle of academic integrity is taken very seriously and violations are treated as such.

Violations of the Honor Code include:

- Copying a paper or part of a paper from another student (current or past);
- Reusing work that you have already submitted for another class (unless express permission has been granted by your current professor **before** you submit the work);
- Copying the words of an author from a textbook or any printed source (including the Internet), or closely paraphrasing without providing a citation to credit the author. For

examples of what should be cited, please refer to:
<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/>

You may also not “reuse” fieldwork hours. Each placement must have 20 documented hours that are solely for each course that you are in; you may be at the same site, but the same hours may not be counted toward the same course.

Grading Scale:

At George Mason University, course work is measured in terms of quantity and quality. A credit normally represents one hour per week of lecture or recitation or not fewer than two hours per week of laboratory work throughout a semester. The number of credits is a measure of quantity. The grade is a measure of quality. The system for grading graduate courses is as follows:

Grade	GRADING	Graduate Courses
A+	100	Highly Satisfactory / Passing
A	94-99	Satisfactory / Passing
A-	90-93	Satisfactory / Passing
B+	85-89	Satisfactory / Passing
B	80-84	Satisfactory / Passing
C	70-79	Does not meet requirements of the Graduate School of Education
F	<69	Does not meet requirements of the Graduate School of Education

Grades below a B must be repeated for licensure coursework and no grade below a B can be used for IB credentials.

Field Work Assessment

Each student is required to complete 20 hours of fieldwork for this course. The fieldwork will be completed in conjunction with the Performance Based Assessment for the course, the *Child/Adolescent Study*. The fieldwork will be marked as:

Satisfactory: completion of all assignments with high quality in a timely and efficient manner.

Unsatisfactory: incomplete and/or low quality of assignments submitted or work submitted than one week late from due date.

NOTE: Failure to submit documentation of successful completion of your **field work in a timely manner** will make you ineligible to register for coursework or be recommended for licensure.

Incomplete (IN)

This grade may be given to students who are in good standing, but who may be unable to complete scheduled course work for a cause beyond reasonable control. The student must then

complete all the requirements by the end of the ninth week of the next semester, not including summer term, and the instructor must turn in the final grade by the end of the 10th week. Unless an explicit written extension is filed with the Registrar's Office by the faculty deadline, the grade of IN is changed by the registrar to an F (Mason catalog). Faculty may grant an incomplete with a contract developed by the student with a reasonable time to complete the course at the discretion of the faculty member. The faculty member does not need to allow up to the following semester for the student to complete the course. A copy of the contract will be kept on file in the FAST TRAIN office.

GMU E-mail & Web Policy

Mason uses electronic mail (www.gmu.edu/email) to provide official information to students. Examples include notices from the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback. Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their Mason e-mail account and are required to activate that account and check it regularly (Mason catalog).

All communication sent for this course and from FAST TRAIN will be sent to your Mason email account.

Course Withdrawal with Dean Approval

For graduate and non-degree students, withdrawal after the last day for dropping a course requires approval by the student's academic dean, and is permitted only for nonacademic reasons that prevent course completion (Mason catalog). *Students must contact an academic advisor in FAST TRAIN to withdraw after the deadline.* There is no guarantee that such withdrawals will be permitted.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to participate in **all full-day class sessions**. No absences are permitted in the 8 day sessions. Failure to attend all 8 days of the summer session will result in course failure. In-class participation is important not only to the individual student, but to the class as whole. *Class participation is a factor in grading; instructors may use absence, tardiness, or early departure as de facto evidence of nonparticipation and as a result lower the grade as stated in the course syllabus* (GMU 2014).

Performance Based Assessment (PBA)

All courses in FAST TRAIN will have a required Performance Based Assessment (PBA). The required PBA for this course is the *Child/Adolescent Study*. This assignment must be posted to Task Stream, where it will be reviewed and scored. **The PBA and field work documents are due December 1, 2014.**

Task Stream

Every student registered for any FAST TRAIN course with a required performance-based assessment (will be designated as such in the syllabus) is required to submit this assessment (The CHILD/ADOLESCENT STUDY) to Task Stream (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). Evaluation of your performance-based assessment will also be provided using Task Stream.

Failure to submit the assessment to Task Stream by December 1, 2014 will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless this grade is changed upon completion of the required Task Stream submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

Late Work/Submissions

At the graduate level all work is expected to be of high quality and submitted on the dates due. *Work submitted late will be reduced one letter grade for every half-day of delay during summer sessions.* Because we live in uncertain times, if you have any extraordinary circumstances (*think* flood, earthquake, evacuation) that prevent you from submitting your work in a timely manner, it is your responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible after the circumstances occur and make arrangements to complete your work. *It is up to the discretion of the instructor to approve the late/makeup work.*

Course requirements

All assignments should be turned in on the due date indicated in the schedule below via Blackboard **except** for the final assignment, the Performance Based Assessment (PBA), and the fieldwork materials. The PBA and fieldwork documentation should be uploaded into **Task Stream**. The submission deadline for assignments is 5:00 pm EST of the due date indicated for each assignment. All projects must be typed, in a legible 12-point font, with one-inch margins, and double-spaced. All writing assignments should be submitted as Word documents, or a word processor based format. Writing quality (including mechanics, organization, and content) is figured into the overall points for each writing assignment, so please proofread carefully. All work should follow APA 6th edition guidelines.

Late papers and projects will not be accepted without penalty, except for in extraordinary circumstances. I am happy to clarify and lend assistance on projects and assignments, but please contact me within a reasonable timeframe.

Course Evaluation Guidelines

Students are expected to keep up with the readings, arrive promptly, be prepared, and participate in all class discussions and activities. The final grade will be based on the following course requirements:

Dispositions Essay	15%	Due Wednesday, June 25th
Multi-media Influences on Learning	25%	Due Sunday, June 29th
Classroom Management Portfolio	20%	Due Wednesday, July 2nd
*Child/Adolescent Study Assignment (PBA)	25%	Due December 1st
<u>In-Class Assignments, Participation, Timeliness, and Attendance</u>	<u>15%</u>	

100%

Field Experience Requirements	S/U	Due December 1st
Child Abuse Prevention Module	S/U	Due Wednesday, July 2nd

***PBA must be submitted in Taskstream**

Assignments

1. Child Abuse, Neglect, and Intervention (S/U)

This on-line training module will provide an overview on child abuse and neglect. Students will find the tutorial at the following web site:

http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/mandated_reporters/cws5691/requirements.html

The purpose of the training is to become familiar with the multiple aspects of child abuse, including: the definition and historical evolution of child abuse, different forms, underlying factors, legal statutes, assessments, and interventions. Because teachers will work with helping professionals from different disciplines, this course will also provide a multidisciplinary perspective to child abuse and neglect.

*This module is a licensure requirement, it **must** be completed prior to applying for licensure and the printed certificate attached to your application for Virginia licensure.*

Plan to spend about two hours for the completion of the training session. Once you have completed the module you will be able to print a certificate that verifies your completion of the training. **This certificate should be kept by the student for licensure purposes.** Upon completion of your training, upload a copy of the certificate onto Blackboard to receive credit for completing the training module.

2. Dispositions for a Career Educator Essay (15%)

The College of Education and Human Development along with national and international organizations promote maintaining standards of professional competence. Students must meet GSE grading standards and course requirements as well as *demonstrate professional performance* in the areas required of professional educators: content knowledge, pedagogical skill, and professional dispositions.

This assignment requires you to consider the professional performance criteria for career educators and the IB Learner Profile. To do this, you will write a 4-5 page, double spaced, **reflective essay** identifying **your** professional strengths and areas for development, with respect to the Dispositions of a Career Educator and the IB Learner Profile. The Dispositions Paper will account for **15%** of your final grade.

IMPORTANT: This is not a paper of *how you would teach*, but an examination of what you believe your strengths or weaknesses are with respect to the Dispositions of a Career Educator and the IB Learner Profile. These strengths and weaknesses should be *clarified*

and substantiated with sufficient evidence. Even if you have not taught before, you can use your prior experience to show your dispositions. For example, if you have worked in an office, you could tell me that you have “advanced your profession” (found under Commitment to the Profession) because you have taken outside courses to improve yourself in respect to your job.

The Dispositions for a Career Educator, IB Learner Profile, and rubric can be found on Blackboard.

3. Multimedia Project: Influences on Learning and Student Engagement (25%)

This assignment is designed to increase your knowledge about factors that influence students and their ability to engage in learning. The concept you choose should help you work more effectively with students and should be related to topics in the course. Examples of topics include: the importance of play in early childhood, Third Culture Kids (TCK’s), gifted and talented students, the effects of divorce on children, inclusion in international schools, mobility/transition, cultural influences on teaching/learning, language/learning, learning disabled students... **You must have your topic approved by the instructor, and only one student will be permitted per topic.**

Working independently, students will utilize a multimedia tool (Prezi, iMovie, PowerPoint, etc.) to design a presentation on his or her selected topic. Presentations will be shared with the entire class and posted online. The goal of the presentation is to teach your fellow classmates about this specific topic, and the presentation should be viewed as one that could be presented in a professional development session for teachers.

To gather your data, review several sources including the IBO website on special needs/issues. Two to three of your sources should come from *traditional references* such as referred journals or books. You may use the Internet as a source of information, but you will need to evaluate the quality of the information you find and reference it properly. As you research the concept you may find that it is too broad in nature, and consequently you may have to narrow or modify your topic as you conduct your search and develop your presentation. Check with your instructor if you need to change your topic.

Read and review what you have found, then select a *minimum of five sources* for your presentation of the key findings on the topic. **Please note the presentation is not necessarily a summary of the topic, rather it should identify information that will be helpful to you as a teacher.** In addition, supply at least *five* on-line resources that your colleagues can draw upon to find further resources and information about your topic. The presentation will count for **25%** of your final grade, and the rubric can be located on Blackboard.

4. Classroom Management Portfolio (20%)

The purpose of this assignment is to help you reflect on the relationship between *your philosophy of education and your style of management* in your classroom (now or in the

future). For this assignment, each student will write a brief review of their current practices that he or she uses (or intends to use) to manage the classroom environment that reflects his/her professional philosophy/dispositions toward teaching and learning. Each student will then create a portfolio of 4 potential strategies that will be considered for use in his or her own classroom and 2 organizational strategies. To complete this, students are encouraged to draw from Ormrod, but **three additional sources must** be utilized. Each strategy needs to be defined and explained, and an example of how the strategy could be situated in classroom practice needs to be provided.

Your paper should range from 6-8 double spaced pages. The Classroom Management Portfolio will count for 20% of your final grade, and the rubric can be found on Blackboard.

8. Child/Adolescent Study *Performance Based Assessment (25%)

***To be uploaded on Task Stream**

All FAST TRAIN licensure courses have a required Performance Based Assessment (PBA). The required PBA for this course is the **Child/Adolescent Study Assignment**. *PBAs must be uploaded on to Task Stream.*

You will conduct a **Child/Adolescent Study** using a *variety* of activities, small/whole group lessons, teacher/parent/student interviews, etc., and write paper that describes the key findings. The study should be completed over time to provide a glimpse of how children develop. No Child/Adolescent Study less than 3 weeks in duration is considered suitable for this assignment. It is important that you read the guidelines **NOW** so that you know what you will be writing about for this assignment.

The purpose of the study is to begin to learn about international children in a holistic sense. It is important to note that these activities are introductory in nature - they cannot explain characteristics of large groups of students. It is important to begin planning for your Child/Adolescent Study very early in your Field Experience in order to complete sufficient activities and observations with your target student. The Child/Adolescent Study will count for **25%** of your final grade.

The Child/Adolescent Study guidelines document, which contains detailed directions, and the Child/Adolescent Study rubric can be found on Blackboard. The PBA guidelines and rubric are also included at the end of this syllabus.

9. Field Experience and Field Experience Reflection (S/U)

***To be uploaded on Task Stream**

The **field experience is a required component** of the teacher preparation program at George Mason University. All students will complete a minimum of 20 hours in field experience for this course. Documentation of your field experience is required as well as

a signed statement from your field experience teacher(s) or supervisor(s). The Fieldwork documents are located on Blackboard.

In addition to the fieldwork log, each student will write a 2-3 page reflection on the fieldwork experience. The reflection should explain what you have learned from the fieldwork experience and your overall reflections on the process.

10. In Class Participation (15%)

This class is based upon **informed** participation. Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned content using examples from the text or other readings to support classroom experiences and knowledge about educational psychology and child development. While your current knowledge as a teacher is important to your understandings, finding evidence and research-based support is critical to expanding your knowledge as a practitioner. Further, students are expected to actively participate in in-class activities, be supportive of their classmates and conduct themselves in a professional manner throughout the program. Finally, students are expected to arrive to class on time and be mindful of breaks, lunch and departure times from class. Any departure from the above expectations will result in a deduction of points in the participation grade – simply ‘being’ in class is insufficient to obtain full participation points.

EDUC 511 Tentative Class Schedule*

<i>International Education</i>	
Date	Monday, June 23
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters 1 and 2 Omrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Read through syllabus and review information in Bb 2. Take the pre-assessment and establish goals 3. In class activities – preparing Dispositions essay

<i>The Need for Global Education</i> and <i>Cognitive and Linguistic Development</i>	
Date	Tuesday, June 24
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q & A on syllabus and requirements 2. Review of Dispositions Essay – Q & A

<i>International Schools</i> and <i>Personal and Social Development</i>	
Date	Tuesday, June 24

Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3 – Ormrod • Chapter 2 – Hayden (Bb)
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Looking Ahead: Multi-Media Presentation for Monday 2. In class activities 3. <i>Babies</i>

	<i>Group Differences</i>
Date	Wednesday, June 25th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 4 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In class activities

	<i>Third Culture Kids</i> and <i>Individual Differences and Special Educational Needs</i>
Date	Wednesday, June 25th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 5 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete all readings to date 2. Assessing intelligence 3. Dispositions Essay Due – post to Bb

	<i>Learning, Cognition, and Memory</i>
Date	Thursday, June 26th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 6 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Q & A Multi-media Presentation due to Bb Sunday 2. How to give a good presentation - Bb

	<i>Complex Cognitive Processes</i>
Date	Thursday, June 26th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 7 – Ormrod
Assignments	1. In class activities on cognitive processing

	<i>Growing up Internationally: Benefits and Challenges and Learning and Cognition in Context</i>
Date	Friday, June 27th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 8 – Ormrod
Assignments	1. In class activities

	<i>Behaviorist Views of Learning</i>
Date	Friday, June 27th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 9 – Ormrod
Assignments	1. Demonstrations of behaviorist teaching & learning

	<i>PYP and Social Cognitive Views of Learning</i>
Date	Friday, June 27th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 10 – Ormrod • PYP Basis for Practice (on Blackboard) • Guest Speaker on PYP

Assignments due	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-class activities 2. Submit Presentation on Learning Influences, Sunday June 29th to Bb
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	<i>Teaching Perspectives</i> <i>Motivation and Affect</i>
Date	Monday, June 30th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 11 – Ormrod
Assignments due	1. Individual presentations on Learning Influences

	<i>Instructional Strategies</i>
Date	Monday, June 30th
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 12 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-class activities 2. Review of Child/Adolescent Study Guidelines (Bb)

	<i>Creating a Productive Learning Environment</i>
Date	Tuesday, July 1st
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 13 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-class activities 2. Invitational Education (Bb)

	<i>Global Thinking in Action</i> and <i>Classroom Assessment Strategies</i>
Date	Tuesday, July 1st

Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 14 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Classroom Management Portfolio Due – post to Bb 2. In class activities

	<i>Summarizing Students' Achievement and Abilities</i>
Date	Wednesday, July 3rd
Readings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 15 – Ormrod
Assignments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Child Abuse Prevention Module – certificated posted to Bb 2. Self-Assessment Due 3. Course Evaluations Due

- *The instructor reserves the right to modify and or change the schedule to better suit the needs of the class.*

Guidelines for Child/Adolescent Study

Overview:

The case study is a rich portrait of the development of a student that you observed in the school context. It is based on your written observations, interactions with the child and includes general descriptive information about family, community, and cultural context. The purpose is to help you learn how to observe children and collect data systematically so that you gain insight into development. These skills will enable you to assess students and plan developmentally and culturally appropriate learning experiences for them.

The purpose of the Child/Adolescent Study is to systematically collect evidence about an international student. Observations of children are foundational to assessment and in your teaching may be used to adjust curriculum and plan learning opportunities to meet student's individual needs. Observations also help parents understand different levels of mastery, engagement, and behavior.

Teachers should have a good sense of the progression of capabilities for each area of development to be observed. Knowing what comes before or after developmentally allows the teacher to generally know what to expect. For individual children, establishing a baseline of observations allow us to see how children grow over time.

All data collected should have a purpose in mind. For example, asking yourself, "what do I hope to learn from my observations?" or "how will I use the information I have learned?" help to establish purpose. Data can be collected through a variety of means: lesson plans, narratives, time/event sampling, anecdotal records, review of academic records, teacher or parent interviews, checklists, observations, or student work products. It is not necessary to use all of these means to collect data during your Child/Adolescent Study however it is very important to use a *variety of means, over time, to collect your evidence.*

Be sure that you do not make a child feel isolated or uncomfortable during this process. Work with a small group of children during the Child/Adolescent Study but collect data/evidence only on your target child. Your classroom teacher/supervisor should be able to help you arrange a non-intrusive manner in which to complete your work.

If you are not currently a teacher, be sure to get permission from teachers or parents for activities in which you are an active participant and collecting data. Most schools will allow you to collect general information about a child as a normal part of your field experience. In some schools, you will need specific permission both from a supervisor, your teacher and/or parents, be sure to obtain any needed permissions before you begin. If you are a practicing professional follow the guidelines in your school policies.

All reports must use pseudonyms (fictitious names) to protect the confidentiality of the school, parent, child and teacher. At no point should anyone be able to identify the student or school. Your final report will be given directly to your instructor; no copies should be distributed or disseminated. Remember you are learning how to observe and make sense of

those observations – you need to be cautious in your interpretations and discuss your findings with your teacher for clarification.

Each case study will include the following:

1. Physical description of the child/student
2. Summary of the child's socio-cultural context (family, school, community, language,
3. Socio-economic status, ethnicity)
4. Summary of the child's capability in each of the developmental areas (physical, cognitive,
5. Linguistic, social, emotional, moral) supported by specific examples from your observations/teaching/interviews/interactions with the child
6. Summary of the elements of the learner profile (IB) found in the environment and exhibited by the student.
7. Description of the teaching implications for the child/student
8. Reflection of what you've learned by doing a Child/Adolescent Study describing your experience.

Your observations, lessons taught, interviews and other field notes constitute the data for your case study. Your knowledge of course material (e.g. child/adolescent development theory and research, the influence of family, community, culture and school on development) should be woven throughout to provide research/theoretical support for your analysis.

Support your analysis and conclusions with specific examples from your observations, field notes, lessons, pupil products, parent or teacher interviews. Do not send all of your evidence just those samples that support the statements in your analysis. Do not rely on a single source of data (e.g. observational) to support your analysis - you must demonstrate the use of multiple methods to collect your evidence.

The paper should be written in narrative form, single-sided, double-spaced, and between 12 to 15 pages in length. Use APA format. Attach samples of your ethnographic records and anecdotal observations as an appendix (these samples should be the ones you draw upon in your paper as evidence of your analysis).

Each FAST TRAIN student is required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of fieldwork. Using your fieldwork time can also provide your evidence for your Child/Adolescent Study report. *If you cannot use your fieldwork site to complete your Child/Adolescent Study then you will need to arrange other opportunities to complete your Child/Adolescent Study.*

PBA Rubric

Criteria/Level	Excellent 5-6	Exceeds Standards 3-4	Meets Standards 2-3	Not Met 0-1
Physical Description of the Child ACEI Standard 2.7	Description of the child gives a comprehensive picture of their physical development and ways to foster active and healthy life styles	Description of the child gives a clear picture of their physical development and ways to foster active and healthy life styles	Description of the child gives an incomplete picture of their physical development and is supported by a brief description to support active and healthy life styles	Little to any physical description of the child with no further description of active/healthy life styles
Socio-cultural context ACEI Standard 5.2	Establishes contact with teachers, parents and other resource personnel to provide a clear and comprehensive description of the family, school, community and culture, including linguistic background and socio-economic status is provided and linked to research	Establishes contact with teachers, parents and other resource personnel to provide a very good description of the family, school, community and culture, including language and socio-economic status, is provided and supported by research	Establishes limited contact with teachers, parents and other resource personnel to provide a satisfactory description of the family, school, community and culture is provides with a few connections to research	Description is vague and unclear with no connections to parents, teachers, resource personnel or research
Summary of child's capability in the developmental areas ACEI Standard 1.0	Provides evidence of knowledge understanding and major concepts related to the development of children and young adolescents. The samples of the child's development is clearly documented in all five areas and supported with significant evidence to support teaching implications	Provides evidence of knowledge understanding and major concepts related to the development of children and young adolescents The samples of the child's development is documented in four of the five areas with sufficient evidence to support teaching implications	Provide limited evidence of knowledge understanding and major concepts related to the development of children and young adolescents The samples of the child's development is documented in 3 of 5 areas with sufficient evidence to support teaching	Provide little evidence of knowledge understanding and major concepts related to the development of children and young adolescents The samples of the child's development are 0-2 with insufficient evidence to support teaching implications

			implications	
Summary of the Learner Profile	Description of the Learner elements gives a comprehensive picture of the child/environment in relationship to the elements	Description of the Learner elements gives clear picture of the child/environment in relationship to the elements	Description of the Learner elements gives an incomplete picture child's environment and does not development the relationship between the two	Little to any description of the Learner elements with no connections evident
Teaching Implications ACIE Standard 4.0	Use informal assessment strategies to plan instruction that will promote continuous development. Thoroughly and effectively describes the connection between collected data and teaching recommendations that are supported by research	Use informal assessment strategies to plan instruction that will promote continuous development Very good description between collected data and teaching recommendations that are supported by research	Use informal assessment strategies to plan instruction that will promote continuous development Satisfactory description of the relationship between data collected and teaching implications supported by some research	Use informal assessment strategies to plan instruction that will promote continuous development Description is vague and unclear. No clear research support is given for teaching implications
Reflects on Case Study ACEI 5.1	Demonstrates in-depth and comprehensive reflection of case study experience and relationship to research on child development, teaching implications and findings from the study.	Demonstrates a clear reflection of case study experience and relationship to research on child development, teaching implications and findings from the study.	A limited reflection of case study experience with few ties to research on child development, teaching implications and findings from the study.	Little or no reflection of case study experience
Overall:	Individual case study is comprehensive and presented in a professional a timely manner	Individual case study is clearly presented in a professional and timely manner	Individual case study is incomplete but presented in a professional and timely manner	Individual case study is incomplete and not presented in a professional or timely manner

Comments:

