

College of Education and Human Development Division of Special Education and disAbility Research

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EDSE 417: Teaching Methods for Students with Blindness and Visual Impairments

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Collaborate, after class or by appointment	
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❖ 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):

EDSE 311, which may be taken concurrently.

Co-requisite(s):

None

Course Description

Emphasizes methods of teaching compensatory skills, the core curriculum, and technology for use by students who are blind and visually impaired. Addresses curriculum development, adaptations, and teaching methodology for individuals with visual impairments. Provides information on adaptations within various educational programs and adaptation of general education classroom materials and procedures for use with blind and low vision children and youth.

Course Overview

EDSE 417 prepares teacher candidates with instructional practices, curriculum development, and program planning for students who are blind and visually impaired in the general and special education environments. This course provides information on adaptations within various educational programs and adaptation of general education classroom materials and procedures for use with blind and low vision children and youth.

Advising Contact Information

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress in your program. Students in Special Education and Assistive Technology programs can contact the Special Education Advising Office at 703-993-3670 or speced@gmu.edu for assistance. All other students should refer to their assigned program advisor or the Mason Care Network (703-993-2470).

Course Delivery Method This is an online-synchronous course.

Learning activities include the following:

- 1. Online Class lecture and discussion
- 2. Application activities (online and/or on your own)
- 3. Small group activities and assignments (online and/or on your own)
- 4. Video and other media supports
- 5. Research and presentation activities (online)
- 6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using synchronous format via the Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @masonlive.gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on June 1, 2020 at 12:00 am.

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.

Technical Requirements

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

 High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see: <u>Browser support</u> (https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers)

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see: <u>Tested devices and operating systems</u>

(https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems)

- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a headset microphone for use with the Blackboard Collaborate web conferencing tool.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader (https://get.adobe.com/reader/)
 - o <u>Windows Media Player</u> (<u>https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player</u>)
 - o Apple Quick Time Player (www.apple.com/quicktime/download/)

Expectations

• Course Week:

Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.

• <u>Log-in Frequency:</u>

Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3-4 times per week. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.

• Participation:

Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.

• Technical Competence:

Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

• Technical Issues:

Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

• Workload:

Please be aware that this course is **not** self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the **Class Schedule** section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.

• Instructor Support:

Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

• Netiquette:

The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent

remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always reread their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words*. Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

Accommodations:

Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services or at their consortium university office.

Learner Outcomes

- 1. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:
- 1. Recognize available local, state, and national resources for obtaining assistance and materials.
- 2. Learn techniques to facilitate effective inclusion of students with blindness and visual impairments in general education classrooms.
- 3. Acquire effective teaching strategies for working with children with blindness and visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities, to promote academic progress and support growth in areas of the expanded core curriculum.
- 4. Demonstrate techniques of adapting materials and learning environments as needed for all curricular areas.
- 5. Demonstrate knowledge in the types of technology tools available and how specific devices can be used to accomplish instructional objectives for students with blindness and visual impairments, including those with multiple disabilities.
- 6. Use multiple sources of quantitative and qualitative assessment data to plan comprehensive long-term (transition) and short-term educational programs for students with blindness and visual impairments based on standard and the expanded core curriculum.
- 7. Demonstrate relationships among assessment, IEP development, placement, and educational services.
- 8. Identify community resources, agencies, and strategies to interface with educational agencies and families when developing and planning IEPs.
- 9. Identify related services and accommodations pertaining to postsecondary transitions that increase student access to postsecondary education and community resources.
- 10. Demonstrate knowledge of use and implementation of transition assessments to encourage and support students' self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

Professional Standards

(Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC). Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards: CEC Standard 1: Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences (InTASC 2,3); CEC Standard 3: Curricular Content Knowledge (InTASC 4); CEC Standard 4: Assessment (InTASC 5,6); CEC Standard 5: Instructional Planning and Strategies (InTASC 7,8); CEC Standard 6: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice (InTASC 9).

Required Textbooks

Bateman, B. & Linden, M. A. (2012). Better IEPs: *How to develop legally correct and educationally useful programs* (5th ed.). Verona, WI: Attainment Company, Inc.

Koenig, A.J. & Holbrook, M.C., Kamei-Hannan, C., & McCarthy, T. (2017). Foundations of Education (Third Edition). Volume II. *Instructional Strategies For Teaching Children and Youths with Visual Impairments*. NY: AFB Press.

Recommended Textbooks

- American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.).
- Allman, C. B., Lewis, S., & Spungin, S. J. (2014). ECC Essentials: Teaching the expanded core curriculum to students with visual impairments. NY: AFB Press.
- Olmstead, J.E. (2005). *Itinerant teaching: Tricks of the trade for teachers of students with visual impairments.* NY: AFB Press.
- Sacks, S. Z. Wolffe, K. E. (Eds). (2006). *Teaching social skills to students with visual impairments: From theory to practice*. New York: AFB Press.
- Smith, M. & Levack, N. (1996). *Teaching students with visual and multiple impairments: A resource guide*. Austin, TX: Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.
- Wolffe, K. (1998). Skills for success: A career education handbook for children and adolescents with visual impairment. NY: AFB Press.

Required Resources

- Personal computer
- A reliable internet connection
- A headset with microphone (if your computer does not have microphone and speakers)
- A webcam (unless it is built-in on your computer)
- Additional required resources may be posted on Blackboard

Additional Readings

- Bardin, J. A., & Lewis, S. (2008). A survey of the academic engagement of students with visual impairments in general education classes. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 102(8), 472-483.
- Celeste, M. (2007). Social skills intervention for a child who is blind. *Journal for Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 101, 521-533.
- Celeste M. (2006). Play behaviors and social interactions of a child who is blind: In theory and practice. *Journal for Visual Impairment and Blindness*, 100, 75-90.
- Center for Parent Information and Resources (2017, July). Special factors in IEP development. Retrieved April 30, 2019 from URL https://www.parentcenterhub.org/special-factors/#lep

- Chamberlain, S. P. (2005). Recognizing and responding to cultural differences in the education of culturally and linguistically diverse learners. *Intervention in School and Clinic*, 40(4), 195-211.
- Corn, A. L., & Koenig, A. J. (2002). Literacy for students with low vision: A framework for delivering instruction. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 96(5), 305-21.
- Crudden, A. (2012). Transition to employment for students with visual impairments: Components for success. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, *106* (7), 389-399.
- Hatton, D., Ivy, S., & Boyer, C. (2013). Severe visual impairments in infants and toddlers in the United States. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 107(5), 325-336.
- Herzberg, T. S., & Rosenblum, L. P. (2014). Print to braille: Preparation and accuracy of mathematics materials in K-12 education. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 108(5), 355-367.
- Koenig, A. J., & Holbrook, M. C. (2000). Ensuring high-quality instruction for students in braille literacy programs. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 94(11), 677-94.
- Lewis, S., & McKenzie, A. R. (2010). The competencies, roles, supervision, and training needs of paraeducators working with students with visual impairments in local and residential schools. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 104(8), 464-477.
- McDonnall, M. C. (2010). Factors predicting post-high school employment for young adults with visual impairments. *Rehabilitation Counseling Bulletin*, *54*(1), 36-45.
- McMahon, E. (2014). The role of specialized schools for students with visual impairments in the continuum of placement options: The right help, at the right time, in the right place. *Journal of Visual Impairment & Blindness*, 108(6), 449-459.
- Trief, E., & Feeney, R. (2003). Guidelines for a precollege curriculum for students with blindness and visual impairments. *RE:view: Rehabilitation Education for Blindness and Visual Impairment*, 35(3), 137-143.

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 toTk20

For EDSE 417, the required PBA is IEP and Transition Plan. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date. 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 prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F.

Assignments and/or Examinations

Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)

Submit via Tk20. The purpose of this assessment is to have candidates demonstrate knowledge of the individualized planning process required for the development of educational programs for planning for students with visual impairment. Candidates will demonstrate their ability to develop the critical components of a Transition Individualized Education Program (IEP) that are legally sufficient and educationally appropriate for the described case study student. Candidates will also provide clear rationales for each components of the Transition IEP.

Note: The VDOE has a sample IEP template on their webpage in Word format. Go to: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/special_ed/iep_instruct_svcs/iep/ Scroll down to resources, there you will find a sample transition IEP template; one is also included in the Blackboard folder. (You can put the sections required for the IEP in a word document). Students who do not have a student whom they may use to write the Transition IEP can use the **Gebisa** case study to complete the assignment (which can be found in the Blackboard folder). Detailed instructions and a grading rubric are available in Blackboard.

College Wide Common Assessment (TK20 submission required) N/A

Performance-based Common Assignments (No Tk20 submission required)

Adapted Teaching Unit (40 points) – **Submit via Blackboard** - Students will select a teaching unit from the general curriculum and adapt or modify it for a student who is blind or visually impaired. Include the following information.

- targeted age range that this unit is adapted for;
- materials or equipment needed;
- age-appropriate activities to carry out learning;
- Evaluation methods used.

The grading rubric, sample teaching unites, and detailed instructions are available in Blackboard.

Other Assignments

<u>Expanded Core Curriculum Presentation</u> (ECC) (45 points). In teams of two, you will develop a virtual "poster presentation" that relates to one of the 9 expanded core

curriculum areas. This virtual poster presentation is designed to be similar to a poster presentation at an academic conference. Although there is no need print a physical poster, you must include specific components and be able to present them to your classmates. Your presentation should include data collected during an interview with a TVI who has completed his/her coursework and has been working as a TVI in Virginia for at least 2 years. You will present your "poster" to your classmates during one of our class meetings. The date will be noted in the class schedule. In addition to presenting on the scheduled date, you should submit an accessible version of your presentation to the assigned area before you present.

Course Policies and Expectations

Attendance/Participation

Due to the condensed nature of this summer course and the interactive nature of class meetings, attendance is expected of all students, every week, via Blackboard Collaborate. Sometimes absences are unavoidable. For each class, 10 points are earned for "in-class participation." Five of those points are for attendance, and five are for participation. Students may have one excused absence (no documentation required), for which the five attendance points will not be deducted; students must arrange with the instructor to make up the 5 participation points, otherwise those will be lost. For a second absence, students will lose all 10 in-class participation points. Students with three or more absences must meet with the professor to discuss continuing in the course. (Absences due to technology failures should be discussed with the instructor on an individual basis).

Late Work

All coursework must be submitted on time. A candidate who has an approved accommodation for extended time must inform the instructor in writing, in advance with documentation for this approved accommodation from his/her Consortium university before an assignment requiring extended time is due. In the event of an emergency, candidates must inform the instructor of the situation; it is up to the instructor to determine if a scenario may warrant a time extension. Time extensions will not be granted retroactively and late work for any reason may be penalized points.

Other Requirements

Inclement Weather

This course has both asynchronous modules and synchronous class meetings using distance education technology. Most likely, inclement weather will not impact access to asynchronous course content. In the event that bad weather does shut down the GMU Blackboard system, the instructor may need to modify the course schedule. As for synchronous meetings, classes are cancelled at the instructor's discretion based on weather conditions and available technology services. Since students are participating in the course across regions, you are responsible for contacting the instructor as soon as possible In case of major power outages.

Grading Scale

Please note, the graduate grading scale does not include a "D". The instructor also includes this requirement for undergraduate students as future teachers who will serve students with visual impairments would not be considered prepared if they are allowed to earn a "D" in this course and be allowed to move forward toward teacher certification.

Letter grades will be determined as follows	Letter	grades	will b	e dete	ermined	as follo	ows:
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Grade	Percent	Points
A	95-100%	213-225 points
A-	90-94%	202-212 points
В	80-89%	180-201 points
С	70-79%	157-179 points
F	69% and below	156 points and below

Grades will be assigned using a point system:

	Points Possible	Due Date
1. In class participation	80 (10 points per class)	Weekly
1. Adapted Teaching Unit	40	June 24
2. IEP and Transition Plan	60	July 8
3. Expanded Core	45	July 15
Curriculum Presentation		
Total Points Possible:	225	

*Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced (see <u>Academic Integrity Site [https://oai.gmu.edu/]</u> and <u>Honor Code and System</u>

[https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/]. 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 new, original work for this course or with proper citations.

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <u>Policies and Procedures</u> (https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/). Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. In the College of Education and Human Development, dispositions are formally and separately evaluated in at least two points in each student's program — a self-evaluation at the start of their program, and a university supervisor's evaluation during internship. In special education licensure programs, the self-evaluation is an online survey distributed via email upon program entry for graduate students and within initial courses (EDSE 241, EDSE 361, and EDSE 311) for undergraduate students. 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.

Class Schedule

*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Date	Topic	Readings & Assignments
June 3	Blackboard	Foundations Ch. 1
	Review of Syllabus & Course Requirements	Bateman & Linden Ch. 1 & 2
		Trief & Feeney (2003)
	IEP Overview	McDonnall (2010)
	Co-Teaching	
June 10	Programming for Infants, Toddlers, and	Foundations Ch. 9 & 22
	Preschoolers	Hatton, Ivy, & Boyer (2013)
	Social/Emotional Development	
	Having Difficult Conversations	
June 17	Differentiating Instruction	Foundations Ch. 6 & 7
	Students with VI who are English Language	Bateman & Linden Ch. 3
	Learners	Chamberlain (2005)
	Instruction in Compensatory Skills	
June 24	Strategies for Teaching Math, Science and	Foundations Ch. 13, 14, & 15
	Social Studies Instruction	Bateman & Linden, Ch. 4 & 5
	LRE & Services Discussion	Bardin & Lewis (2008)
		Herzberg & Rosenblum (2014)
		Adapted Teaching Unit Due
July 1	Career Education	Foundations Ch. 21, 24, & 25
	Vocational Rehabilitative Services	Bateman & Linden, Ch. 5
	Self-Determination	Crudden (2012)
	Independent Living	
July 8	Strategies for Teaching Students with VI and	Foundations Ch. 10
	Additional Disabilities	McMahon (2014)
	Caseloads, Scheduling, Teaming, &	Lewis & McKenzie (2010)
	Paraprofessionals	IEP and Transition Plan Due
July 15	Accessing Large Print & Electronic Materials	Foundations Ch. 8, 11, 16, 23
	Art, Recreation, and Leisure	Corn & Koenig (2002)
	APH Products	Koenig & Holbrook (2000)
		ECC Poster Presentations Due
July 22	Digital Resource File Presentations	Digital Resource Files using
	ECC Poster Presentations	LiveBinder (livebinders.com)
		due in Blackboard prior to
		start of class on July 22

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: See Core Values (http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/)

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <u>Honor Code and System [https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/]</u>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see
 <u>Responsible Use of Computing [http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/]</u>).
- 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 or your university disability accommodation office. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <u>Disability Services</u> [https://ds.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 <u>Tk20 Help</u> (tk20help@gmu.edu) or CEHD's <u>Online Assessment System</u> (https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20). Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>Blackboard Instructional Technology Support for Students</u> (https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/).

Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:

- As a faculty member, I am designated as a "Responsible Employee," and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason's Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing the Title IX Coordinator (titleix@gmu.edu).
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <u>Student Support Resources on Campus</u> (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 College of Education and Human Development (http://cehd.gmu.edu/).

Appendix

Assessment Rubric(s)

Please refer to rubrics contained in the individual assignment folders under the broader "Assignment" link in the left margin of the course's Blackboard page.

	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score/Lev el
Present Levels	Candidate does	Candidate	Candidate writes a	
of Performance	not	writes	thorough present	
	demonstrate	appropriate	level of performance	
CEC Standard 1	an	present levels	which	
Beginning special	understanding	of performance	comprehensively	
education	of the student's	which clearly	demonstrate an	
professionals	visual	demonstrates	understanding of the	

	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score/Lev el
understand how	impairment,	an	educational	
exceptionalities	the effects of	understanding	implications of the	
may interact with	visual	of the	characteristics of	
development and	impairment on	educational	various visual	
learning and use	learning	implications of	impairments, sensory	
this knowledge to	experiences,	the	impairments, and	
provide	and does not	characteristics	variations in	
meaningful and challenging	consider	of various	beliefs, traditions, and	
learning	cultural and	visual	values across and	
experiences for	linguistic	impairments,	within cultures.	
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exceptionalities	appropriate).	impairments,	Candidate	
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	Candidate does	in	for the student and a	
	not	beliefs,	comprehensive	
	demonstrate	traditions, and values across	understanding of the similarities and	
	respect for the student and an	and within	differences in human	
	understanding	cultures.	development in	
	of the	cultures.	writing of the present	
	similarities	Candidate	levels of performance.	
	and differences	demonstrates	levels of performance.	
	in human	respect for the	Candidate justifies	
	development	student and an	present levels of	
	in their writing	understanding	performance through	
	of the present	of the	the use of curriculum	
	levels of	similarities and	based assessment	
	performance.	differences in	data. Candidate	
		human	describes strengths	
		development in	and areas in need of	
		their writing of	improvement in	
		the present	relation to Virginia	
		levels of	Standards of	
		performance.	Learning.	
Transition	Candidate	Candidate	Candidate writes a	
Assessment	provides	writes a clear	clear description of	
Information	limited or no	description of	the student's	
ODG GL 1 1	link between	the student's	interests, present	
CEC Standard 4	assessment	interests,	levels of performance	
Candidate	data and the	present levels	and career goal with a	
provides a present	present level of	of performance	clear link to	
level of	performance to assessment	and career goal with a clear link	assessment.	
performance with a clear link to	data.	to assessment.	Candidate critically	
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	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score/Lev el
assessment data and information. Candidate uses assessment information to make program and placement decisions, for individuals with exceptionalities, including those from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds	Candidate uses limited, inconclusive or no informal and formal assessment data to address education and training, employment and independent living goals. Placement decisions are not supported or based on assessment data and information.	Candidate interprets information from formal and informal assessments to write a clear description of the student's interests, strengths and capabilities, and career goal for the following areas: Education/trainin g Employment Independent living (as appropriate) with reference to age- appropriate transition assessments.	placement decisions on assessment data. Candidate interprets information from formal and informal assessments to write a clear description of the student's interests, strengths and capabilities, and career goal for the following areas: Education/training Employment Independent living (as appropriate) with reference to age-appropriate transition assessments.	
		Placement decisions are based on assessment data.	Candidate describes the impact the learner's disability may have on auditory and information processing skills.	
Measurable Post-secondary goals: Assessment Standard 4 4.3 Beginning special education	Candidate does not use or does not correctly use assessment data to create relevant transition goals.	Candidate creates measurable goals supported by and based on multiple assessment data results.	Candidate critically examines all existing assessment data to create optimal goals. Candidate integrates colleagues and families in the use of	

professionals in collaboration with colleagues and families use members of the student's team when evaluating assessment information in making decisions for the student's goal. Measurable Post-secondary goals: CEC/IBV&I Standard 3 CCEC/IBV&I Standard 3 Candidate creates post-secondary goals based on assessment data and sequences, implements, and evaluates learning objectives based on content curriculum for nad/or the expanded core curriculum for individuals with youal impairments Measurable Post-secondary goals: CEC/IBV&I Standard 3 Candidate collaborates with other service service service service providers and the student's goal. Goals are rot relevant to the content or Expanded Core Curriculum; limitations exist or are not provided for the logical sare partially or not provided in addressing and sequences, implements, and evaluates learning objectives based on content curriculum for individuals with visual impairments Measurable Annual and					
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CEC Standard 3 Beginning special education professionals consider an individual's abilities, interests, learning environments, and cultural and linguistic factors in the selection, development, and adaptation of learning experiences for individual with exceptionalities.	theories, and philosophies, specific to transition by writing annual and postsecondary goals which are not measurable, age appropriate, and responsive to cultural, linguistic, and gender differences. Candidate writes goals which fail to reflect the learner's present levels of performance.	philosophies, and philosophies specific to transition by writing annual and postsecondary goals which are measurable, age appropriate, and responsive to cultural, linguistic, and gender differences. Candidate writes goals which reflect the learner's present levels of performance.	philosophies specific to transition by writing annual and postsecondary goals which are measurable, age appropriate, and responsive to cultural, linguistic, and gender differences. Candidate integrates evidence-based instructional strategies that reflect the learner's present levels of performance and show positive growth towards what the student wants to achieve after high school in an effort to facilitate the student's integration into a variety of settings after high school.	
Short-Term and Transition Objectives / Benchmarks CEC Standard 5 ISCI 5 S5 Sequence, implement, and evaluate individualized learning objectives	Candidate does not or partially sequences age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives and does not directly relate objectives to the postsecondary goals.	Candidate sequences age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives that respond to cultural, linguistic and gender differences, address independent living and career education,	Candidate sequences age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives that respond to cultural, linguistic and gender differences, address independent living and career education, enhance social participation across all environments, and relates all benchmarks directly to postsecondary	

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		enhance social participation across all environments, and relates all benchmarks directly to postsecondary goals.	goals. Candidate incorporates strategies for increasing the student's self- determination and uses task analysis to allow students with visual impairment to meet their transition goals and objectives.	
Participation in State Assessments CEC Standard 4 4.1 Beginning special education professionals select and use technically sound formal and informal assessments that minimize bias.	Candidate does not or partially considers issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment and selects inappropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s).	Candidate considers issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment as they select appropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s).	Candidate considers issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment as they select appropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s). Candidate selects participation levels which reflect the impact an exceptional condition(s) can have on an individual's testing abilities including auditory and information processing skills.	
Accommodatio ns / Modifications	Candidate identifies inappropriate accommodatio	Candidate identifies and prioritizes appropriate	Candidate identifies and prioritizes appropriate accommodations /	

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CEC/IGC	ns /	accommodatio	modifications	
-	modifications.		(including frequency,	
Standard 3 Beginning special education professionals use knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities. Identify and prioritize areas of the general curriculum and accommodations for individuals with exceptionalities	, ,	ns / modifications (including frequency, location, setting, and duration) based on present levels of performance, which provide access to nonacademic and extracurricular activities and educationally related settings and are appropriate to the needs of the individual student with visual impairments. Candidate describes the accommodatio ns / modifications which provide the foundation upon which special educators individualize instruction to provide meaningful and challenging learning for individuals	(including frequency, location, setting, and duration) based on present levels of performance, which provide access to nonacademic and extracurricular activities and educationally related settings. Candidate describes the accommodations / modifications which provide the foundation upon which special educators individualize instruction to provide meaningful and challenging learning for individuals with visual impairment including appropriate technologies (as needed), explicit modeling and efficient guided practice. Candidate selects accommodations / modifications that are based on assessment data and reflect the candidate's understanding of the impact disabilities may have on auditory and information processing skills, test taking abilities and	

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		with visual impairment including appropriate technologies (as needed), explicit modeling and efficient guided practice.	cultural, linguistic and gender differences.	
School and Post-Secondary Services CEC Standard 3 B&VI3K1 Relationship among assessment, development of individualized education program, and placement as they affect vision-related services	Candidate does not consider assessment data and/or lists inappropriate program and services and supports which do not align with areas of need based on present level of performance.	Candidate evaluates assessment data and identifies appropriate program and primary services which demonstrate an understanding of the continuum of placement and services available for individuals with visual impairment, and the concept of the least restrictive environment within the framework of transition planning.	Candidate critically evaluates assessment data and identifies appropriate program and primary services which demonstrate an understanding of the continuum of placement and services available for individuals with visual impairment, and the concept of the least restrictive environment within the framework of transition planning. Candidate includes in-school and post-school or community service options. Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support recommendations.	
Evaluating instruction and	Candidate does not or partially	Candidates provides a clear	Candidate provides a clear and	

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monitoring progress	provides a plan for evaluating	plan for evaluating	comprehensive plan for evaluating	
CEC Standard 4	instruction and	instruction and	instruction and	
4.4 Beginning	monitoring progress of the	monitoring progress of the	monitoring progress of the student	
special education	student	student	with visual	
professionals	with visual	with visual	impairment.	
engage individuals with	impairment.	impairment.	a 111.	
exceptionalities to		Candidate aligns services	Candidate provides a	
work toward quality		and supports	clear plan for enhancing the	
learning and performance and		with areas	learning of critical	
provide feedback to		of need based	thinking, problem	
guide them.		on present levels of	solving and	
		performance.	performance skills, evaluating instruction	
		periormaneer	and monitoring	
			progress of the	
			student and	
			explaining the transition plan to the	
			learner with	
			consideration given to	
			the impact of the	
			learner's academic and social abilities,	
			attitudes, interests,	
			and values.	
			Candidate includes	
			in-school and post- school or community	
			service options.	
			Evidences based	
			practices are	
			integrated and cited	
			throughout the plan.	
			Candidate aligns	
			services and supports	
			with areas of need based on	
			present levels of	

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Agaigtivo		Candidata	performance and evidence-based practices.	
Assistive Technology Standard 5 Candidate selects, adapts, and uses a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities. 5.2 Beginning special education professionals use technologies to support instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with exceptionalities 5.3 Beginning special education professionals are familiar with augmentative and alternative communication	Candidate provides limited information and use of or does not integrate appropriate forms of augmentative, alternative and assistive technologies to support and enhance communication skills of the student with blindness and visual impairment	Candidate evaluates relevant assessment information and integrates appropriate forms of augmentative, alternative and/or assistive technologies to support and enhance communication skills and/or outcomes of the individual with an exceptionality.		
systems and a variety of assistive technologies to support				
Legal Compliance of Transition IEP	Candidate writes an incomplete Transition IEP	Candidate writes a comprehensive Transition IEP	Candidate writes a comprehensive Transition IEP which complies with all	

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CEC/ Standard 6 Candidate uses foundational knowledge of the field and his/her ethical principles and practice standards to inform special education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession.	which does not comply with all relevant laws and policies, reflect an understanding of requirements such as FAPE and LRE (and the history of these points of view) or other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special	which complies with all relevant laws and policies, reflects an understanding of requirements such as FAPE and LRE (and the history of these points of view) and other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special	relevant laws and policies, reflects an understanding of requirements such as FAPE and LRE (and the history of these points of view) and other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special education. Candidate includes a list of services, including start and end date, frequency, duration and location.	
	education. Candidate fails to include a list of services, including start and end date, frequency, duration and location. Candidate writes the Transition IEP using biased, inflammatory language, with a lack of clarity, numerous acronyms, illegibility, or inaccuracies	education. Candidate includes a list of services, including start and end date, frequency, duration and location. Candidate demonstrates commitment to developing the highest education and quality-of-life potential for the individual with an exceptionality as well as	Candidate writes areas of need, goals, objectives/benchmark s, placements and services with a strong connection to the present levels of performance. Candidate demonstrates commitment to developing the highest education and quality-of-life potential for the individual with an exceptionality as well as sensitivity for the culture, language, religion, gender, disability,	

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Lesson Plan

Criteria	Does Not	Approachin	Meets	Exceeds
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Section 1: CLASS	ROOM			

The candidate

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The candidate
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Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard	Approaching Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard
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prerequisites in order to design instruction to meet learners' needs in the following areas of development (Cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical). InTASC 1 VDOE 1 Diversity	to meet learners' needs in each area of development.	prerequisites to design instruction that meet learner needs in some areas of development.	prerequisites to design instruction that meet learner needs in each area of development.	prerequisites to design effective instruction to meet learner needs in each area of development. The candidate includes strategies to address these prerequisites within the lesson, as well as anticipated learner responses to these strategies.
Section 2: PLANNIN	NG FOR INSTRUCTION	ON		
The candidate identifies performance-based objectives and/or appropriate curriculum goals/outcomes that are relevant to learners. InTASC 7 VDOE 2	The candidate does not identify performance-based objectives and appropriate curriculum goals/outcomes that are relevant to learners.	The candidate identifies objectives and appropriate curriculum goals/outcomes but they are not appropriate for the subject, grade level, or the learners.	The candidate identifies performance-based objectives and appropriate curriculum goals/outcomes which are appropriate for the subject, grade level, or the learners.	The candidate identifies well-developed, performance-based objectives, curriculum goals/outcomes that are appropriate for subject and/or grade level and learners; correctly formulated; and address multiple areas of relevance to the learners.

Criteria	Does Not Meet	Approaching	Meets	Exceeds Standard
	Standard 1	Standard	Standard	4
	1	2	3	
The candidate	The candidate does	The candidate	The candidate	The candidate
identifies	not identify	identifies	identifies	identifies
national/state/	national/state/local	national/state/	national/state/	national/state/
local standards	standards that align	local standards but	local standards	local standards that
that align with objectives, are	with the objectives/goals/	the standards are		are clearly aligned
appropriate for		not aligned with the	that are aligned with the	with the
curriculum goals,	outcomes or the	objectives/goals/	objectives/goals/	objectives/goals/
and are relevant	standards are not appropriate for	outcomes and/or	outcomes and	outcomes and
to learners.	curriculum goals or	marginally relevant to learners.	relevant to learners.	relevant to learners.
	are not relevant to	to learners.		
InTASC 7	learners.			The candidate
VDOE 2				provides a
VDOE 2				statement of
				rationale for the
Diversity				alignment of these goals with the
WWW W				learning objective.
The candidate	Candidate conveys	Candidate	Candidate conveys	Candidate conveys
creates learning	a negative attitude	communicates	enthusiasm for the	genuine enthusiasm
experiences that	toward the content	importance of the	content, and	for the content, and
make content	and suggests that	work but with little	learners	learners
accessible and	the content is not	conviction and only	demonstrate	demonstrate
meaningful for learners to ensure	important or was mandated by	minimal apparent buy-in by the	commitment to its value. Candidate	consistent commitment to its
content mastery.	others.	learners.	accepts	value. Learners
		Candidate accepts	responsibility for	demonstrate
T. M. C.C. 1		responsibility for	the success of all	through their active
InTASC 4		the success of	learners through a repertoire of	participation, curiosity, and
VDOE 1		learning but has	instructional	taking initiative
		only a limited repertoire of	strategies.	that they value the
Diversity		instructional		importance of the
Management of the Company of the Com		strategies.		content.
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The candidate	There is little, if	Candidate	The classroom is a	The classroom
organizes and	any, evidence of	recognizes the	learner-centered	conveys a safe,

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard	Approaching	Meets	Exceeds Standard
	Standard 1	Standard 2	Standard	4
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creates face-to- face and virtual environments that support individual and collaborative learning. InTASC 3 VDOE 5 Technology	routines, procedures, or proactive actions to establish a climate for learning.	value of a learner- centered classroom but the application of these tenets are not applied in all management situations.	environment that is a safe and positive environment for learning. The classroom environment supports individual and collaborative learning.	positive, and inclusive environment that is learner-centered, supports individual and collaborative learning and meets the needs of both the group and individual learners. Structures are incorporated that enable learners to guide their own learning experiences.
The candidate seeks appropriate ways to employ technology to engage learners and to assess and address learner needs. InTASC 6 VDOE 4 Technology Diversity	The candidate does not identify appropriate technology to engage learners even though it was available.	The candidate identifies technology to engage learners though the technology would be ineffective to teach the content and address learner needs.	The candidate identifies appropriate technology to engage learners more fully, assess, and address learner needs.	The candidate identifies effective and appropriate technology to engage learners more fully, assess, and creatively meet learning needs.
The candidate facilitates	The candidate's plans do not	The candidate's plans provide	The candidate's plans provide	The candidate's plans provide

Criteria	Does Not Meet	Approaching	Meets	Exceeds Standard
	Standard 1	Standard	Standard	4
		2	3	
learners' use of appropriate tools and resources to maximize content learning in varied contexts. InTASC 5 VDOE 2 Technology College-and-Career-Ready	provide evidence of opportunities for learners' use of appropriate tools or technology resources to maximize content learning in varied contexts.	evidence of opportunities for learners' use of appropriate tools and resources but are ineffective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.	evidence of opportunities for learners' use of appropriate tools and resources that are effective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.	substantial evidence of multiple opportunities for learners' use of appropriate tools and resources that are creative and effective to maximize content learning in varied contexts.
The candidate plans how to achieve learning goals, choosing accommodations to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners. InTASC 7 VDOE 2	The candidate's lesson plan does not provide evidence of differentiating instruction for individuals and groups of learners.	The candidate's lesson plan provides evidence of an effort to meet learning goals, and attempts to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.	The candidate's lesson plan provides evidence of successfully meeting learning goals for each learner, and successfully instruction for individuals and groups of learners.	The candidate's lesson plan provides evidence of successfully meeting each learning goal for each learner, and successfully differentiates instruction for individuals and groups of learners. Reflection on why this differentiation was successful is included.

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard	Approaching Standard	Meets	Exceeds Standard
	1	2	Standard 3	4
The candidate plans instruction based on preassessment data, prior learning knowledge and skill. InTASC 7 VDOE 2	The candidate does not plan instruction based on pre- assessment data, prior learning knowledge, or skills.	The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge, and skills but it was not effective.	The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment data, prior learning knowledge, and skills. Pre-assessment strategies/methods are appropriate and effectively assess learners' prior knowledge.	The candidate plans instruction based on pre-assessment strategies/methods that are creative and effective ways to assess learner prior knowledge and skills and to guide instruction.
Section 3: INSTRUC	TION			
The candidate develops appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences and provides multiple ways to demonstrate knowledge and skill. InTASC 7 VDOE 2	The candidate does not plan for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences. Tasks, methods, strategies are not stated.	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.	The candidate plans for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences. All tasks, methods, and strategies are stated and/or are appropriate and effective for the lesson.	The candidate plans for appropriate sequencing and pacing of learning experiences. Instructional tasks, methods, and strategies include a variety of creative, active learning, instructional strategies that address learner differences to maximize learning.
The candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content	The instructional strategies used by the candidate do not encourage an understanding of content.	The candidate uses a limited instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content.	The candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies that encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content	The candidate uses pedagogical content knowledge to use a variety of instructional strategies that encourage all learners to develop both an

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and to apply knowledge in meaningful ways. InTASC 8 VDOE 3			and to apply that knowledge in meaningful ways.	understanding of the content and apply knowledge that in authentic ways.		
The candidate engages learners in multiple ways of demonstrating knowledge and skill as part of the assessment process. InTASC 6 VDOE 4	The candidate does not use assessment as closure to check for comprehension and learner knowledge and skills.	The candidate uses assessment as closure to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for comprehension however, they are inappropriate and/or ineffective (or misaligned).	The candidate uses appropriate assessment strategies as closure to allow learners to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for understanding.	The candidate uses creative, appropriate assessments throughout the lesson to allow learners to demonstrate knowledge and skills to check for comprehension.		
The candidate designs assessments that match learning objectives with assessment methods. InTASC 6 VDOE 4	The candidate's lesson design does not include post-assessment strategies or methods.	The candidate's lesson design includes post-assessment strategies or methods but the strategies/methods were not effective.	The candidate's lesson design includes post-assessments that are appropriate to effectively assess learning.	The candidate's ongoing assessments and post-assessment matches learning objectives and includes creative strategies to effectively assess learning and check comprehension throughout the lesson.		
Section 4: REFLECTION: IMPACT ON LEARNING						

Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Approaching Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
The candidate understands and knows how to use a variety of self-assessment and problem-solving strategies to analyze and reflect on his/her practice and to plan for adaptations/adjust ments. InTASC 9 VDOE 6	The candidate's reflection does not demonstrate the use of self-assessment or problem-solving strategies to analyze and reflect on his/her practice.	The candidate's reflection demonstrates the use of self-assessment and/or problem-solving strategies to analyze and reflect on his/her practice but does not plan for adaptations/adjustm ents.	The candidate 's reflection demonstrates a variety of self-assessment and problem-solving strategies to analyze and reflects on his/her practice and to plan for adaptations/adjustm ents.	The candidate's reflection demonstrates the application of a variety of appropriate self-assessment and problem-solving strategies to analyze and reflect on his/her practice and to effectively plan for adaptations/adjustm ents.