

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

ELED 242 Section 004
Foundations of Elementary Education
3 Credits, Spring 2024 (Jan. 17- Apr. 24)
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Face-to-face classes in Thompson 2021, Fairfax Campus

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Course: Format: Hybrid: face-to-face and asynchronous

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

A. Recommended Prerequisites: EDUC 200 and EDUC 301

B. University Catalog Course Description: Examines the historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations of education as they relate to elementary schools, with a particular emphasis on teaching a culturally diverse population. Develops an understanding of the relationship between society and education.

C. Expanded Course Description: N/A

D. Field Hours: This course requires 15 hours of field observation. Additional details are in the ‘Assignments’ section.

THE COURSE DELIVERY:

This course will be delivered (76% or more) using both a face-to-face and 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 by August 22 at the latest.

Since some of this course may be held synchronously online (if necessary), **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.**

This course will be delivered using multiple instructional strategies and formats including face-to-face and asynchronous meetings. Individual session formats vary and may include mini-lessons, small group/large group discussion, hands-on, interactive work, student presentations, and cooperative learning. Practical applications of theory are explored via group activities. Each week, asynchronous activities should be completed prior to our class meetings. A detailed schedule is included in the “Class Schedule” section below.

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 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 and software for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>
 - Windows Media Player:
<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player>
 - Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/
 - Screencast-O-Matic - <https://screencast-o-matic.com/>
 - Zoom – <https://zoom.us/>

Expectations

- Course Week: Our course week will begin on the day that our synchronous meetings take place as indicated on the Schedule of Classes.
- Log-in Frequency:
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 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. Students can meet with the instructor via telephone or zoom. 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 re-read 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.

LEARNER OUTCOMES:

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

1. identify important historical, philosophical, and sociological foundations underlying the role, development, and organization of public educational practice;
2. discuss contemporary educational initiatives and analyze their impact on educating a culturally diverse population of students;
3. discuss laws related to students' and teachers' rights and responsibilities
4. exhibit knowledge, skills, and work processes representative of an innovative professional in a global and digital society
5. understand local and global societal issues and responsibilities in an evolving digital culture and exhibit legal and ethical behavior in their professional practices.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS:

Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards:

National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education Program Standards for Elementary Teacher Preparation

1. Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior among students at the K-6 level to foster active engagement in learning, self motivation, and positive social interaction and to create a supportive learning environment.
2. Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the elementary classroom.
3. Candidates understand practices and behaviors that identify and develop the competence of a professional career teacher.

Association of Childhood Education International Standards

3.2 Adaptation to diverse students—Candidates understand how elementary students differ in their development and approaches to learning, and create instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse students.

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

InTASC Standards

Standard 2: The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Standard 9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice: The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

8 VAC 20-25-30. Technology standards

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

REQUIRED TEXTS:

Canestrari, A. & Marlowe, B. (2021). *Educational Foundations: An Anthology of Critical Readings (4th edition)*. Sage.

Lewis, A.E. & Diamond, J.B. (2015). *Despite the best intentions: How racial inequality thrives in good schools*. New York: Oxford UP. Or you can download the e-book version of *Despite the Best Intentions* through GMU library for **free**.

<https://ebookcentral-proquest-com.mutex.gmu.edu/lib/GMU/detail.action?docID=2101588>

Virginia's Standards of Learning for K-6 (<http://www.pen.k12.va.us>)

Additional selected readings will be posted on Blackboard in the modules.

COURSE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard or email).

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Assignment Descriptions

a. Participation

This course operates with the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed and the most meaningful learning opportunities are those where you have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. To do this it is expected that **you are on time and attend all scheduled F2F classes and complete all asynchronous readings, assignments, and activities outlined within the syllabus.**

- In accordance with the GMU Attendance Policies (University Catalog, 2023-2024), “Students are expected to attend the class periods of the courses for which they are registered. In-class participation is important not only to the individual student, but also to the class as a whole. Because class participation may be a factor in grading, instructors may use absence, tardiness, early departure, or failure to engage in online classes as de facto evidence of nonparticipation.”

- If you must be absent from class, inform the instructor prior to the beginning of the class session. Missed classes (or portions of classes) will result in loss of participation points. Unless there are extenuating circumstances that have been shared with the instructor, more than two missed classes will result in a failing grade and you must retake the course.
- Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service are exemptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 48 hours in advance.
- In addition, **you are expected to be on time to class** each week unless 48 hours advance notice has been provided to the instructor.

In addition to the readings, you may be asked to watch videos, collect information, or explore other online resources or write reflections to questions prior to class. Sometimes, guiding question(s) or tasks related to the readings and these resources will be posted to establish a purpose for reading. These guiding questions or activities will be directly related to discussion for the session. Activities may require you to respond to a specific question, create a representation of ideas from the reading (e.g. concept map, picture), or analyze a piece of text or student work based on your understanding of the readings and other resources. The products of these activities support learning in class meetings. Additionally, classroom activities may include simulations, debates, book club meetings, examination of student work, and quickwrites.

You will receive participation points for asynchronous activity and discussion/reflection questions posted, as well as for actively participating in each face-to-face class session with all your readings, materials, and presentations prepared ahead of time.

The professor reserves the right to modify or alter assignments, tasks, due dates, and other requirements during the duration of the course to maximize the learning experience.

b. Educational History

We know from the research literature that our prior school experiences as a student (a.k.a. our apprenticeship of observation - Lortie, 1974) wield incredible influence on our views of teaching and learning. Therefore, it is essential that we explore our K-12 school experiences so that each of us is aware of the pre-existing perceptions that we bring to teacher preparation. This is also an opportunity for me to get to know you better as a learner and to find out the ways in which I can build upon your experiences and support your interests, strengths, skills, and perceived challenges or weaknesses.

Your Educational History should be 2-4 pages in length and should be an introspective summary/reflection on your memories of teaching/learning across your educational experiences:

- Elementary school
- Middle school
- High School
- College

Questions to guide your introspection and reflection can include:

- When was a time that you felt seen as individual or as a learner by an educator (e.g. teacher, coach, advisor, staff member, principal, professor, etc.)? Why? What did that person see that others did not?
- What strengths and strategies have you employed to be successful in your educational experiences? When was a time these strategies were not successful?
- What challenges have you encountered in your educational experiences? Why do you think you encountered them? What was the outcome?
- When was a time that you felt unseen/misunderstood/overlooked as an individual or as a learner by an educator (e.g. teacher, coach, advisor, staff member, principal, professor, etc.)? Why?

Your Educational History is due **Feb. 7**. You will submit it through the assessments link on Blackboard.

c. Teacher Beliefs: Developing a Vision Statement

You will identify, develop, and refine your beliefs about what teaching and learning entails. These beliefs will likely to shift, grow, and deepen as you gain more experience in the classroom and deepen your knowledge of theory and practice. As we begin this program, we often aspire to something that we are not yet able to do or that we don't do consistently. This assignment serves as an initial tool to uncover what we think is best for teaching and learning and whether this is reflected in our actual teaching practice to support the acquisition of new knowledge and reflective examination of your own teaching practice.

Throughout the course, we will reflect on the prompts below, in three parts, and consider how they relate to one another. We will also take time to consider areas that intersect and sources of tension in your beliefs and preferred practices. You will create a 'working document' (format discussed in class) that reflects how your thoughts are changing/evolving and we will revisit this to refine/expand your thoughts.

You will turn in each part over the course of the semester. Your 'working document' should include your final beliefs statement which will address each of the following prompts:

- *Part One*
- I believe that learning...
- I believe that teaching...
- I believe the purpose of schooling is...

- *Part Two:*
- I believe my classroom is...
- I believe my students learn best when **they**...
- I believe my students learn best when **I**...

- *Part Three:*
- I believe community/family is/are...
- I believe collaboration is...

These three documents will serve as an evolving drafts of your beliefs and you will submit these three drafts to the professor. Your ideas are expected to be "in progress" so questions and wonderings are acceptable for these drafts.

Draft 1 due: Jan. 4

Draft 2 due: Mar. 20

Draft 3 due: Apr. 3

The **final Vision Statement** should draw upon your draft and other sources of reflective learning and **be only 1-3 sentences**. Ergo, this should be succinct and get at the core of what you believe about teaching and learning. For example, here is my vision statement:

My vision as a teacher educator is to develop future teachers who embrace and thoughtfully attend to the diversity of all learners by carefully building relationships as well as creating a caring, learning community that best allows instruction to occur for all students to meet all their social, academic and emotional needs.

Your final vision statement is due on **Apr. 17**. You will upload your statement as well as your final full draft/notes.

e. FOR FIELD HOURS: Field Placement Reflection: Teaching in a Classroom post Pandemic

As we will learn in this class, not everyone has the same educational experience. Many students are disenfranchised by the school system due to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, language and/or disabilities. This has become an issue people are recognizing during the pandemic as some children struggled with virtual learning. As you participate in the field experience, pay attention to the students who seem to be thriving and those who are struggling. What do you notice about these sets of students? Why do you think some are thriving and others are not? What factors contribute to this? What supports are needed and being used for those struggling? Write a reflection about your observations and what you have learned about teaching.

This field experience reflection paper is due **April 24**.

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f. Presentation on Current Issues in Education

What current events are topical for us, as future educators? For this assignment, you and peers will consider a current event in the field of education as it relates to culture, religion, race, language, ability, gender, and socioeconomic class, as well as any broader topic of your interest.

To this end, you and your peers will select and analyze a current event that is of particular interest or importance to you. You will research this event, noting historical significance and current trends/perspectives. You will reflect upon how this issue relates to your own experiences, with connections to your current field placement. You will present a 15 minute presentation to the class. Sign ups for presentations will be organized during the second class session.

More information/rubric will be provided in class.

Presentations will be conducted on date: **Mar. 13**.

g. Professional Goals Paper

What are your goals in the field of education? How will you be successful? What will be your biggest challenges? What have you learned this semester that validates education as a career path for you (or not)? What research spoke the most to you? Which theorist do you relate closely with? And what does this mean for you in the future.

You will either write a 3-4 page paper OR create a 10-15 minute video addressing the previous questions in relation to a career in the field of education. Please reference at least 3 readings from the class. More information/rubric will be provided in class.

Paper or video will be due on **May 1**.

Assignment Expectations

All assignments are to be completed by **11:59 PM on the date listed in the syllabus**. Written work will not be accepted after the due date unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor and may include an automatic 10% reduction on the assignment score. All assignments must be submitted on the due date stated within the syllabus (see below) and should be submitted in the format indicated by the instructor in class. *Please note that assignments submitted in PDF format will not be accepted.*

Assignments should be saved with your Preferred Name and Assignment Title (e.g., **Olson_Classroom Management Plan**). All written papers are expected to be double-spaced, with 1” margins, and in 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). APA (7th) format is expected. If you do not have a 7th Edition APA manual, the OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

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

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

Use of Generative -AI Tools in Class

Use of Generative-AI tools should be used following the fundamental principles of the Honor Code. This includes being honest about the use of these tools for submitted work and including citations when using the work of others, whether individual people or Generative-AI tools. Please see the following link for more information about how to use these tools:

<https://stearnscenter.gmu.edu/knowledge-center/ai-text-generators/>

When explicitly stated by the instructor, Generative AI tools are allowed on the named assignment. Students will be directed if and when citation or statement-of-usage direction is required. **Use of these tools on any assignment not specified will be considered a violation of the academic integrity policy.** All academic integrity violations will be reported to the office of Academic Integrity. Some student work may be analyzed using an originality detection tool focused on AI tools. Generative AI detection tool use will be revealed when the assignment directions are provided to students.

2. Assignment Points

<i>Course Outcomes</i>	<i>Requirements & Assignments</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Due Date</i>
1,2,3,4,5	Participation	20	Weekly
1	Educational History	15	Feb. 7
1,2	Drafts of the three Belief Statements	5 each	Jan. 14 Mar. 20 Apr. 3
1,2,3,4,5	Presentation: Current Issues in Education	15	Mar. 13
	Field Experience Reflection	5	Apr. 24
1,2	Teacher Beliefs: Developing a Vision Statement (Final Draft)	10	Apr. 17
1,2,3,4,5	Professional Goals Paper or Video	20	May 1
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3. Grading Policies

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

Grade	Grading Scale	Interpretation
A+	97-100	<i>Represents mastery of the subject through effort beyond basic requirements</i>
A	93-96	
A-	90-92	
B+	87-89	<i>Reflects an understanding of and the ability to apply theories and principles at a basic level</i>
B	83-86	
B-	80-82	
C+	77 – 79	
C	73 – 76	
C-	70-72	<i>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.</i>
D	60-69	
F	<59	

Note: “C” is not satisfactory for a licensure course; “F” does not meet requirements of the School of Education.

4. Other Expectations

APA format:

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

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

Late work policy:

It is expected that all class assignments will be submitted on time to the correct location: **late assignments will not receive full credit.** All assignments must be submitted via **Blackboard** on the due date stated within the syllabus (see below) prior to class. If extraordinary circumstances prevent you from submitting your work in a timely manner, **it is your responsibility to contact the instructor as soon as possible after the circumstances occur and make arrangements to complete your work.** It is up to the discretion of the instructor to approve the late/makeup work. Assignments turned in late without prior communication will receive an automatic deduction of one letter grade making the highest possible score equivalent to 80% (B).

Revise & Resubmit:

If a student submits an assignment that may indicate limited understanding or confusion about the content as indicated by scoring on the assignment rubric, the instructor may request for a student to revise and resubmit the assignment based on feedback. This is an opportunity for a student to clarify understanding of the content

and demonstrate growth. In most cases, the original assignment and revision will be averaged for a new final grade. The instructor will communicate with the student to determine a reasonable timeframe within which to complete the revision.

Professional Dispositions: See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/>

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

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

Class	Date	Guiding Questions/Topics	Readings/Assignments Due
Week 1	Jan. 17 Face-to-Face	Review Syllabus Why do we want to teach? What are your educational beliefs? Who are you as future teachers? What experiences and history helped you decide to be a teacher? Who are we as individuals?	Please read syllabus before class. Bb: Module 1: Read posted links to articles in the module. Be ready to share in class the posted discussion questions in class. Questions are listed in module. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Willing to be disturbed" • Ayers (2010) - "Seeing the Student" chapter and graphic novel • Watson (2012) - "A message from a Black mom to her son" You need to sign up for 15 hours of field placement through the Teacher Track office by 2/15. You can find this information online at: https://education.gmu.edu/teacher-track-office/student-field-experience/
Week 2	Jan. 24 Asynchronous	What are the purposes of school? What does <i>foundations of education</i> mean? Who decides what purposes school serves?	Module 2: Purposes of Schooling Texts: -Lewis & Diamond (2015) <u>Despite the Best Intentions</u> (DTBI): Ch. 1 -Canestrari & Marlowe (2021) <u>Educational Foundations</u> : Ch 1, Ch 2 Bb readings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure Factories • FCPS Portrait of a Graduate • Bronfenbrenner Ecological Systems Model Bring Graphic Organizer completed to class on the "Purposes of Schools" ready to share. Discussion Questions due Belief statement 1 due to Blackboard to share

<p>Week 3</p>	<p>Jan. 31 Face-to-Face</p>	<p>Who are our students and how are they different from/alike each other, us, and peers from decades past? *Considering Gender and Special Needs</p>	<p>Bb: Module 3: Gender, Culture, and Disabilities in Schooling</p> <p>Texts: -DTBI: Ch. 2 -Ed. Foundations: Ch. 4, Ch.5</p> <p>Bb readings: Read ONE article with your group to present in class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond the Dilemma of Difference (special needs/exceptionalities) • Girls and the Curriculum- How schools shortchange girls (gender) • The Boy-Turn in research (gender) • Supporting Transgender Students • Supporting ELLs <p>Discussion Questions due Presentations of Readings Due</p>
<p>Week 4</p>	<p>Feb. 7 Asynchronous</p>		<p>Bb: Module 4: LGTBQ and Identity in Education</p> <p>Texts: NA</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GLSEN • Ready, Set, Respect! • Federal Court Rules Virginia School’s Trasngender Bathroom Ban Unconstitutional • Watch “Tomboy” video <p>DUE: Educational History Paper Due Discussion Questions Due</p>
<p>Week 5</p>	<p>Feb. 14 Face-to-Face</p>	<p>Who are our students and how are they different from/alike each other, us, and peers from decades past? *Considering Global Migration, Poverty, and Race</p>	<p>Module 5: Poverty</p> <p>Texts: -DTBI: Ch. 3</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ladson Billings: Pedagogy of Poverty • Digital Divide is even more urgent during the pandemic • Gorski: Pedagogy of Poverty • Seven Engagement Factors that are Correlated with Poverty

			<p>Discussion Questions Due</p> <p>Complete “Truths and Lies” online poster to share in class</p>
Week 6	Feb. 21 Asynchronous	What is the best way to organize learning for students with special needs?	<p>Module 6: SPED</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder • IDEA 2004 Close up • Language-Based Learning Disabilities • Learning Disabilities • Speech and Language Impairments <p>-Open Link to SPED module on Pre-Referral process and complete assessment questions at the end. Post Word document from module assessment in Submit Assessments Link on Bb.</p> <p>Link to module: https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/preref/</p> <p>Work on Current Issues Presentation</p>
Week 7	Feb. 28 Face-to-Face	What is the best way to organize learning for ELL students?	<p>Module 7: ELLs in Education</p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>- Ed. Foundations: Ch. 6</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice for ELLs: Peer-Assisted Learning • A Multidimensional Approach to Vocabulary Instruction: Supporting ELLs in Inclusive Classrooms • Standards-based Writing for ELLs • How to Support ELLs During E-Learning <p>-Open Link to Module on Effective Instructional Practices for ELLs and complete assessment questions at the end of the module. Post Word doc of assessment questions on Bb.</p> <p>Link to module: https://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/ell/</p>

Week 8	Mar. 6 Spring Break		Module 8: Work on Current Issues in Education Presentation with your Group
Week 9	Mar. 13 Face-to-Face		Current Issues in Education Presentations due
Week 10	Mar. 20 Asynchronous	Do Standards help of hinder educational progress?	<p>Module 9: SOLS and Common Core</p> <p>Texts: -DTBI: Ch. 4</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Common Core Explained by Ed Week • VDOE: Reaffirms Support for SOLs; Opposes Imposition of Common Core • Common Core Engine of Inequity • Comparison of Virginia’s 2010 English Standards of Learning with the Common Core State Standards for English and Literacy <p>Discussion Questions and Belief Statement 2 due</p>
Week 11	Mar. 27 Face-to-Face	What should teachers know and be able to do to teach all students?	<p>Bb: Module 10: Intasc Standards</p> <p>Texts: - Ed. Foundations: Ch 8, 14, 15</p> <p>Bb readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • InTasc Standards (page 10-19) <p>Discussion Questions Due</p>
Week 12	Apr. 3 Asynchronous		<p>Bb: Module 11: Teaching Philosophies</p> <p>Texts: NA</p> <p>Bb readings: Jigsaw Activity on Philosophy Readings in Module. Read designated/assigned reading only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dewey—Pragmatism • Gay—Culturally Responsive Teaching • Montessori—Constructivism • Noddings—Caring

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skinner—Behaviorism <p>-Watch Philosophy videos that show different philosophies of education in schools</p> <p>-Complete the posted Graphic Organizer and be ready to present your philosopher in class</p> <p>Belief Statement 3 Due</p>
Week 13	Apr. 10 Face-to-Face	What educational theories say about how students learn?	<p>Bb: Module 12: Personal Philosophies</p> <p>Texts:</p> <p>-DTBI: Ch. 5 Ch. 6</p> <p>Discussion Questions Due</p> <p>-Jigsaw Activity of Philosophy Reading Due</p> <p>-Graphic Organizer of Philosophy Reading</p>
Week 14	Apr. 17 Asynchronous		<p>Texts:</p> <p>- Ed. Foundations: Ch 16, 17, 18</p> <p>Vision Statement due</p>
Week 15	Apr. 24 Face-to-Face	<p>Summary discussion of DTBI as foundation for looking at the best evidence of teacher success.</p> <p>Who are we as future teachers?</p> <p>How do we plan to teach to best serve our students and our profession?</p>	<p>Module 13: Future Educators</p> <p>Texts: Ed. Foundations: Ch 3, 20, Epilogue</p> <p>Field Experience Reflection Due</p>
Week 16	May 1		Professional Goals Paper or Video due

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/>).

Campus Resources

- **Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, sexual harassment, interpersonal violence, and stalking:** As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Non-Confidential Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment, 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 the [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 or support measures from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.
- 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/>

Rubric for informed participation during classes

(This is what I will be listening for)

	Exemplary 2.5pts	Proficient 2pts	Developing 1pt	Unacceptable .5pt
Frequency of participation	I initiated contributions more than once today.	I initiated a contribution once today.	I contributed when someone solicited input from me.	I did not contribute today.
Quality of comments	My comments were insightful &	My comments were mostly insightful &	My comments were sometimes constructive,	My comments were uninformative, relied

	constructive; used appropriate terminology. Comments balanced between general impressions, opinions & specific, thoughtful criticisms or contributions.	constructive; mostly used appropriate terminology. Occasionally comments were too general or not relevant to the discussion.	with occasional signs of insight. My comments were not always relevant to the discussion.	heavily on opinion, or I did not comment.
Listening Skills	I listened attentively the majority of the time when others presented/shared material and or perspectives.	I was mostly attentive when others presented ideas, materials.	I was somewhat inattentive today. Occasionally I spoke while others were speaking.	I did not listen to others; talked while others were speaking or did not pay attention when other students were speaking. I was distracted (or sleeping).
Preparation	I was well prepared for today's class; completed all of the reading.	I was mostly prepared for today's class; completed most of the reading.	I was somewhat prepared for today's class; completed some of the reading.	I was unprepared for today's class; I completed little of none of the reading.