

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Graduate School of Education
Elementary Education

EDCI 544 Section 002
Curriculum and Methods of Teaching in Elementary Education
3 credits/Spring 2016
4:30-7:10 pm/Mondays
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A. **Prerequisites:** Admission to Elementary Education graduate program; must be taken in programmatic sequence.

B. **University Catalog Course Description:** Introduction to general methods of teaching in elementary schools focusing on planning, teaching strategies, management, assessment, and differentiation.

C. **Expanded Course Description:** N/A

D. This course requires 15 hours of field observation. Additional details are in the ‘assignments’ section.

NATURE OF COURSE DELIVERY:

This course includes multiple instructional strategies and formats including face to face and asynchronous online meetings. Individual session formats vary and may include lecture, small group/large group discussion, hands-on, interactive work, student presentations, and cooperative learning. Practical applications of theory are explored in group activities.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

This course is designed to enable students to:

- a) Identify and discuss the essential attributes of the effective teacher for the 21st century. (INTASC 9)
- b) Plan for meeting the needs of diverse classroom populations including disabilities, SES, ethnicities and race, gender, and linguistic diversity. (INTASC 1, 2, 3; ACEI 1.0)
- c) Define and give examples of various planning tasks (e.g., standards, mapping, objectives, taxonomies, daily plans, time tabling). (INTASC 7; ACEI 3.1)
- d) Describe why learning communities and motivation are important and describe the major strategies for motivating students. (INTASC 1, 3, 5; ACEI 3.4)
- e) Describe and discuss various theoretical and research-based approaches to classroom and behavior management, describe the strengths and weaknesses of each, and apply them to

classroom situations. (INTASC 3; ACEI 3.4)

- f) Understand the importance of using multiple assessments over time and how to choose what assessments to use. (INTASC 6; ACEI 4.0)
- g) Plan for and use various instructional strategies including presentation, direct instruction, concept teaching, cooperative learning, problem-based learning, and classroom discussion and adapt each to meet the needs of diverse students. (INTASC 8; ACEI 3.3)
- h) Select from multiple models of instruction to meet particular learning goals, provide a variety of instructional experiences, and adapt each to meet the needs of diverse students. (INTASC 1, 2, 3, 4, 8; ACEI 3.3)
- i) Understand the nature of teacher's work, the characteristics of effective schools, and the skills needed to work with colleagues, administrators, and parents. (INTASC 9, 10; ACEI 5.1)

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

INTASC (The Interstate Teacher Assessment & Support Consortium):

- **Standard #1: Learner Development.** The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.
- **Standard #2: Learning Differences.** The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
- **Standard #3: Learning Environments.** The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self motivation.
- **Standard #4: Content Knowledge.** The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.
- **Standard #5: Application of Content.** The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.
- **Standard #6: Assessment.** The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.
- **Standard #7: Planning for Instruction.** The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.
- **Standard #8: Instructional Strategies.** The teacher understands and uses a variety of

instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

- **Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.** The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.
- **Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration.** The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

ACEI/NCATE Program Standards for Elementary Teacher Preparation:

- **Standard 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.
- **Standard 2.7: Physical education**—Candidates know, understand, and use—as appropriate to their own understanding and skills—human movement and physical activity as central elements to foster active, healthy life styles and enhanced quality of life for elementary students.
- **Standard 3.1: Integrating and applying knowledge for instruction**—Candidates plan and implement instruction based on knowledge of students, learning theory, connections across the curriculum, curricular goals, and community
- **Standard 3.2: Adaptation to diverse students**—Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students
- **Standard 3.3: Development of critical thinking and problem solving**—Candidates understand and use a variety of teaching strategies that encourage elementary students' development of critical thinking and problem solving
- **Standard 3.4: Active engagement in learning**—Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self-motivation, and positive social interaction and to create supportive learning environments
- **Standard 3.5 Communication to foster collaboration**—Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the elementary classroom.
- **Standard 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.

- **Standard 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

The Virginia State Teacher Education Licensure Regulations for Elementary Education:

- **Standard 1:** The use of differentiated instruction and flexible groupings to meet the needs of learners at different stages of development, abilities, and achievement.
- **Standard 2:** The use of appropriate methods, including direct instruction, to help learners develop knowledge and basic skills, sustain intellectual curiosity, and problem solve.
- **Standard 3:** The ability to utilize effective classroom management skills through methods that will build responsibility and self-discipline and maintain a positive learning environment.
- **Standard 4:** A commitment to professional growth and development through reflection, collaboration, and continuous learning.
- **Standard 5:** The ability to use computer technology as a tool for teaching, learning, research, and communication

International Society for Technology in Education National Education Technology Standards (ISTE-NET):

- **Standard V: PRODUCTIVITY AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**--Teachers use technology to enhance their productivity and professional practice in the following ways: 1. Use technology resources to engage in ongoing professional development and lifelong learning. 2. Use computer-based technologies including telecommunications to access information and enhance personal and professional productivity. 3. Apply technology to increase productivity

Virginia State Technology Standards for Instructional Personnel:

- **Standard A:** Instructional personnel shall be able to demonstrate effective use of a computer system and utilize computer software.
- **Standard B:** Instructional personnel shall be able to apply knowledge of terms associated with educational computing and technology.
- **Standard C:** Instructional personnel shall be able to apply computer productivity tools for professional use.
- **Standard D:** Instructional personnel shall be able to use electronic technologies to access and exchange information.

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Charney, R.S. (2002). *Teaching children to care: Classroom management for ethical and academic growth, K-8*. Turner Falls, MA: Northeast Foundation for Children.

Denton, P. (2014). *The power of our words: Teacher language that helps children learn*. Turner Falls, MA: Northeast Foundation for Children.

Wood, C. (2007). *Yardsticks: Children in the classroom, ages 4-14*. Turner Falls, MA: Northeast Foundation for Children. **(NOTE—also used in EDUC 543).**

**Additional selected readings will be posted on Blackboard.

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS:

1. Assignment Descriptions

Attendance and Participation Expectations (3 pts. per week)

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. To do this **it is expected that you attend all scheduled classes and asynchronous/synchronous online meetings** outlined within the syllabus. Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service, and medical emergencies are exceptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance. In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless advance notice has been provided to the instructor.

Classroom Tour (20 points)

As part of this class, you will purchase an Edthena license. This will be used throughout the remainder of your courses and in your final internship. A link will be provided in class. For this initial assignment, you will take us on a **2-3 minute** video tour of your field hours classroom. It should include the following components

- *A descriptive audio/video snapshot of the features of your classroom:*
 - This should include the key areas of the room where instruction occurs, classroom arrangement, bulletin boards, learning materials, evidence of community, attention to diversity of learners, etc...
- *An analysis of your video in Edthena:*
 - Your comments should be interpretations of your video with explicit connections/questions related to the course readings, discussions, and content.
- Reflective comments/questions on each of the videos posted by peers in your assigned group.

Physical Activity Report (16 points)

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- Analyze and summarize the findings based on your knowledge of learner development.
- Demonstrate your understanding of the importance of active, healthy lifestyles for young children by discussing the implications of your findings for your instruction and management. Specifically, what will you do in your classroom in terms of instruction and management to incorporate physical activity and movement.

- Use your skills to create an activity or series of activities to foster healthy life styles and enhanced quality of life.

Elementary Lesson Planning Assessment (68 points)

Part 1: Using Developmental Characteristics to Design Instruction (12 points)

Using systematic observations, you will develop a comprehensive picture of the students in your field hours classroom. You will identify and describe the cognitive, social, behavioral, and emotional needs of your students and apply your understandings to instructional planning. You will use your knowledge of child development to rationalize each aspect of your instructional plan. This written summary will include the following components:

- 1) Classroom/school/community demographics and implications for planning/instruction/management
- 2) Summary of students' developmental needs (eg-cognitive, social, emotional, behavioral) based on field observations and implications for planning/instruction/management
- 3) A rationale for the lesson plan and why specific instructional decisions were included

Part 2: Elementary Lesson Planning (40 points) This is PBA #2 for EDCI 544.

The purpose of this performance-based assessment is to provide you an opportunity to develop a research-supported lesson plan that effectively meets the needs of a specific population of students. In your lesson, you will purposefully plan instruction using your understanding of the developmental needs of students in your observation classroom.

The lesson plan will be evaluated based on adherence to the provided lesson plan format; consistency with instructional methods taught in the program; appropriate rationale provided; specification of objectives, as related to state and national standards; appropriate match between assessment of learning and learning objectives; coherence of writing and mechanics. *Careful attention should be paid to designing lessons that balance teacher instruction with student engagement in learning activities. Further, each plan should consider the needs of individual students and incorporate activities that address students' basic competencies and scaffold their understand to more complex understandings.* As elementary teacher candidates, your plans should also include evidence of open-ended questioning.

Part 3: Implementing Lessons in Elementary Classrooms (16 points)

You will teach the lesson you planned for Part 2 in your field hours classroom. Using the Edthema video-coding tool, you will record and reflect on your teaching experience with the 'technical, practical, critical' framework. Your reflection should also include an analysis of your language and open-ended questioning. In addition to reflecting on your own practice, you will also work in a collaborative peer group to reflect/respond via Edthema on group member's submissions.

Elementary Resource Portfolio (24 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to build your repertoire of management and instructional strategies, reflect critically on your course readings and field observations, and create a resource for your first years of teaching. Your resource portfolio should include the following sections:

- 1) Management Beliefs (initial) and Clear Positives (summary)
- 2) Building Community
- 3) Morning Meeting
- 4) Rules/Norms
- 5) Challenging Behaviors
- 6) Classroom Design and Procedures
 - a. Map/Essentials
 - b. Transitions (physical/emotional/cognitive)
- 7) Working with Parents
- 8) Instructional Toolbox

Each section should include 1) structured observations from the field, 2) resources/ideas/pictures/links, 3) questions you have 4) content connections and applications, 5) scenarios for which your work is important/useful, 6) your absolutes/beliefs. This is a living document-keep this messy, fluid, a work in progress. Don't make it pretty! Make it useful!

2. Assignment Weighting

<i>Course Outcomes</i>	<i>Requirements & Assignments</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
A-I	Attendance/Participation	<u>3 pts/week</u>	<u>10 %</u>	Weekly
A, E	Classroom Tour	<u>20 points</u>	<u>15%</u>	2/22
A, B	Physical Activity Tracking*	<u>16 points</u>	<u>15%</u>	3/14
B, C, G, H, I	Designing and Implementing Instruction (*Part 2 only)	<u>68 points</u>	<u>30%</u>	4/11 (Parts 1 & 2) 4/25 (Part 3)
A-I	Elementary Resource Portfolio	<u>24 points</u>	<u>30%</u>	5/2

*Designated performance-based assessment

3. GRADING POLICIES

A=94-100; A-=90-93; B+=86-89; B=80-85; C=70-79; F=below 70

**Remember: A course grade less than B requires that you retake the course.*

4. OTHER EXPECTATIONS

- All written papers are **expected to be double-spaced, with 1” margins, and in 12-point font** (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). **APA format is expected.** If you do not have a 6th Edition APA manual, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource:
<http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

***Please Note:** The GMU Writing Center offers online support via email. They will provide feedback on your writing within one hour. Graduate and professional writing can be difficult; I encourage you to take advantage of this service.
http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177

It is expected that all class assignments will be submitted on time to the correct location; therefore, **late assignments will not receive full credit.** Assignments turned in late will receive an automatic deduction of one letter grade making the highest possible score equivalent to 80% (B). All assignments must be submitted by hard copy on the due date stated within the syllabus (see below) and should be submitted at the beginning of class—except for the PBA which is to be submitted to **Taskstream** as well as by hard copy in class.

You are expected to contribute to both class and online discussions and activities as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same. In addition, **you are expected to be prepared for each class**, which means having completed all assigned readings and tasks for that class. Cell phones are for emergency use only and **it is expected that you will not use cell phones in class** for purposes such as texting, social media, or phone calls.

Note: I reserve the right to add, alter, or omit any assignment as necessary during the course of the semester. You will always receive advanced notice of any modifications.

5. PERFORMANCE BASED ASSESSMENTS

Physical Activity Report (20 points)

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population of students. In your lesson, you will purposefully plan instruction using your understanding of the developmental needs of students in your observation classroom.

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BLACKBOARD REQUIREMENTS

Every student registered for any Elementary Education course with a required performance-based assessment (designated as such in the syllabus) is required to submit this/these assessment(s) (EDCI 544: Physical Activity Report and Designing and Implementing Instruction) to Tk20 through Blackboard (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor). Evaluation of the performance-based assessment by the course instructor will also be completed in Tk20 through Blackboard. Failure to submit the assessment to Tk20 (through Blackboard) will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Unless this grade is changed upon completion of the required Tk20 submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.

GMU POLICIES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

- 1) Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code (See <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>).
- 2) Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (<http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- 3) 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.
- 4) 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/>].
- 5) 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, as soon as possible [See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>]. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (See <http://ods.gmu.edu/>)

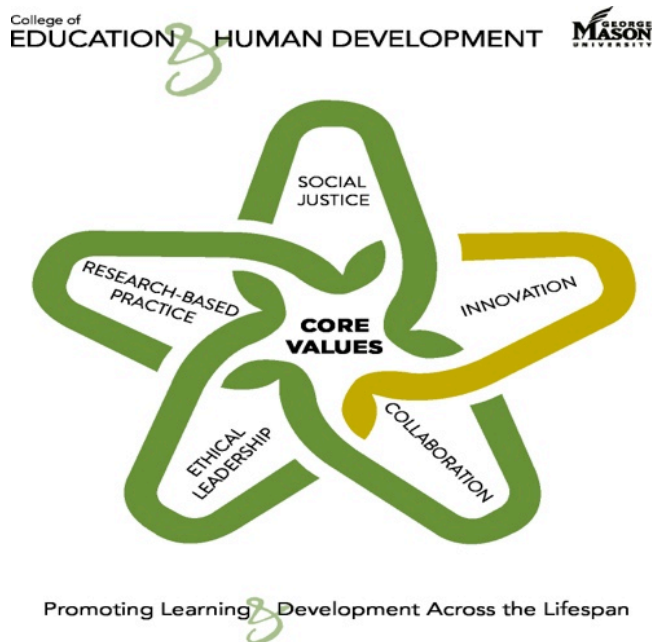
- 6) Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- 7) The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing 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 (See Elementary Education Program Handbook).

CORE VALUES COMMITMENT

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/>



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

Emergency Procedures

You are encouraged to sign up for emergency alerts by visiting the website <https://alert.gmu.edu>. There are emergency posters in each classroom explaining what to do in the event of crises. Further information about emergency procedures exists on <http://gmu.edu/service/cert>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LICENSURE COMPLETION

Beginning with Spring 2015 internships, all official and passing test scores must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the internship application deadline. Allow a minimum of six weeks for official test scores to arrive at Mason. Testing too close to the application deadline means scores will not arrive in time and the internship application will not be accepted.

Required tests:

- Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests (or qualifying substitute)
- VCLA
- RVE
- Praxis II (Content Knowledge exam in your specific endorsement area)

For details, please check <http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/test/>

Endorsements:

Please note that ALL endorsement coursework must be completed, with all transcripts submitted and approved by the CEHD Endorsement Office, prior to the internship application deadline. Since the internship application must be submitted in the semester prior to the actual internship, please make an appointment to meet with the Endorsement Specialist and plan the completion of your Endorsements accordingly.

CPR/AED/First Aid:

Beginning with spring 2015 internships, verification that the Emergency First Aid, CPR, and Use of AED Certification or Training requirement must be submitted and in the Mason system (i.e. Banner/PatriotWeb) by the application deadline. Students must submit one of the "acceptable evidence" documents listed at <http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/emergency-first-aid> to CEHD Student and Academic Affairs. In order to have the requirement reflected as met in the Mason system, documents can be scanned/e-mailed to CEHDacad@gmu.edu or dropped-off in Thompson Hall, Suite 2300.

Background Checks/Fingerprints:

All local school systems require students to complete a criminal background check through their human resources office (not through George Mason University) prior to beginning field hours and internship. Detailed instructions on the process will be sent to the student from either the school system or Mason. Students are strongly advised to disclose any/all legal incidents that may appear on their records. The consequence of failing to do so, whether or not such incidents resulted in conviction, is termination of the field hours or internship.

Please Note: Your G-Number must be clearly noted (visible and legible) on the face of the document(s) that you submit.

Application

The internship application can be downloaded at <http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/internships-field-experience>

Deadlines

Spring internship application:

- Traditional semester long internship: September 15

Fall internship application:

- Traditional semester long internship: February 15
- Year Long Internship: April 1 (All testing deadlines are August 1 immediately preceding the fall start; RVE deadline is December 1)

COURSE SCHEDULE

Note: Calendar is tentative and may be modified in line with course needs

DATE	Topics	Assignments Due
January 25	<p>Introduction to Management and Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determine existing beliefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why am I teaching? What do I want to teach? • Build foundation for management and planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seven principles of RC ○ Differentiated Instruction • Community building: Morning meeting; Hopes and Dreams 	<p>READINGS: Charney, Ch. 1 Bb: Intro to Planning Bb: Intro to Differentiated Instruction Bb: Behavior theorists (jigsaw) Bb: Morning Meeting</p> <p><i>Introduce Elementary Resource Portfolio</i></p>
February 1	<p>Management: Building Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding your students' developmental needs <p>Instructional Planning: Knowledge of Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing reading, interest, learning style 	<p>READINGS: Charney, Ch. 2 Woods (EDUC 543), age group; physical needs Bb: Preassessment strategies Bb: Learning modalities Bb: Physical activity</p> <p><i>Introduce Physical Activity Report</i></p>
February 8	<p>Management: Building Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom Design • Creating and teaching the rules • Hopes and dreams revisited <p>Instructional Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson Planning and Unit Planning Intro <p><i>Set up book clubs for Denton Readings</i></p>	<p>READINGS: Charney, Chps. 3 & 4 Bb: Classroom Design Bb: Lesson/Unit Planning Overview (Backward Design)</p> <p><i>Introduce Classroom Tour</i></p>
February 15 online	<p>Management: Teacher Language</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a rationale for understanding teacher language <p>Instructional Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gradual Release • Conferences via Skype 	<p>READINGS: Denton, Chs. 1-4 Bb: Gradual release Bb: Objective writing</p> <p><i>Introduce Elementary Lesson Planning Assessment</i></p>

February 22nd online	Management: Teacher Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reinforcing, reminding, redirecting Instructional Planning: The Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning practice with gradual release Conferences via Skype 	READINGS: Denton, Chs. 5-8 DUE: <i>Classroom Tour</i>
February 29	Management: Making Sense of Teacher Language <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Book club share Interactive modeling Instructional Planning: The Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning practice with gradual release 	READINGS: <i>Skim</i> Charney, Chs. 10-12
March 7	SPRING BREAK	SPRING BREAK
March 14	Management: Making the Community Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student goals as a management tool Instructional Planning: The Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gradual Release Using Bloom's Taxonomy 	READINGS: Charney, Ch. 5 Bb: Blooms Taxonomy Bb: Interactive Modeling DUE: <i>Physical Activity Report</i>
March 21	Management: Making the Community Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logical consequences Instructional Planning: The Basics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gradual Release 	READINGS Charney, Ch. 6 Bb: Accommodations /Modifications
March 28	Management: Making the Community Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Parents Instructional Planning: Instructional Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooperative Learning Jigsaw 	READINGS Bb: Working with parents
April 4	Management: Making the Community Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor misbehaviors Instructional Planning: Instructional Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foldables Graphic Organizers 	READINGS Charney, Chs. 7-9

<p>April 11</p>	<p>Management: Challenging Behaviors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Meetings <p>Instructional Planning: Instructional Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional Strategies 	<p>READINGS: Charney, Ch. 13</p> <p><i>Elementary Lesson Planning Assessment (Parts 1 and 2)</i></p>
<p>April 18</p>	<p>Management: Challenging Behaviors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Conferences/student conferences <p>Instructional Planning: Additional Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept Attainment 	<p>READINGS: Charney, Ch. 14 Bb: Concept Attainment</p> <p>DUE:</p>
<p>April 25</p>	<p>Management: Challenging Behaviors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student contracts <p>Instructional Planning: Additional Models</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Based/Problem Based Learning 	<p>READING: Charney: Ch. 15 Bb: Project Based Learning</p> <p>DUE: <i>Elementary Lesson Planning Assessment (Part 3)</i></p>
<p>May 2</p>	<p>Management and Instruction: Clear Positives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why am I teaching? What is it I want to teach? • Management Manifesto share 	<p>READINGS: Charney: Chs. 16 & 17</p> <p>DUE: <i>Elementary Resource Portfolio</i></p>

ASSIGNMENT DETAILS
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Items to accomplish in field experience (*information for your classroom teacher*)

Please discuss these with your classroom teacher early (on your first day at the school) in the semester so you can plan with him/her.

MID/LATE January	<p>Classroom Tour Video record a 2-3 minute tour of the classroom. This is best completed when children are not in the classroom so that it does not distract them. The tour should be non-evaluative—merely descriptive.</p>
LATE JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY	<p>Physical Activity Assignment Work with peers and classroom teacher to design a plan for having students track their movement and physical activity for one full week. Suggestion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate tracking into morning routine (e.g-have them record previous day's after school activity as soon as they come in the following morning)
LATE MARCH/EARLY APRIL	<p>Lesson Planning and Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use your observations of your field placement classroom, as well as your knowledge of child development and classroom management, to create a well-developed lesson plan. You should work closely with your classroom teacher to identify a topic and date for instruction. You will work collaboratively in class and with your teacher to design your lesson. The lesson should be shared at least 48 hours in advance with your teacher and your course instructor. The lesson should be video-recorded. Please remember to identify any students who are not allowed to be on video.

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PBA 1: Physical Activity Report

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Students will ask their K-6 students to track their movement and physical activity for one full week. Students will collect and analyze this information from their K-6 students and complete the following tasks:

- i. Analyze and summarize the findings based on their knowledge of learner development.
- ii. Demonstrate their understanding of the importance of active, healthy lifestyles for young children by discussing the implications of their findings for their instruction and management. Specifically, what will they do in their classroom in terms of instruction and management to incorporate physical activity and movement.
- iii. Use their skills to create an activity or series of activities to foster healthy life styles and enhanced quality of life.

Name: _____

Topic	Does Not Meet 1	Approaches Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
Designs physical activity tracking task INTASC 1 ACEI 2.7 CAEP 1a	Candidate does not design a physical activity tracking task	Candidate designs a physical activity tracking tasks but it is not age appropriate and/or does not allow for useful collection of activity level.	Candidate designs a physical activity tracking task that is age appropriate and collects useful information on activity level.	Candidate designs a well-developed physical activity tracking task that is age appropriate and provides rich, extensive information on activity level.
Descriptive summary INTASC 1 ACEI 1 CAEP 1a	Candidate does not summarize findings	Candidate describes findings from physical activity tracking task but does not incorporate general knowledge of student learners and learner development	Candidate uses general knowledge of student learners and learner development to describe findings from physical activity tracking task	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of student learners and learner development to describe findings from physical activity tracking task
Implications of findings for planning and management INTASC 1, 3, 7 ACEI 2.7 CAEP 1a	Candidate does not use their knowledge of human movement and physical activity to describe implications for planning and management	Candidate describes implications for planning and management, but does not incorporate general knowledge of human movement and physical activity	Candidate uses general knowledge of human movement and physical activity to describe implications for planning and management	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of human movement and physical activity to describe implications for planning and management
Activities for fostering healthy lifestyle INTASC 1 ACEI 2.7 CAEP 1a	Candidate does not use knowledge of human movement and physical activity to design activities that foster active healthy life styles.	Candidate designs activities that foster active healthy life styles but does not incorporate general knowledge of human movement and physical activity.	Candidate uses general knowledge of human movement and physical activity to design activities that foster active healthy life styles	Candidate uses detailed, research based knowledge of human movement and physical activity to design activities that foster active healthy life styles.

Elementary Lesson Planning Assessment
EDCI 544 Elementary Curriculum and Methods
***Part 2 is PBA 2 for this course**

Part 1: Using Developmental Characteristics to Design Instruction (12 points)

Using systematic observations, you will develop a comprehensive picture of the students in your field work classroom. You will identify and describe the cognitive, social, behavioral, and emotional needs of your students and apply your understandings to instructional planning. You will use your knowledge of child development to rationalize each aspect of your instructional plan. This written summary will include the following components:

- 4) Classroom/school/community demographics and implications for planning/instruction/management
- 5) Summary of students developmental needs (eg-cognitive, social, emotional, behavioral) based on field observations and implications for planning/instruction/management
- 6) A rationale for the lesson plan and why specific instructional decisions were included

Rubric for Part 1

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Approaches Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
LESSON PLANNING				
Demographic Description ACEI 1.0 INTASC 2	Limited description demographic description. No connections to course content and no reflection on implications for management and planning.	General demographic description. Minimal connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Somewhat detailed demographic description. General connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Detailed demographic description. Specific, cited connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.
Description of Students' Developmental Needs ACEI 1.0 INTASC 1	Limited description of students' developmental needs. No connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	General description of students' developmental needs. Minimal connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Somewhat detailed description of students' developmental needs. General connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Detailed description of students' developmental needs. Specific, cited connections to course content and reflections on implications for management and planning.
Rationale for Instructional Decisions ACEI 1.0 INTASC 3	Limited description of rationale. No connection to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	General description of rationale for instructional decisions. Minimal connection to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Somewhat detailed description of rationale for instructional decisions. General connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.	Detailed description of rationale for instructional decisions. Specific, cited connections to course content and reflection on implications for management and planning.

Part 2: Elementary Lesson Planning (40 points) This is PBA #2 for EDCI 544.

Assessment Objective

- The candidate will develop a research-supported lesson plan that effectively meets the needs of a specific population of students.

Research base/Rationale

It is important that teacher candidates demonstrate their ability to design an effective lesson plan with specific, performance-based learning objectives that meet the learning needs of their students. Lesson planning can be guided by four basic questions: (adapted from Spencer, 2003, p. 251).

1. Who am I teaching? The number of learners, their academic level and prior knowledge.
2. What am I teaching? The content or subject, the type of learning (knowledge, skills, behaviors).
3. How will I teach it? Teaching models, learning strategies, length of time available, materials, technology resources, differentiation/modifications, etc.
4. How will I know if the students understand? Informal and formal assessments, formative and summative, higher order questioning techniques, feedback from learners, etc.

You might also want to ask:

- What do students know already?
- Where have students come from and what are they going on to next?
- How can I build in sufficient flexibility cope with emergent needs?

A lesson plan must be developed for each teaching session. During the internship and when teaching new content or grade levels, your lesson plans will be detailed. As you gain pedagogical content knowledge and are proficient, your lesson planning becomes less detailed. Part of the planning process includes considering the following tasks:

- list content and key concepts, (research more if needed)
- define your aims and identify specific learning outcomes or objectives
- create assessments that are aligned to your specific objectives
- think about the structure of the lesson, pacing, and transitions
- identify adaptations/modifications/extensions needed to meet student needs
- determine “best practice” and learning strategies aligned to the learning outcomes
- identify learning resources and support materials

Assessment Task

Develop a lesson plan using the template attached. Review the rubric to guide the development of your lesson plan.

NOTE: Lesson plans will be evaluated based on adherence to the provided lesson plan format; consistency with instructional methods taught in the program; appropriate rationale provided; specification of objectives, as related to state and national standards; appropriate match between assessment of learning and learning objectives; coherence of writing and mechanics. *Careful attention should be paid to designing lessons balance teacher instruction with student engagement in learning activities. Further, each plan should consider the needs of individual students and incorporate activities that address students basic competencies and scaffold their understand to more complex understandings.*

Rubric for Part 2

Scoring Rubric
EDCI 544 Performance Based Assessment/CEHD Common Assessment
Elementary Lesson Planning Rubric

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Approaches Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
LESSON PLANNING				
<p>The candidate identifies performance-based objectives and appropriate curriculum goals that are relevant to learners.</p> <p><i>InTASC 7(a)</i> <i>CAEP 3c</i> <i>ACEI 3.1</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not identify performance-based objectives and appropriate curriculum goals that are relevant to learners.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies objectives and curriculum goals but they are not performance-based or appropriate for subject and/or grade level.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies performance-based objectives and appropriate curriculum goals and they are appropriate for subject and/or grade level.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies well-developed, performance-based objectives, appropriate curriculum goals that are appropriate for subject and/or grade level; correctly formulated; and addressed all domains.</p>
<p>The candidate identifies national/state/local standards that align with objectives and are appropriate for curriculum goals and are relevant to learners.</p> <p><i>InTASC 7(g)</i> <i>CAEP 3c</i> <i>ACEI 3.1</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not identify national/state/local standards that align with the objectives or the standards are not appropriate for curriculum goals or are not relevant to learners.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies national/state/local standards but the standards are not aligned with the objectives and/or marginally relevant to learners.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies national/state/local standards that are aligned with the objectives and relevant to learners.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies national/state/local standards that are clearly aligned with the objectives and relevant to learners.</p>
<p>The candidate continually seeks appropriate ways to employ technology to support assessment practice both to engage learners more fully and to assess and address learner needs.</p> <p><i>InTASC 6(i)</i> <i>CAEP 2e</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not identify appropriate technology to engage learners even though it was available.</p>	<p>The candidate identify technology to engage learners though it would be ineffective to teach the content and address learner needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies appropriate technology to engage learners more fully and assess and address learner needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies effective, creative and appropriate technology to engage learners more fully and assess and enhance student learning needs.</p>
<p>The candidate facilitates learners' use of current tools and resources to maximize content learning in varied contexts.</p> <p><i>InTASC 5(c)</i> <i>CAEP 3c</i> <i>ACEI 3.3</i></p>	<p>The candidate's plans do not provide evidence of opportunities for learners' use of current tools (technology) nor resources to maximize content learning in varied contexts.</p>	<p>The candidate's plans provide evidence of opportunities for learners' use of current tools and resources that are ineffective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.</p>	<p>The candidate's plans provide evidence of opportunities for learners' use of current tools and resources that are effective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.</p>	<p>The candidate's plans provide substantial evidence of multiple opportunities for learners' use of current tools and resources that are creative and effective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.</p>
The candidate plans	The candidate's	The candidate's	The candidate's	The candidate's

<p>how to achieve each student’s learning goals, choosing accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</p> <p><i>InTASC 7(b)</i> <i>CAEP 3d</i> <i>ACEI 3.2</i></p>	<p>lesson plan does not provide evidence of accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</p>	<p>lesson plan provides evidence of an effort to meet student’s learning goals, and attempts accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</p>	<p>lesson plan provides evidence of successfully meeting each student’s learning goals, and successfully makes accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</p>	<p>lesson plan provides evidence of successfully meeting each student’s learning goals, and successfully makes a variety of accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</p>
<p>The candidate develops appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences and provides multiple ways to demonstrate knowledge and skill.</p> <p><i>InTASC 7(c)</i> <i>CAEP 3c</i> <i>ACEI 3.1</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not plan for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences. Tasks, methods, strategies are not stated.</p>	<p>The candidate plans for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences; but tasks, methods and strategies are not stated and/or not appropriate or effective for the lesson.</p>	<p>The candidate plans for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences; and all tasks, methods, and strategies are stated and/or are appropriate and effective for the lesson.</p>	<p>The candidate plans for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences; tasks, methods and strategies include a variety of creative, active learning, instructional strategies that address learner differences to maximize learning.</p>
PLANNED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES				
<p>The candidate stimulates learner reflection on prior content knowledge, links new concepts to familiar concepts, and makes connections to learners’ experiences.</p> <p><i>InTASC 4(d)</i> <i>CAEP 3f</i> <i>ACEI 3.1</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not plan an opening activity that stimulates learner reflection on prior content knowledge, links new concepts to familiar concepts, nor makes connections to learners’ experiences.</p>	<p>The candidate plans an opening activity that used learner prior content knowledge, but does not link new concepts to familiar concepts, or make connections to learners’ experiences.</p>	<p>The candidate plans an opening activity that stimulates learner reflection on prior content knowledge, links new concepts to familiar concepts, and makes connections to learners’ experiences.</p>	<p>The candidate plans an opening activity that actively stimulates learner reflection on prior content knowledge, effectively links new concepts to familiar concepts, and creatively makes connections to learners’ experiences.</p>
<p>The candidate engages learners in multiple ways of demonstrating knowledge and skill as part of the assessment process.</p> <p><i>InTASC 6(e)</i> <i>CAEP 3a</i> <i>ACEI 4.0</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not use assessment as closure to check for comprehension and student knowledge and skills.</p>	<p>The candidate uses assessment as closure to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for comprehension but they are inappropriate and/or ineffective.</p>	<p>The candidate uses appropriate assessment strategies as closure to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for understanding.</p>	<p>The candidate uses creative appropriate assessments for closure to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for comprehension.</p>
ASSESSMENTS				

<p>The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge and skill.</p> <p><i>InTASC 7(d)</i> <i>CAEP 3a</i> <i>ACEI 4.0</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not plan instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge or skills.</p>	<p>The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge and skills but it was not effective.</p>	<p>The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge and skill. Pre-assessment strategy/method appropriate and effectively assess student prior knowledge.</p>	<p>The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment strategy/method that are creative and effective way to assess student prior knowledge and skills and to guide instruction.</p>
<p>The candidate designs assessments that match learning objectives with assessment methods and minimizes sources of bias that can distort assessment results.</p> <p><i>InTASC 6(b)</i> <i>CAEP 3a</i> <i>ACEI 4.0</i></p>	<p>The candidate's lesson design does not include post-assessments strategies or methods.</p>	<p>The candidate's lesson design includes post-assessments strategies or methods but the strategies/methods were not effective.</p>	<p>The candidate's lesson design includes post-assessments that were appropriate to effectively assess student learning.</p>	<p>The candidate's post-assessment matches learning objectives and includes creative strategies to effectively assess student learning.</p>

Part 3: Implementing Lessons in Elementary Classrooms (16 points)

You will teach the lesson you planned for Part 2 in your field hours classroom. Using the Edthena video-coding tool, you will record and reflect on your teaching experience with the ‘technical, practical, critical’ framework. Your reflection should also include an analysis of your use of teacher language and open-ended questioning. In addition to reflecting on your own practice, you will also work in a collaborative peer group to reflect/respond via Edthena on group member’s submissions.

Rubric for Part 3

Part 3: Analysis and Reflection				
Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Approaches Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
Analysis of lessons ACEI 5.1 INTASC 9	Limited analysis of lesson. No connections to course content are included	General analysis of lesson. Limited connections to course content are included.	Somewhat specific analysis of lesson, including discussion of instruction in terms of working with diverse learners, engagement, teacher language, questioning and assessment. General connections to course content are included	Detailed analysis of lesson including discussion of instruction in terms of working with diverse learners, engagement, teacher language, questioning and assessment. Specific connections, including citations, to course content are included
Peer analysis of individual lessons ACEI 5.2 INTASC 10	Limited feedback provided to peer group. No connections to course content.	General feedback provided to peer group. Limited connections to course content.	Somewhat specific feedback provided to peer group. General connections to course content.	Detailed feedback provided to peer group. Specific connections to course contents.

Classroom Tour (20 points)

As part of this class, you will purchase your Edthena license. This will be used throughout the remainder of your courses and in your final internship. A link will be provided in class. For this initial assignment, you will take us on a **2-3 minute** video tour of your field hours classroom. It should include the following components

- A descriptive audio/video snapshot of the features of your classroom. Include the key areas of the room where instruction occurs, classroom arrangement, bulletin boards, learning materials, evidence of community, attention to diversity of learners, etc...
- A written **analysis** of your video in Edthena. Your comments should be interpretations of your video with explicit connections/questions related to the course readings, discussions, and content.
- Reflective comments/questions on each of the videos posted by peers in your assigned group.

	0	2.5	5	7.5	10
Descriptive Tour	No tour	Average description of classroom	Thorough description of classroom		
Analysis	No analysis	Limited analysis with no connections	Average analysis with a few general connections to course readings/content	Above average analysis with some connections to course readings/content	Thorough analysis with explicit (cited) connections to course readings/content
Posts to Peers 11	No posts to peers	Limited number of posts to peers	Multiple posts to peers' tours		

Elementary Resource Portfolio (24 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to build your repertoire of management and instructional strategies, reflect critically on your course readings and field observations, and create a resource for your first years of teaching. Your resource portfolio should include the following sections:

- 1) Management Beliefs (initial) and Clear Positives (summary)
- 2) Building Community
- 3) Morning Meeting
- 4) Rules/Norms
- 5) Challenging Behaviors
- 6) Classroom Design and Procedures
 - a. Map/Essentials
 - b. Transitions (physical/emotional/cognitive)
- 7) Working with Parents
- 8) Instructional Toolbox

Each section should include 1) structured observations from the field, 2) resources/ideas/pictures/links, 3) questions you have 4) content connections and applications, 5) scenarios for which your work is important/useful, 6) your absolutes/beliefs. This is a living document-keep this messy, fluid, a work in progress. Don't make it pretty! Make it useful!

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Meets Standard 2	Exceeds Standard 3
Demographic Description ACEI 1.0 INTASC 2	Section is limited in terms of the following requirements: field observations, resources, questions, applications, and beliefs	Section includes useful, general information in terms of the following requirements: field observations, resources, questions, applications, and beliefs	Section includes extensive, specific information in terms of the following requirements: field observations, resources, questions, applications, and beliefs

Scores:

Section 1 _____ Section 5 _____
 Section 2 _____ Section 6 _____
 Section 3 _____ Section 7 _____
 Section 4 _____ Section 8 _____

Total: _____

EDCI 544 Weekly Attendance/Participation Chart

Expectations (3 pts. per week)

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. To do this **it is expected that you attend all scheduled classes and asynchronous/synchronous online meetings** outlined within the syllabus. Please see syllabus for additional details. **Weekly participation/attendance** is evaluated using the scale below.

	Unsatisfactory (0 pts)	Basic (1 pts)	Proficient (2 pts)	Distinguished (3 pts)
<u>Participation/Attendance</u>	The student is absent from class.	The student is significantly late and/or is not prepared for class. The student does not actively participate in discussions.	The student is on time and generally prepared for class discussions. The student participates to an extent in group and class discussions.	The student is punctual and prepared for class. The student actively participates and supports the members of the learning group and the members of the class.