

College of Education and Human Development Elementary Education

Introduction to Education: Teaching, Learning and Schools Fall 2022 **EDUC 200 Section DL1** 3 credits

> **Location: Distance Education/Blackboard** Workweek: Tuesday 12:00am – Monday 11:59pm

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Course Description

Introduces educational issues related to learning, schooling and teaching. Examines roles of teachers and nature of American schools and learners. Requires 15 hours of field

experience during the course (see below for information). This course fulfills the Mason

Core Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement.

Prerequisites/Corequisites: None

Course Overview: Not Applicable

Course Methodology And Technical Requirements

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via 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 August 18, 2022.

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:
 - https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/ Browser Support#supported-browsers
 - To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see: 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 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: [Add or delete options, as desire.]
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader: https://get.adobe.com/reader/
 - Windows Media Player:
 https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player
 - o Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Expectations

- <u>Course Week:</u> Because asynchronous courses do not have a "fixed" meeting day, our week will start on <u>Tuesday at 12:00am and finish on Monday at 11:59pm EST</u>. In other words, a new class will post on Tuesday at midnight and all weekly assignments are due by the following Monday night by 11:59pm. You MUST keep up with the assignments for each week.
- <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 5 times per week.
- <u>Participation:</u>
 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 boards.
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REQUIRED Field Hours

This course requires a minimum of 15 hours field experience in a K-12 classroom.

To initiate this assignment, as soon as possible, **ALL STUDENTS** should visit https://cehd.gmu.edu/endorse/ferf and complete the online "Field Experience Request Form." On the form, you will be asked to indicate how you want your placement will be arranged. Students have two options for fulfilling their field placement requirement.

Option 1:

Students may arrange their own field experience if they are a full-time contracted school system
employee and are able to complete their field experience at their K-12 workplace. Indicate this
option within the form.

Option 2:

- Students may request placement in K-12 setting through the field placement office. Indicate this option on the form.
 - The field placement office will arrange placement for students in a specific school with a specific teacher.

Questions about placements? Please contact the Clinical Practice Specialist at fieldexp@gmu.edu Note: Dr. Bean does not coordinate the field experiences. Please use the above email for any questions.

Learner Objectives

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- 1. Explain how individuals, groups, and institutions are impacted by the educational system.
- 2. Demonstrate awareness of changes in social and cultural constructs related to teaching and learning.
- 3. Describe U.S. schools and some of the issues, challenges, and rewards of teaching and learning, and the roles that teachers play within them
- 4. Identify the qualities and dispositions of effective teachers.
- Use appropriate methods and resources to apply social and behavioral science concepts, principles, terminology, and theories to analyze from multiple perspectives the role of the teacher, goals of education and schools, and teacher effectiveness.
- 6. Discuss and critically reflect on the role of student ideas and learning needs in relationship to standards and curricula.
- 7. Reflect on professionalism, intellectualism, personal and professional growth, and potential to make meaningful contributions to the field of education.

Professional Standards that are met through this course (this course fulfills the Mason Core Social and Behavioral Sciences requirement and addresses the following learning outcomes):

- 1. Explain how individuals, groups or institutions are influenced by contextual factors;
- 2. Demonstrate awareness of changes in social and cultural constructs;

Required textbook(s) and/or materials

Johnston, P. H. (2012). *Opening minds: Using language to change lives.* Portland, ME: Stenhouse Publishers. (available online via GMU library)

Nieto, S. (2014). Why we teach now. New York: Teachers College Press.

Course Website

Blackboard will be used for this course. You can access the site at EDUC 200, Section DL1.

NOTE: Username and passwords are the same as your Mason email account. You must have consistent access to an internet connection in order to complete the assignments in this course through Blackboard (http://mymason.gmu.edu). Note the technology requirements for School of Education is in your Blackboard course menu—it contains details of minimum technology requirements.

Participation

Learning can only happen when you are playing an active role. It is important to place more emphasis on developing your insights and skills, rather than transmitting information.

Knowledge is more important than facts and definitions. It is a way of looking at the world, an ability to interpret and organize future information. An active learning approach will more likely result in long-term retention and better understanding because you make the content of what you are learning concrete and real in your mind.

Although an active role can look differently for various individuals, it is expected in this class that you will work to explore issues and ideas under the guidance of the professor and your peers. You can do this by reflecting on the content and activities of this course, asking questions, striving for answers, interpreting observations, and discussing issues with your

Rules and Expectations

In correspondence/communication students will be expected to:

- a) Be professional and respectful in correspondence; please always sign your emails with your full name, course you are in, and your G#; it is helpful for the professor.
- b) Make reasonable requests of the instructor. We will be happy to clarify course material and answer legitimate questions; however, please exhaust other information sources (e.g., syllabus, Blackboard) for answering your question before contacting me and remember, "Poor planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on my part".

In regard to honesty in work students will be expected to:

- a) Review the University integrity and honesty policies in the student handbook for guidelines regarding plagiarism and cheating (summarized below). I will gladly clarify my stance on any questionable or "grey area" issues you may have.
- b) Refrain from dishonest work as it will receive a minimum penalty of zero on the assignment and a maximum penalty of a zero for the course with a report to the Honor committee. The GMU Honor Code requires that faculty submit any suspected Honor Code violations to the Honor Committee. Therefore, any

Individuals with Disabilities

Students with documented disabilities should contact the Office of Disability Services (703) 993-2474) to learn more about accommodations that may be available to them.

Academic Integrity and Inclusivity

This course embodies the perspective that we all have differing perspectives and ideas and we each deserve the opportunity to share our thoughts. Therefore, we will conduct our discussions with respect for those differences. That means, we each have the freedom to express our ideas, but we should also do so keeping in mind that our colleagues deserve to hear differing thoughts in a respectful manner, i.e. we may disagree without being

Student Privacy Policy	George Mason University strives to fully comply with FERPA by protecting the privacy of student records and judiciously evaluating requests for release of information from those records.			
	Please see George Mason University's student privacy policy:			
E-Mail Policy	Mason uses electronic mail to provide official information to students. Examples include notices from the library, notices about academic standing, financial aid information, class materials, assignments, questions, and instructor feedback.			
	Students are responsible for the content of university communication sent to their Mason e-mail account and are required to activate that account and check it regularly.			
Course Grading & Evaluation	Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor. Blackboard will be used for uploading assignments. Late assignments will automatically lose 1 point per day.			
	Please be aware of the due dates on Mondays by 11:59pm. This includes larger assignments, weekly assignments, and the discussion board responses and replies.			
	Grade Grading Scale Interpretation			
	A+ 97-100 Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic requirements			
	A 93-96			
	A- 90-92			
	B+ 87-89			
	Reflects an understanding of and the ability to apply theories and principles at a basic level			
	В 83-86			
	B- 80-82			
	C+ 77 – 79 C 72 – 76			
	C- 70-72 Denotes an unacceptable level of understanding and application of the basic			
	elements of the course. Grade does not meet the minimum requirement for licensure courses.			
	D 60-69			
	F <69			
Assignment Due Dates	Unless otherwise stated, all assignments are due by the end of the work week in which the are assigned. For the purposes of this course, a week is defined as beginning at 12:00 am each Tuesday EST , and ending at 11:59 pm on the following Monday EST .			

Discussion Board

One week boards: 3 points each

Two weeks
boards:
8 points for
Facilitator week
5 points each for
Contributor
weeks

42% of final grade

Your challenge is to immerse yourself in the topics and perspectives presented in the course. You will want to be able to comment on the discussion topics with authority. You are encouraged to make notes on your own thoughts about the various concepts and issues, and consider possible issues/outcomes. Your posts should be to the point and include sufficient technical detail for others to respond. You should present your opinions, but justify them with facts and proper sources. What did you agree/disagree with and why?

There are two types of discussion boards: ONE-WEEK and TWO-WEEK.

ONE WEEK: There are three discussion boards where EVERYONE posts by 11:59pm Friday and responds to at least FOUR classmates by 11:59pm Monday.

- Prep week (Get-to-Know video --- respond throughout the first week of class, due 8/29)
- Week 3 (Gallery Walk responses due 9/12)
- Week 14 (Gallery Walk responses due 12/3)

TWO-WEEKS: There are two roles (FACILITATORS and CONTRIBUTORS) for the following "two-week discussion boards":

- Weeks 1/2
- Weeks 4/5
- Weeks 6/7
- Weeks 8/9
- Weeks 10/11
- Weeks 12/13

Signing up: You will choose **one discussion board** (that lasts two consecutive weeks) in which you will be the **FACILITATOR**. You will SIGN-UP during the "prep week" or the first week of class. Please choose a two-week period when you can check the discussion board more often for posting and responding. *Note: there will be 2-4 facilitators each week. If you don't sign up by August 30th, a week will be chosen for you.*

FACILATORS: On your chosen week, write an original post by the first Thursday night at 11:59
pm. (In other words, you have 72 hours, from Tuesday 12am – Thursday 11:59pm, to make this first post.)

Please post an appropriate response to the prompt. Please provide a response with a clear, well-formulated thesis; sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and spelling count when in written form. Support **ALL** posts with ideas from field hours, readings and/or videos – a lack of these will be a deduction of points.

Also please write or speak in a way that encourages others to respond to your post. I encourage you to ask prompting questions to motivate peers to respond to your post. Throughout the week, respond to your peers on your thread; i.e. there should be "back and forth" conversations via written posts or videos. There is no minimum number of posts, rather you will graded on the interaction between you and the contributors.

CONTRIBUTORS: Respond as many Facilitators as you choose, **with a minimum of 4** responses *per discussion board*.

Responses should be thoughtful, substantial, polite and *more extensive* than a simple "well done" phrase or "I agree." Refer to the **Discussion Board ideas: Effectively responding to a Peer's Post** document located on Blackboard. Consider points of agreement, disagreement, assumptions, and value judgments.

Notes for all:

• You are always welcome to respond with a video – it makes the discussion board quite interactive and more of a community when we are talking back and forth! Ultimately, threads should have lots of posts with lots of ideas, thoughts and opinions! I will chime in as well – but this is YOUR class – and your TIME to engage!

Output

Description:

Content- based Assignments	There are 10 content-based assignments. Refer to the course schedule and weekly lessons for details.
3 pts each	DUE: Assignments are due to Blackboard by Mondays, 11:59 PM, EST
30% of final grade	
Essay: Education Topic with	You will choose a topic in education of YOUR interest. • It could be anything from school choice, assessment, teacher burnout, student motivation the list goes on and on.
Interview Teachers and/	You will submit your topic on Week 8 to Blackboard (worth 1 point).
or Learners 13% of final	You will interview two people (teachers and/or learners), asking for their opinion. • The two people could be 1) two teachers or 2) teacher and a learner (i.e. a student of any age level). • In other words, you must interview at least one teacher.
grade	Prior to the interview, create a list of 6-8 open-ended questions around your education topic.
	 For example if you wanted to know more about K-12 curriculum, a sample question could be asking a teacher: "How do you decide what to teach in your class?" This will encourage an answer while you take detailed notes. It is highly recommended you record the interview. Ask follow-up questions that delve farther into the essential issue – and you might learn about a topic that wasn't your original focus. Avoid asking a series of disconnected questions that don't lead anywhere or fail to give you important insight.
	After completing the interviews, write a 3 - 4 page essay about what you learned about your topic in terms of the interview and your knowledge from class, using at least two citations.
	 Note: Do not write what the teachers/learners said tell what you learned about the topic. Your paper should make clear connections between what was learned in the interviews and what you are learning/ have learned in class.
	Use at least 2 citations, either from class readings, books, or your own research. Include a reference list and an appendix of your interview questions at the end of the paper. (You do NOT need to include the answers from the interviews – just the questions.)
	DUE: Week 13 on Monday, Nov 21 by 11:59pm.
	Rubric: Element Points Allotted Thoroughness: portrays multiple perspectives on the education topic. Use two or more citations. Includes addendum of questions. Includes reference list and appendix with interview questions

Thoughtfulness: Includes an element of personal reflection/synthesis communicating the implications for future practice.

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Mechanics (i.e capitalization, punctuation and spelling)

Reflections	You will write three reflections, using your field experience as the foundation. More details will be provided in class. Note: References MUST be made to your field hours placement.
5 points each 15% of final	First reflection: 1-2 pages; due end of Week 6 (Focus: noticings and connections)
grade	Second reflection: 1-2 pages; due end of Week 9 (Focus: noticings and connections)
	Third reflection: No required amount of pages. Due end of Week 14 (Focus: letter to future self)
	Rubric: Thoughtful reflection and makes connections to topics learned in class/4 Mechanics (i.e capitalization, punctuation and spelling)/1 Total/5
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/ .

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

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 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>tk20help@gmu.edu</u> or <u>https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20</u>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/.</u>
- For information on student support resources on campus, see https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus

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 titleix@gmu.edu.

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

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/

Mason Honor Code

The complete Honor Code is as follows:

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. (catalog.gmu.edu)

Cheating Policy	Any form of cheating on an activity, project, or exam will result in zero points earned. "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to, the following: reviewing others' exam papers, having ANY resources utilized when not allowed, collaborating with another student during an individual assignment. If you have questions about when the contributions of others to your work must be acknowledged and appropriate ways to cite those contributions, please talk with the professor or utilize the GMU writing center.		
Plagiarism and the Internet	Copyright rules also apply to users of the Internet who cite from Internet sources. Information and graphics accessed electronically must also be cited, giving credit to the sources. This material includes but is not limited to e-mail (don't cite or forward someone else's e-mail without permission), newsgroup material, information from Web sites, including graphics. Even if you give credit, you must get permission from the original source to put any graphic that you did not create on your web page. Shareware graphics are not free. Freeware clipart is available for you to freely use. If the material does not say "free," assume it is not. Putting someone else's Internet material on your web page is stealing intellectual property. Making links to a site is, at this time, okay, but getting permission is		

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All assignments and lessons are subject to change.

FALL 2022 SCHEDULE:

	Lessons	Read or Watch	Discussion Board	Tasks for this week	
Prep Week Aug 17-22			ONE WEEK Post a video introducing yourself to the class on the discussion board for points by 11:59 AUGUST 22, if possible	Fill out info for a field hours classroom (see Field Hours info above)	
Week 1 Aug 23-29	Lesson 1: What is effective teaching?	Read ARTICLE: Ripley (2010) Watch VIDEO: What makes great teachers great Watch VIDEO: Taylor Mali on What Teachers Make	• TWO WEEKS • Topic: Effective Teachers Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Aug 25th This discussion board will close on Sept 5th at 11:59pm	Prepare for Field Hours Obtain Badge Create a place for taking notes in the field (written notebook or digital – whatever is best for you)	

Week 2 Aug 30- Sept 5	Lesson 2: What is the work of teachers?	 Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Chap 1: Public Schools and the Work of Teachers 		 Assignment: Effective Teacher Stick Figure Begin Field Hours visits (if possible)
Week 3 Sept 6-	Lesson 3: Learning Environments- Building trust and community	Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part II (Pick 2 chapters of your choice) Watch VIDEO: Elementary students on good teaching	ONE WEEK Topic: Gallery Walk of Stick Figures Everyone posts by Friday 11:59pm	Assignment: Teacher Checklist
Week 4 Sept 13- 19	Lesson 4: Identifying as a Teacher	Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part III (Pick 2 chapters of your choice) Watch VIDEO: Example of a Classroom (NBCT)	• TWO WEEKS • Topic: Teacher Identity Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Sept 15 This discussion board will close on Sept 26th at 11:59pm	Assignment: Teachers, Instruction and the Classroom
Week 5 Sept 20- 26	Lesson 5: What is being taught?	 Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part IV (Pick 2 chapters of your choice) Watch VIDEO: What makes good teaching? Review PDF: InTASC Summary of Standards 		Assignment: InTASC Essay
Week 6 Sept 27- Oct 3	Lesson 6: Standards Based Instruction	Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part V (Pick 2 chapters of your choice) Read ARTICLE: Girod & Girod (2012) Review WEBSITE: Common Core Standards Review WEBSITE: VA DOE: SOLs & Testing	• TWO WEEKS • Topic: Teaching to Heal Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Sept 29 This discussion board will close on Oct 10th at 11:59pm	Assignment: Reflection #1
Week 7 Oct 4- 10	Lesson 7: NCLB & ESSA	Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part VI (Pick 2 chapters of your choice) Read ARTICLE: Dennis (2017) Watch VIDEO: NCLB: An Oral History Watch VIDEO: ESSA, explained		Assignment: NCLB/ESSA

Week 8 Oct 11-17 Week 9 Oct 18-24	Lesson 8: Classroom Climates and Needs of our students Lesson 9: Educating All Students	Read ARTICLE: Ladson-Billings, G. (2011) Read ARTICLE: Everett, C. (2019) Read ARTICLE: Battle, C. (2019) Read WEBSITE: MLK Jr (1948). The purpose of education Read ARTICLE: Talebi	TWO WEEKS Topic: Funds of Knowledge Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Oct 13 This discussion board will close on Oct 24th at 11:59pm	Assignment: Culture of Poverty Topic Due: Teacher/ Learner Essay Assignment: Reflection #2
2.7		(2015): Begin on page 4 (Education and Teacher Education); read through page 12 • Read PDF: Purposes of School		
Week 10 Oct 25- 31	Lesson 10: Motivating Learners	 Read TEXT: Johnston (2012), Chapters 1-3 Read ARTICLE: Parsons, et al (2014) 	• TWO WEEKS • Topic: Motivation Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Oct 27	Assignment: Growth Mindset
Week 11 Nov 1- 7	Lesson 11: Assessment	Read ARTICLE: Badger & Quely (2017) Watch VIDEO: Introduction to NAEP Read WEBSITE: What does research say about testing	This discussion board will close on Nov 7 th at 11:59pm	Assignment: NAEP tests
Week 12 Nov 8-14	Lesson 12: Teacher language	 Read TEXT: Johnston (2012), Chapters 4 Read ARTICLE: Kohn (2001) Read ARTICLE: DeWitt (2012) 	TWO WEEKS Topic: Teacher Language Reminder: If you are a Facilitator, you will post by Thursday, Nov 10 This discussion board will close on Nov 21st at 11:59pm	Assignment: Use of Language
Week 13 Nov 15- 21	Lesson 13: Constructive classroom conversations	• Read TEXT: o Johnston (2012), Chapters 5-7		Education Topic/ Interview Essay due Nov 21
Week 14 Nov 22- Dec 5 (extended week)	Lesson 14: Ongoing Reflection and Professional Development	Read TEXT: Nieto (2014), Part VII Choose 1 chapter of your choice plus Chap 24 Read TEXT: Johnston (2012), Chapters 8-9	ONE WEEK Topic: Revisit the Stick Figure Everyone posts by Friday 11:59pm	Assignment: "Well Now you know: Complete Course Evaluation Reflection #3: Letter to my Future Self Post Field Hours Sheet