Positive Behavior Supports, 3 Credits

Consortium Titles
- Virginia Commonwealth University: TEDU 631 Behavior Management of Students with Disabilities
- Radford University: EDSP 670 Proactive Classroom Management and PBS
- Norfolk State University: STE 516 Managing Human Behavior
- Old Dominion University: SPED 671: Positive Behavior Supports
- James Madison University: EXED 510 Systematic Behavioral Interventions
- George Mason University: EDSE 532 Positive Behavioral Support
  - EDSE 432 001 CRN: 73661, EDSE 532 001, CRN: 73526; Section 6U1, CRN 83590; Section 6V1 CRN 83592; Section 6Y1; CRN 83589

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Instructing University: Radford
GMU Meeting Location: Fairfax, KH15

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

Prerequisite(s): None       Co-requisite(s): None

Course Description
Explores concepts and skills needed to design, implement, and evaluate positive behavior support programs, derived from functional assessment, to support the specific needs of students with severe disabilities. Addresses relevant replacement skills; facilitates generalization and maintenance of skills; applies instructional strategies to support behavior, and incorporates individually designed crisis intervention procedures. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.

Advising Contact Information
Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate teacher candidates/students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3670 for assistance. All other teacher candidates/students should refer to their faculty advisor.
Course Delivery Method
Learning activities include the following:
1. Class lecture and discussion
2. Application activities
3. Small group activities and assignments
4. Video and other media supports
5. Research and presentation activities
6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

Learner Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates/students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate ability to design, implement, and evaluate group management techniques and individual interventions that maintain emotional, behavioral, and social skills consistent with norms, standards, and rules of the educational environment
2. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse approaches of behavioral, cognitive/affective, social, and ecological theory and practice
3. Identify the origin and function of behavior
4. Identify and teach behaviors in educational environments that are alternatives to students’ inappropriate behaviors
5. Develop positive support plans to enhance changes in students’ academic/social/affective behavior
6. Develop schedules and routines in educational environments to enhance students’ appropriate behaviors
7. Demonstrate ability to apply behavioral research
8. Demonstrate ability to provide positive behavioral supports to students in educational environments

Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations
This course is part of The Virginia Consortium for Teacher Preparation in Special Education Adapted Curriculum, a grant from the Virginia Department of Education that includes George Mason University, Virginia Commonwealth University, Radford University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, and James Madison University. Through the completion of the Adapted Curriculum Consortium program, students are eligible for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the area of Special Education – Adapted Curriculum K-12. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization, as well as those established by the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support consortium (InTASC). The standards addressed in this class include CEC Standard 1: Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences (InTASC 1,2); CEC Standard 2: Learning Environments (InTASC 3); CEC Standard 4: Assessment (InTASC 6); CEC Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies (InTASC 7,8); CEC Standard 6: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice (InTASC 9) & CEC Standard 7: Collaboration (InTASC 10).

Required Textbooks
Recommended Textbooks

Additional Readings
Posted on Blackboard and listed on the course schedule below.

Course Performance Evaluation
Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

**Tk20 Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement**
It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to Tk20 (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, InTASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to Tk20.

For EDSE 532, the required PBA is Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan. Failure to submit the assignment to Tk20 will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Teacher candidates/students have until five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline to upload the required PBA in order to change the course grade. When the PBA is uploaded, the teacher candidate/student is required to notify the instructor so that the “IN” can be changed to a grade. If the required PBA is not uploaded five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date.

Assignments and/or Examinations

**Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)**
The performance-based assessment for this course is the Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan. Please see Course Assignments within this section for full assignment description.

**College Wide Common Assessment (TK20 submission required)**
For GMU Students Only: the Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan will also be assessed using the InTASC Collaborative Learning Team rubric. The rubric is available on Blackboard.

**Performance-based Common Assignments (No Tk20 submission required)**
None

**Field Experience Requirement**
A field experience is a part of this course. A field experience includes a variety of early and ongoing field-based opportunities in which candidates may observe, assist, and/or tutor. Field experiences may occur in off-campus settings, such as schools (CAEP, 2016). Below are REQUIRED PROCEDURES FOR ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THIS COURSE.

Complete the online EDSE Field Experience form. This online form will be sent to your GMU email from EDSEfld@gmu.edu on the first day of the semester. Click on the link and complete the form as soon as possible. ALL students should complete the form, regardless of whether you need assistance in locating a field experience placement or not. This information is required by the state. Please direct any questions about the form to Dr. Kristen O’Brien at EDSEfld@gmu.edu.

If you are arranging your own field experience because you are a full-time contracted school system employee and will complete the field experience at your worksite, you will be asked to specify the school at which you will be completing the field experience.

If you request a field experience placement to be arranged, you will receive information via your GMU email account about your assigned internship placement from the Clinical Practice Specialist in the College’s Educator Preparation Office (EPO). Check your GMU email regularly for important information regarding your field experience. Follow all instructions for the necessary Human Resource (HR) paperwork required to access the assigned field experience placement.

2. View the EDSE Field Experience Introduction presentation. On the first week of classes and prior to representing George Mason in off-campus settings, your instructor will show a video presentation or provide a link to the presentation, which includes important information about the registration process for EDSE field experiences and tips for a successful field experience. After the presentation, sign the document provided by your instructor to indicate that you have watched the presentation and are aware of the EDSE field experience professionalism expectations.

3. Document your field experience hours. Your instructor will provide you with access to field experience documentation forms to use. There are two different field experience documentation forms – one for those completing field experience
at their worksite and one for those completing field experiences in other classroom settings (e.g., GMU arranged a placement for you). Use the form that is most appropriate for your field experience placement. Your instructor will provide more directions on how to use and submit the documentation form.

4. Complete the field experience end-of-semester survey. Towards the end of the semester, you will receive an email from EDSEfld@gmu.edu with a link to an online survey. This brief survey asks you to report about important features of your field experience placement.

Course Assignments

Participation Activities and Homework
This course is enriched by participation in activities and discussions in a professional manner. Through the participation activities, you will have opportunities to critically analyze, synthesize, and apply course information from class readings and lectures. Possible participation activities include asking and answering questions, quick writes, mini quizzes, case studies, video analysis, group projects, and completing homework assignments. There is no make-up for missed participation assignments. Participation points will be assigned for the completion of in-class activities or homework so you must be present to receive these points.

Evidence-Based Practices (EBP)
In the first few weeks of class, you will sign up for an EBP that you will research and present to class. First, you will find and read research articles on your EBP, formulate a list of additional resources, and complete any online modules. After conducting research on your EBP, you will create a 10-15 minute presentation for the class. You will share in an engaging format key information, an example that you created, and additional resources on the EBP on the assigned class session. Finally, you will implement two different EBPs and reflect on their effectiveness. Undergraduate students will only complete the research and presentation parts for this assignment.

Research Article Share Out
During the semester, you will complete two Research Article Share Outs. For each share out, you will be assigned to read a research article and submit the following prior to the class session: key points or main ideas, implications for teachers, discussion questions, and your own reflection/comments. During class or online, students will share out about the article.

Quizzes
You will be required to take 2 online quizzes outside of class time over the course of the semester. The quizzes will consist of True/False, Multiple Choice, Matching, and Short Essay responses on the course content and
readings. They will be comprehensive, open note quizzes. **Missed assessments cannot be made up.** They must be completed by the assigned due date.

**Functional Behavior Assessment and Behavior Intervention Plan**

This project will include two parts: Part 1 - Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) and Part 2 – Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP). For Part 1, you will complete a FBA for a student with a disability and a behavioral issue. The FBA will consist of observations, assessments, and interviews. After completing a FBA report, you will develop a BIP for Part 2. Specifically, you will write a specific behavioral objective, design an intervention plan using evidence-based practices and clearly defined data collection procedures to support the student, and reflect on the entire process. **Undergraduate students will conduct one instead of two interviews and one behavioral assessment instead of two for this assignment.**

**Course Policies and Expectations**

**Attendance/Participation**

Students are responsible for the information contained in the assigned readings, class presentation, and class discussion as well as attending all class sessions and coming to class on time. Additionally, students will participate in topic-related in-class or homework activities pertinent to course content. If absent from class, arrange in advance for a classmate to obtain any handouts and other information. Students must notify the instructor PRIOR to the class meeting time via e-mail. Please note that there is no make-up for missed participation activities.

**Late Work**

Assignments are due on the date given in the Course Schedule below. Late assignments will be deducted 10% per day for up to 7 days. After 7 days assignments will not be accepted for credit. Participation activities and quizzes cannot be made up for credit.

**Other Requirements**

All assignments will be evaluated for grammar and spelling as well as content. Students are required to word process written assignments using APA (6th ed.) format and style which includes 12 point font and double spaced. Also be sure to include Person First Language. All written work is to be done independently unless specifically stated otherwise. Identical or plagiarized works will receive 0 points for the assignment and could result in other university penalties. In addition, there is no pre-viewing student work before the due date. If you have questions about an assignment, you need to email the instructor or schedule a time to meet.
### Assignments | Percentage of Course Grade
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Participation Activities and Homework | 15
Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) | 20
Research Article Share Out | 5
Quizzes | 20
FBA & BIP Project | 40

Please note that the evaluation system uses a weighted grading system. Projects will have varying possible points. Raw scores on those possible points will be converted to reflect the percentage of total grade identified above.

For example, EBP assignment is worth 20% of your grade. If it is worth 60 points and you receive a 55, we can calculate your weighted grade as:

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\frac{55\text{(your grade)}}{60\text{(possible points)}} \times 20\% \text{ of grade} = 18.33 \text{ of } 20\text{ possible points}
\]

For assignments with multiple parts, we sum those parts and then weight the score. For instance, if you complete 2 quizzes, each worth up to 24 points, and receive grades of 20 and 16, we would calculate your weighted score as:

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\frac{(20+16)}{48\text{(total possible points for both exams)}} \times 20\% \text{ of grade} = 15 \text{ of } 20\text{ possible points}
\]

### Grading Scale

**Graduate**

| 93-100% = A | 87-89% = B+ | 70-79% = C |
| 90-92% = A- | 80-86% = B | < 70% = F |

**Undergraduate**

| 93-100% = A | 87-89% = B+ | 77-79% = C+ | 60-69% = D |
| 90-92% = A- | 80-86% = B | 74-76% = C | < 60% = F |

| 70-73% = C- |

*Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. “To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must be your own or with proper citations (see [https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/)).
**Professional Dispositions**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See [https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/](https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/). In the College of Education and Human Development, dispositions are formally and separately evaluated in at least three points in each student’s program – a self-evaluation at the start of their program, an instructor’s evaluation in the middle of their program, and a university supervisor’s evaluation during internship. When dispositions are assessed, it is important that for areas where a positive disposition is ‘occasionally evident’ or ‘rarely evident,’ the student takes steps to grow as an educator. See [https://cehd.gmu.edu/epo/candidate-dispositions](https://cehd.gmu.edu/epo/candidate-dispositions). In special education licensure programs, the mid-point evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 628, EDSE 661, and EDSE 616, and the internship evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 783, EDSE 784, and EDSE 785.

**Core Values Commitment**

The College of Education and 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/](http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/)
Class Schedule
*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students. Additional homework assignments and readings may be assigned.

A&T – Alberto and Troutman (2013) textbook

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ADAPTED CONSORTIUM SYLLABUS STATEMENTS AND POLICIES

Honor Code

Each university has its own honor code and it is important for you to review the honor code at your university. However, all students taking this course, regardless of the university they are enrolled in, are expected to follow this honor code and may be asked to pledge all assignments and their exam to indicate that they have followed the honor code. A pledge means that you have not cheated or plagiarized, nor have you given or received assistance that violated the description of how assignments are to be completed for this course. The shortened version may be used: “Pledged” followed by the date and your full name (typed “signatures” will be OK for assignments/tests submitted electronically).

Students at all universities pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must be your own or with proper citations

A complete copy of each university’s Honor System document is available through
GMU: http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/
VCU: www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/rg7honor.html.
Radford: http://www.radford.edu/~dos-web/handbook02-03/Honor_Code.pdf
NSU: http://www.nsu.edu/student_judicial/policy.html
JMU: http://www.jmu.edu/honor/code.shtml
ODU: https://www.odu.edu/about/monarchcitizenship/student-conduct

Accommodations for Disability
At all the participating universities, accommodations can be made with the instructor if a student has a documented disability. University specific information regarding eligibility, services and accommodations can be found at:
GMU: http://www.gmu.edu/student/drc/
VCU: http://www.students.vcu.edu/dss/index.html
Radford: http://www.radford.edu/~dro/
NSU: http://www.nsu.edu/disabilityservices/index.html
JMU: https://www.jmu.edu/ods/
ODU: https://www.odu.edu/life/diversity/accessibility

Inclement Weather
If classes are cancelled at the teaching university, a message will be posted on the class Blackboard site and all class members will receive an email. Because such cancellations are often at the last minute, it may be difficult to get this message prior to leaving for class. If in doubt, visit the teaching university’s website. Do not email us; I will email you regarding weather as soon as it is announced. Please note the cancellation of classes due to inclement weather is determined by the decision of the instructing university only. If the instructing university is open and operational then you are expected to attend class.

Cell Phones and Weapons
All cell phones and beepers should be deactivated while in the classroom. Also, University rules at all participating universities prohibit the possession any firearm, other weapon, or explosive.
Please consult the student handbook and your university for specific information concerning this policy at your university.

**Course Materials**

This course gives you access to PowerPoint files, class lecture notes, handouts, and copyrighted articles. All these materials should be regarded as authored materials, which if used or referred to must be fully credited through reference to the author, the class, and date. If used beyond citation, permission of the instructor/author is required.

**Technology Proficiencies**

All students participating in this course are expected to be proficient in several technology skills. Students are expected to be proficient in using the Internet and have reliable and consistent Internet access. Students are expected to have an active university email account and to check email regularly. This course requires students to use Blackboard, which is our online course management system located at [http://mymason.gmu.edu](http://mymason.gmu.edu) under the **COURSES** tab.

Students are expected to login to this system frequently and be proficient in using its features. Students are expected to be proficient in using the computer, which includes downloading and saving files, typing, and word processing skills. Students participating in this course are expected to use Microsoft Word for all written assignments. Furthermore, students are expected to use Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat Reader for class documents located on the Blackboard website.

**Blackboard Access and Non-Mason Students**

NON GMU students will be required to activate and utilize their GMU login credentials to access Blackboard. NEW students this semester should have received an email with activation directions from Marci Kinas Jerome. Any questions please contact Marci Kinas Jerome, mkinas@gmu.edu. Passwords must be reset every 6 months. If students do not receive the change password email request, they will need to request a password reset if they can no longer login. Students can reset their password at [https://password.gmu.edu](https://password.gmu.edu)

**GMU Email and Non-Mason Students**

NON GMU students will be required to activate their GMU email account and either check the account regularly or forward their mail to their home university account. By default all accounts in the Blackboard system are GMU accounts. Directions for activating your GMU email account can be found at: [http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/instructions.cfm](http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/instructions.cfm) and directions for forwarding your mail are located at: [http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/tutorials/forwardemail.cfm](http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/tutorials/forwardemail.cfm)

**Remote Site Student**

It is the policy of the consortium that students attending classes at university sites are expected to be present at those university sites during class time. However, there are situations in which students are unable to attend classes at the university sites and may be permitted to take a course as a “remote site” student. To be considered, students must meet the **requirement of more than 90 minutes of one-way travel time to the closest participating university (under normal**
circumstance). OR have a documented medical need. In addition, there are several technology and procedural requirements that are detailed on the Consortium website: http://kihd.gmu.edu/sdc/ and posted on Blackboard. Students must obtain permission from both the course instructor and the consortium coordinator to be considered a remote site student. Students’ continued participation as a remote site will be re-assessed each semester.

In special circumstances where students would otherwise miss class (in accordance to the attendance policy) students may request to participate as a remote site if they (a) have met all of technical and procedural requirements, (b) have received permission from the instructor at least one week prior to class, and (c) have had a successful test session with GMU tech support personnel.

Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

Course Facilitators
Each site will have a facilitator or assistant who will assist with the class. Learn who that person is as they will be taking role and keeping track of class participation and reporting it to me weekly. However, if you think you must miss a class, please email me ahead if possible (or later if need be).

Blackboard Assistance
This course requires that you be a regular email user and be able to use various features of Blackboard (sign on, download materials, hand in completed assignments electronically through the assignment submission link). You may direct your questions about Blackboard to Marci Kinas Jerome (mkinas@gmu.edu). She will be the best resource.

Remote Site Viewing
All Consortium courses are recorded and archived on a video-streaming server. Students and faculty are welcome to view previous classes at vcms.gmu.edu. Select the category: EDSE and click on the link for the specific class session. The password for this class is 4532.
Policies and Resources for GMU Students Only

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/).

- 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 Mason 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.

- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see http://ods.gmu.edu/).

- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

Campus Resources

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to tk20help@gmu.edu or https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.

- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus.

For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/.
### Appendix

**Assessment Rubric(s)**

EDSE 532 (SD/VI) Functional Behavior Assessment & Behavior Intervention Plan (SPA Rubric)

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<td>Candidate provides in depth demographic and background information related to the target student’s behavior issue(s) including: 1. Areas of typical and atypical development including diagnoses and etiology 2. Student characteristics with respect to social, emotional, cultural and psychological domains, and psychosocial aspects of moderate and severe exceptionalities including physical/sensory impairment and cultural identity.</td>
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<p>| Overview of Setting Context | Candidate provides an incomplete description of the classroom setting in which the target behavior occurs giving only a limited view of the context of student behavior. Candidate does not examine the impact of the learning environment on the student’s behavior. | Candidate describes the classroom setting in which the target behavior occurs and examines all aspects of the learning environment, which would impact behavior management including: 1. Physical layout of classroom 2. Design and management of daily routines, including schedule and classroom rules 3. Positive and interactive activities with peers 4. Instructional interventions and culturally responsive learning activities implemented 5. Teacher attitudes and behaviors that provide safe inclusive learning environments that promote emotional well-being and self-determination, 6. Aspects of the environment that encourage inclusive and active participation in group and individual activities. 7. Opportunities to access incidental learning experiences. | Candidate describes the classroom setting in which the target behavior occurs and examines all aspects of the learning environment, which would impact behavior management including: 1. Physical layout of classroom 2. Design and management of daily routines, including schedule and classroom rules 3. Positive and interactive activities with peers 4. Instructional interventions and culturally responsive learning activities implemented 5. Teacher attitudes and behaviors that provide safe inclusive learning environments that promote emotional well-being and self-determination, 6. Aspects of the environment that encourage inclusive and active participation in group and individual activities. 7. Opportunities to access incidental learning experiences. Candidate analyzes setting context in relation to basic classroom management theories and strategies for learners with moderate and severe exceptionalities including |</p>
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<td>Candidate collaborates with another teacher, a parent, or another person who knows the selected student well and provides a comprehensive description of: 1. The problem behavior (duration, frequency, level of disruption) 2. The antecedent 3. Setting events (specific conditions that make the problem behavior worse including impact of moderate and severe exceptionalities including physical/sensory impairments on learning, needs on your student, missed medication, peer pressure, stress, conflict at home, missed meals, lack of sleep, history or problems with peers, etc.) 4. The consequence 5. Reinforcers and preferences 6. Student goals and expectations (with emphasis on realistic personal and social behavior goals) 7. Any other pertinent information (variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures and...</td>
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**BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PLAN:**

**Expected Outcome or Target Goal**

CEC/IIC Standard 4

Candidate does not use assessment data to provide a clear statement of the desired replacement or alternative behavior. Candidate provides an incomplete or unclear statement of the desired replacement behavior.

Candidate interprets assessment results in order to create a clear statement of the desired replacement or alternative behavior.

Candidate interprets assessment and engages individuals with exceptionalities involving moderate and severe exceptionalities including physical/sensory impairments to create a clear statement of the desired replacement or alternative behavior.

**Reinforcer and Activity Preference Assessment**

CEC/IIC Standard 4

Candidate selects and implements 1 or fewer technically sound procedures for assessing learner reinforcers/preferences.

Candidate selects and implements 2 technically sound procedures for assessing learner reinforcers/preferences. The candidate’s non-biased assessment procedures take into account the student’s chronological age (CA), school rules as applicable, peer/friend practices, parent/teacher/friend’s opinions, and/or medical/physical needs (e.g., offering diet beverages and healthy snacks to students who have weight concerns or who have diabetes).

Candidate selects and implements 3 or more technically sound procedures for assessing learner reinforcers/preferences. The candidate’s non-biased assessment procedures take into account the student’s chronological age (CA), school rules as applicable, peer/friend practices, parent/teacher/friend’s opinions, and/or medical/physical needs (e.g., offering diet beverages and healthy snacks to students who have weight concerns or who have diabetes).

**Reinforcer and Activity Preference Plan**

CEC/IIC Standard 5

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Candidate reports findings to all stakeholders. |