

**George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
Elementary Education**

ELED 544 Section 006

Introduction to Elementary Methods and Management- 3 credits

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

University Catalog Course Description: Introduces general methods of teaching and management in elementary schools with an emphasis on using the foundational principles of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and management to plan instruction for diverse learners.

Course Overview: This course examines methods of teaching children in PK-6 classrooms with an emphasis on understanding the overarching principles and interactions of curriculum, instruction, assessment, and management, as well as the components of highly effective lessons. Teacher candidates will explore multiple models of instructional planning to design and implement developmentally appropriate and engaging lessons. Teacher candidates will consider various models of management for creating a positive environment for learning.

Course Delivery Method: This course will be delivered by hybrid online (51 to 99% of scheduled class time is online). Remaining class time requires face-to-face meetings. Online, we will use both synchronous and asynchronous formats via Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. Some course activities will require additional free online tools such as Google, Flipgrid and Nearpod. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before @gmu.edu) and email password. The course site will be available on Jan 11, 2024.

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 synchronous and asynchronous online 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 synchronous class meetings.** A detailed class schedule is included in the 'Class Schedule' section.

Please note: This course requires 15 hours of field observation. Additional details are in the 'assignments' section.

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 Zoom 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: [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>
 - 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.
- 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 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 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.
- Artificial Intelligence:
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.**
- Accommodations:
Online learners who require effective accommodations to ensure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes:

This course is designed to enable teacher candidates to:

- A. Develop their understanding of the intersection of diverse PK-6 learners, classroom management, and instruction in planning for, modifying, and ensuring an inclusive, positive learning environment (INTASC 2).
- B. Design a positive, supportive instructional environment for diverse learners through creation of rules, norms, and procedures that build student responsibility and self-discipline and promote active engagement, collaboration, goal setting and self-motivation (INTASC 3).
- C. Explore a variety of management models used in elementary classrooms (INTASC 2).
- D. Explore a variety of instructional models, including online learning and online instructional strategies, posing questions, creating and managing small group work, leading whole group discussions, and rehearsing management routines that frame differentiated and varied instructional experiences that meet the needs of diverse students (INTASC 7).
- E. Use their theoretical understanding of how children grow, develop and learn, as well as their individual differences (socially, cognitively, linguistically, culturally, emotionally, and physically) to plan and implement developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences that balance teacher instruction, engaged student learning and assessment (INTASC 1, 7).

- F. Demonstrate knowledge of approaches to managing significant behavior challenges, as well as an understanding of school crisis management and safety plans (INTASC 2).
- G. Create lesson plans that include a variety of engaging instructional strategies (including visual and performing arts), varied resources and materials (including media and contemporary technology), age- appropriate content, and a variety of assessment approaches (INTASC 7, 8).
- H. Understand the role of formative and summative assessment in elementary classrooms and proactively plan for how they will assess instructional impact on student learning (INTASC 6).
- I. Reflect individually and collaboratively with peers and colleagues on lessons to self-evaluate, determine effectiveness of instruction, and plan for future instruction (INTASC 9).
- J. Identify and discuss the essential attributes of the effective teacher and of effective instruction for the 21st century. (INTASC 9).
- K. Understand the nature of teacher’s work, the characteristics of effective schools, and the skills needed to work with colleagues, administrators, and parents. (INTASC 9, 10)
- L. Understand, possess, and integrate the knowledge, skills, dispositions, and processes needed to support learners’ achievement in an interdisciplinary manner in Virginia's Foundation Blocks for Early Learning: Comprehensive Standards for Four-Year-Olds and the Virginia Standards of Learning in English, mathematics, history and social science, science, music, drama, movement, and computer technology.

Professional Standards:

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

INTASC (The Interstate Teacher Assessment & Support Consortium):

- **Standard #1: Learner Development.** The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.
- **Standard #2: Learning Differences.** The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.
- **Standard #3: Learning Environments.** The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active
- **Standard #6: Assessment.** The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher’s and learner’s decision making.
- **Standard #7: Planning for Instruction.** The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

- **Standard #8: Instructional Strategies.** The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.
- **Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.** The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.
- **Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration.** The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

Required Texts: **These texts will all also be used in ELED 545.*

- Denton, P. (2013). *The power of our words*. Turner Falls, MA: Center for Responsive Schools.
- *Doubet, K. J. & Hockett, J. A. (2018). *Differentiation in the elementary grades: Strategies to engage and equip all learners*. ASCD.
- *Hammond, Z. (2015). *Culturally responsive teaching and the brain: Promoting authentic engagement and rigor among culturally and linguistically diverse students*. Sage Publications.

Additional Recommended Texts:

- Wood, C. (2017). *Yardsticks: Children in the classroom ages 4-14 (4th ed.)*. Center for Responsive Schools. (From ELED 543)

+Additional selected readings in instructional planning and classroom management will be posted on Blackboard.

Course Performance Evaluation:

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

Assignment and/or Evaluations:

1. Morning Meeting Assignment (DUE March 10; 10%)

Establishing a warm, safe, and culturally responsive classroom community, along with continuously reflecting on one's teaching practice for the purposes of improvement, provide critical supports to students' cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and language development. The purpose of this assignment is to help you both gain experience in planning and implementing all four components of Morning Meeting while increasing your reflective capacities as a form of teacher professional learning.

You will collaborate with your mentor teacher and/or peers to co-plan/co-lead one Morning Meeting lessons. This will involve the following three tasks:

- **Part 1 - Planning:** Your first task is to create a 10-to-20-minute Morning Meeting lesson (you MUST use [GMU lesson planning morning meeting template](#)) that includes all the following components: *Greeting, Share, Activity, Message*. You may plan with your mentor teacher and/or peers.
- **Part 2 – Implementation:** After you have planned the Morning Meeting, you need to implement the Morning Meeting. You may lead the Morning Meeting with your peer (if in a shared placement) and/or with your mentor teacher. You may also elect to lead the Morning Meeting on your own. YOU WILL FILM YOURSELF and watch it while reflecting.
- **Part 3 – Summative Reflection:** After implementing your Morning Meeting, you will watch your video and reflect upon your teaching experience. Think about successes, areas of growth, notes on what you might do differently were you to implement this lesson again, and any other pertinent ‘noticings’ you had after lesson implementation. *Note: While you may have co-planned and/or co-led the lesson with a peer, these comments should represent your own individual reflection on the lesson implementation and should be completed separately.* This summative reflection should address the prompts below:
 - Why do you think certain aspects of the Morning Meeting went well?
 - Why do you think certain aspects of the Morning Meeting did not go as expected?
 - What changes might you make the next time you lead a Morning Meeting (try to go beyond changes you would make to this lesson specifically and consider how your approach, framing, management, etc. overall might be modified)?
 - What did you learn about how you interact with students at this age/grade level AND about leading and managing a large group of students?
 - You will submit Part 1 (lesson plan) and Part 3 (reflection) to Blackboard. *The rubric used to evaluate this assignment will be provided in class.*

2. Lesson Planning and Implementation Assignment (Draft of Part 2 Due March 17; Final Due: April 14 ; 25%)

A key portion of this class is understanding the basic principles of effective instructional planning and implementation. The purpose of this performance-based assessment is to provide you an opportunity to develop a research-supported lesson plan that effectively meets the needs of a specific population of students. In your lesson, you will purposefully plan instruction using your understanding of the developmental needs of students in your observation classroom. You will complete one instructional cycle (planning, instruction, assessment, reflection/future planning). This assignment includes the following elements:

This assignment has four components:

PART 1: Describing Your Students:

- a. A description of **your students’** developmental characteristics and academic readiness.

- i. Use Yardsticks to help describe the Developmental stages/needs
- ii. Observations of learners including:
 1. Social/emotional
 2. Behavioral
 3. Academic/readiness

(This can also be discussed with your teacher, asking if there are any particular IEPs or other accommodations/modifications that should be considered for your particular lesson.)

PART 2: Detailed Lesson Plan: Based on the information you have identified in Part 1, you will rewrite a lesson plan that aligns with one or more Virginia state standards.

NOTE: It is **HIGHLY recommended** that you focus this assignment on gradual release as well as Blooms questioning.

CHOOSE EITHER A or B:

- A) Identify a topic with your teacher that you will teach in late March/early April. Use AI (Artificial Intelligence) to generate a lesson plan. Rewrite based on what you know about your students
OR
- B) Ask your teacher to provide you with a scripted lesson. Rewrite it based on what you know about your students

NEXT: The lesson should be rewritten using the “GMU Lesson Planning Template” and include all of the following required components:

- Standards
- Objectives (the KUDs)
- Materials (be specific)
- Total time and time per lesson part
- Technology (if applicable)
- Differentiation
- Procedures in BULLETED form (do not write in paragraphs)
 - Hook/Link (Opening)
 - Detailed Steps (Developmental Activities and Closing)
 - Checks for Understanding – should be incorporated throughout lesson, as well as copied and pasted into a summary list under the “Checks for Understanding” heading
- Assessment
- Accommodations and Modifications for students with disabilities and multilingual learners

Draft of Part 2 due March 17

Part 3 – Lesson Implementation: You will implement (teach) the lesson. Your implementation of the lesson should be videorecorded for reflection in Part 4.

Part 4 – Reflection: After implementing your lesson, you will upload a 5-minute sample of your videorecorded lesson to Blackboard/Kaltura. DO NOT GO OVER THE 5 MINUTE LIMIT. You will then complete a 1-2 page summative reflection statement and goal setting for future planning and instruction using the prompts in the lesson planning template. You MUST reference your video in the reflection, noting the time stamp as well.

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

The rubric used to evaluate this assignment will be provided in class. **Final Due: April 14**

3. Field Investigations: Planning, Instruction, and Management Inquiry (DUE April 28; 15%)

Teaching involves a complex interaction of intentional planning, management, and implementation. The purpose of this assignment is to scaffold you into noticing (and reflecting upon) these aspects of teaching within our field experience classroom. Across the semester, you will engage in course and field experience activities that support exploration of the following inquiry: **In what ways do planning, instruction, management, and knowledge of learners intersect in the elementary classroom?**

This assignment involves three investigations to be conducted during your field experience hours. For each investigation, a guided observation and exploration document will be provided in class. The observation document will scaffold connections between course readings, activities, discussions, and your field work. The three components of this assignment will be:

- Investigation #1: Classroom Learning Environment
- Investigation #2: Elements of Lesson Planning
- Investigation #3: Classroom Management

The guided exploration document for each investigation, as well the rubric used to evaluate this assignment, will be provided in class.

4. Classroom Management Plan (DUE May 1; 15%)

You will develop an in-depth classroom management plan that serves as an overview of what a teacher does to prepare for the new school year. Your plan should include connections to readings and discussions from across the semester, with an emphasis on culturally responsive and anti-racist principles, and should include the following components:

- **Part 1: An overview of your management philosophy (2-3 paragraphs)**
 - Your evolving conception of your teacher identity
 - The principles you believe are most important in working with children
 - The role of culturally responsive and anti-racist principles in your management philosophy
 - How you see your identity, important principles in working with children, and role of CRT leading you to utilize key ideas from one or more of the four management models discussed in ELED 544, including your plans for proactive and reactive classroom management
- **Part 2: A schematic diagram of your classroom**
 - Include a detailed classroom map. This map should include clearly identified/labeled instructional spaces. Consider floor and wall spaces (i.e., don't forget to include a description of items you plan to include on the walls).
 - Provide a description of how your diagram is informed by each of the six features of classroom design.
- **Part 3: A professional Welcome to the School Year letter to families**
 - Introduce yourself and a bit about you.
 - Include your general beliefs about teaching/goals for the year.
 - Choose one grade level on which to focus and include a broad overview of key content for that grade level.
 - Close with methods for communication (i.e., newsletter, Twitter, Class Dojo, etc.) and methods for contacting you.
- **Part 4: A description of 5 anticipated procedures and routines**
 - Description should include what each will look/sound like.
 - Rationale for inclusion of each procedure or routine is included.
- **Part 5: A description of your plan for developing classroom norms, rules, community, and relationships**
 - Detail the process you will use to create classroom norms with students
 - Identify the classroom rules you will establish as a teacher
 - Describe ideas for building community within the classroom
 - Identify strategies for developing authentic relationships with students
- **Part 6: A description of your plan for addressing misbehaviors**
 - Identify multiple approaches for how you will address student misbehavior, including rationale for choosing to use those approaches with students
 - Include distinctions between minor misbehaviors, more significant/persistent misbehaviors, and serious behavioral challenges

The rubric used to evaluate this assignment will be provided in class.

5. Licensure Requirement: Praxis Subject Area Tests (DUE Sunday Feb 11: 10%)

To support timely completion of licensure requirements, you are expected to upload evidence of either registration for or test scores received for each of the required Praxis Subject Area Tests. Links and supporting resources will be provided as applicable.

6. Attendance and Participation (25%)

It is expected that you attend all face to face, synchronous and asynchronous online meetings outlined within the syllabus. Absence from class to observe a religious holiday, to serve jury duty, or to participate in required military service, and medical emergencies are exceptions to the above policy. If you anticipate being absent for any of these reasons, please make arrangements at least 24 hours in advance. In addition, you are expected to be on time to class.

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; therefore, **you are expected to contribute to face to face, synchronous and asynchronous online discussions and activities** as well as genuinely listen to peers as they do the same. In addition, **you are expected to be prepared for each class**, which means having completed **all assigned readings and tasks** for that class.

Your participation includes completion of all face to face, synchronous and asynchronous application activities. This includes but is not limited to

- Contributions to whole group and small group discussions
- Lesson plan analyses
- Graphic organizers and activities associated with weekly content

Assignment Expectations:

All written papers are expected to be double-spaced, with 1" margins, and in 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial). APA format is expected. If you do not have a 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. Professional writing can be difficult; I encourage you to take advantage of this service. http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/?page_id=177

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. **Late written work will have a deduction of points at 1 point off per day, unless arrangements for late work have been previously discussed with the professor.**

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

Course Performance Evaluation Weighting

Course Outcomes	Requirements & Assignments	Percentage of Final Grade	Due Date (IN ORDER OF DUE DATE)
n/a	5. Registration for Praxis Multiple Subjects	10%	Sun Feb 11
A-L	1. Morning Meeting Implementation	15%	Sun March 10
A-L	2. *PBA: Lesson Planning & Implementation Assignment	20%	Draft of Part 2: Sun March 17 Final: Sun April 14
A-L	3. Field Investigations: Planning, Instruction and Management Inquiry	15%	Sun April 28
A-C	4. Classroom Management Plan	15%	Wed May 1
A-L	6. Attendance/Participation	25%	Weekly

*Designated performance-based assessment

GRADUATE GRADING SCALE

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	<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>
C	70-79	
F	<69	

**Remember: A course grade less than B requires that you retake the course. "C" is not satisfactory for a licensure course; "F" does not meet requirements of the School of Education*

Professional Dispositions:

Students are expected to always exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions (See Elementary Education Program Handbook).

See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>

CLASS SCHEDULE

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

DATE	Learning Targets	Assignments Due
<p>Class 1: Tuesday January 16</p> <p>ONLINE</p> <p>*Bring 2 items for the "What's in my sack?" activity – see Blackboard for information</p> <p>*Complete: https://forms.gle/E R7Xe8pBr1mNxQgf6</p>	<p>Introduction to Management & Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● I can explore the InTasc Standards addressing management, planning, and instruction.● I can describe my existing beliefs about planning and management.● I can identify the characteristics of effective teaching/teachers.● I can use teacher reflection to facilitate my professional development.● I can describe strategies for building relationships with students and a positive community among learners.● I can identify the elements of morning meeting and explain why its role in creating a positive learning community.	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dobet & Hockett, Chapter 1 (Building a Family of Learners, pp. 9-15, skim 18-37) <p>Possible Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Arends, Ch. 1 (pp. 19-30)● InTasc Standards, (pp. 8-9)● Christopherson (2019), "Apprenticeship by Observation"● Glossary of Education Reform (2015), Hidden Curriculum Definition● Responsive Classroom (2016), What is Morning Meeting?● The Power of Morning Meeting
<p>Class 2: Tuesday January 23</p> <p>ON CAMPUS</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Methods and Management: Building Community & Knowing Your Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● I can describe how language informs student teacher relationships and a positive learning community.● I can explain how my beliefs and culture impact how I build relationships with students.● I can describe the developmental needs of students and draw connections to planning and management.● I can define culturally responsive teaching and use it as a framework for building relationships with culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse students.● I can describe the attributes of an anti-racist educator and discuss how culture, bias, and sociopolitical contexts impact my work as a teacher.	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Denton (2015) introduction: Why our words matter (pp. 1-11)● Hammond (2015): Chs 2, 4, and 5● Wood (2017): Intro (pg. 5-15) and age group for field hours placement <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Moss Lee (2012), Creating an anti-racist classroom● Schwartz (2019), How Ibram X. Kendi's definition of antiracism applies to schools <p>Videos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Kendi (2020), The difference between being "not racist" and antiracist (watch at least 4:25-15:15)● Simmons (2020), 6 ways to be an antiracist educator

<p>Class 3: Tuesday January 30</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can locate, describe and deconstruct the Virginia SOLs and associated resources from the VDOE website. ● I can identify the phases of the instructional cycle and explain the importance of clear instructional planning. ● I can describe the various ways in which instruction might be organized at the elementary level (units, lessons, mini lessons) ● I can describe the elements of differentiated instruction. ● I can identify high-leverage practices I need to develop as a teacher. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Doubet & Hockett, (2018), Introduction: Differentiation gets an upgrade (pp. 1-5) ● Denton (2015), Ch. 1: General Guidelines for Teacher Language (pp. 12-31) <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arends (2012), Ch 3: Teacher planning (pp. 93-111 only) ● InTasc (2013), Standard #7 (pgs. 34-37) ● Tomlinson & Moon (2013). Ch 1: Differentiation, An overview ● Skim for big ideas: High Leverage Practices <p>LINK: Virginia SOLs</p>
<p>Class 4: Tuesday February 6</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can explain the importance of backward design in instructional planning. ● I can describe KUDs and their role in effective elementary lesson planning. ● I can construct KUDs/SMART objectives using the Virginia SOLs as a framework. ● I can incorporate cognitive taxonomies (e.g., Bloom's) into lesson planning. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Doubet & Hockett (2018), Ch. 2: Articulating learning goals (read pp. 41-55, skim pp. 58-70) <p>Blackboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arends (2012), Ch. 3: Instructional objectives & Taxonomies for selecting instructional objectives (pp. 111-118 only) ● Armstrong (n.d.), Bloom's taxonomy ● Elements of a Lesson Plan (do NOT skip this reading) ● Tomlinson & Moon (2013), Ch. 2: Assessment and differentiation (pp. 17-21 only) <p>DUE DATE SUNDAY FEB 11th: Registration Dates given for Praxis Subject Area Tests</p>

<p>Class 5: Tuesday February 13</p> <p>ON CAMPUS</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>I can explain the importance of backward design in instructional planning.</i> • <i>I can construct KUDs/SMART objectives using the Virginia SOLs as a framework.</i> • <i>I can incorporate cognitive taxonomies (e.g., Bloom's) into lesson planning.</i> • I can describe the elements of a lesson plan. • I can identify the components of a gradual release lesson plan and align those components with the elements of a lesson plan. • I can construct a gradual release lesson plan. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read this first: Fisher & Frey (2021), Ch. 1: Learning and the intentional act of teaching • Archer & Hughes (2011), Ch. 2: Designing lessons - Skills and strategies • Brownell et al. (2020), Teaching students with disabilities - and all students who need a learning boost • Review Elements of a Lesson Plan • Fisher & Frey (2019), Don't just think aloud, think along • Ideas for Great Hooks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vierstra (2016), Five ways to start a lesson ○ ELT Planning (2015), 35 ways to introduce a lesson topic
<p>Class 6: Tuesday February 20</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can use backward design in instructional planning. • I can create engaging and interactive learning experiences. • I can use checks for understanding to formatively assess students. • I can describe and implement tools, strategies, and techniques for asking open-ended and higher order thinking questions. • I can identify models and strategies associated with student-centered (constructivist) teaching. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skim Denton (2014), Ch. 3: Open-ended questions • Doubet & Hockett (2018), Ch. 4 (Read Part 1 and <i>Skim</i> Part 2) <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burden & Byrd (2019), Ch. 6: Student-centered instructional strategies • McTighe (2021), 8 quick checks for understanding • Himmele & Himmele (2011), Ch. 4: On-the-spot TPTs <p>Video:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socratic Seminar

<p>Class 7:</p> <p>Week of February 27</p> <p>ASYNCHRONOUS ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe an IEP and its use in the general education classroom to meet the needs of students with exceptionalities. I can distinguish between accommodations and modifications and explain how they differ from differentiation. I can explore different constructivist approaches to designing a lesson. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staehr, Fenner & Snyder (2017), Ch. 3: Scaffolding instructions for ELS IRIS Center (n.d.), What is an IEP? Lee (n.d.), The 13 disability categories under IDEA Morin (n.d.), Common accommodations and modifications in school <p>Videos: 2 to watch before/after certain readings</p> <p>DUE DATE: SUNDAY MARCH 10th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Meeting Implementation & Reflection
<p>Spring Break Week of March 5th</p>		
<p>Class 8:</p> <p>Tuesday March 12</p> <p>ON CAMPUS</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Instructional Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe the attributes of and purpose of a focus lesson. <p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can identify the elements of a responsive classroom. I can describe six features of classroom design and use these to analyze classroom space. I can identify critical practices of anti-racism in designing classroom space and managing the learning community (See HLP: Organizational Routines). 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weinstein & Romano (2019): Six features of classroom design Charney (1991), Ch. 1, 2 (pp. 3-8; Ch 1: Intentions (pp. 9-18), and Ch 2: (pp. 19-50 Learning for Justice (2018), Critical practices for anti-bias education: Classroom culture <p>Video: Responsive Classroom Overview</p> <p>DUE DATE: SUNDAY MARCH 17th</p> <p>Draft of Part 2 (only) of PBA</p>
<p>Class 9:</p> <p>Tuesday March 19</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Individual ONLINE Meetings with Dr. Bean (required)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have your draft of Part 2 available during the online meeting Dr. Bean will review the drafts prior to our meeting; please upload ON TIME (MARCH 17) Be prepared to discuss the lesson plan and dates of implementation

<p>Class 10: Tuesday March 26</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can identify the elements of Assertive Discipline. ● I can consider strategies for establishing rule and norms with K-6 learners. ● I can identify the routines and procedures needed to make an elementary classroom run smoothly and effectively. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Charney (1991), Ch. 3: Rules (pp. 51-64) ● Drew: 11 Features of Assertive Discipline ● Responsive Classroom (2015), Looking ahead to next year: The first days of school ● Northeast Foundation for Children (2007), Creating rules with students <p>Video: Lunchroom expectations</p>
<p>Class 11: Tuesday April 2</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can identify the elements of PBIS. ● I can explore the pros and cons of rewards. ● I can describe the steps of interactive modeling and its importance in establishing routines and procedures in classrooms. 	<p>READINGS:</p> <p>Text</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denton, Ch. 4, (Listening) ● Denton, Ch. 5 (Reinforcing Language) <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Manning & Bucher (2013), Positive Behavior Support (pp. 190-193) ● Northeast Foundation for Children (2009), PBIS and the Responsive Classroom approach ● Wilson (2011), For classroom order, friendliness, and calm: Try interactive modeling <p>Videos: 4 short ones to watch on Bb</p>
<p>Class 12: Tuesday April 9</p> <p>ON CAMPUS</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I can identify the attributes of Kounin’s management theory. ● I can describe how to use logical consequences, as well as other strategies, to manage minor misbehaviors. ● I can discuss characteristics of reminding language and redirecting language. ● I can describe the roles of brain breaks and mindfulness routines in managing the classroom. 	<p>Text:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Denton, Ch. 6 (Reminding Language) ● Denton, Ch. 7 (Redirecting Language) <p>Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Edupedia (2018), What is the Kounin Model? ● Using logical consequences (RC) ● Time-Outs (RC) ● Seifert & Sutton (2009) Responding to student misbehavior (ONLY pp. 150-155) ● Edutopia: Brain breaks ● 1, 2, 3, Magic <p>DUE DATE: SUNDAY APRIL 14th PBA Lesson Planning & Implementation: ALL 4 PARTS</p>

<p>Class 13: Tuesday April 16</p> <p>ONLINE</p>	<p>Frameworks for Elementary Teaching and Learning: Classroom Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I can describe strategies for addressing minor student misbehavior. I can describe strategies for addressing chronic and/or major student misbehavior. 	<p>READINGS: Bb Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charney, Ch. 7: Power struggles (pp. 111-122) Responsive Classroom (2016), Responding to defiance in the moment Responsive Classroom (2012), Individual written agreements (behavior plans) Weinstein et al., Managing serious and recurrent management challenges (read Chap 12, skim Chap 13) Smith et al. (2015), Ch. 1: Punitive or restorative - The choice is yours <p>Video: Edutopia (2014), Using dialogue circles to support classroom management</p> <p>DUE DATE: SUNDAY April 28th: Field Investigations</p> <p>DUE DATE WEDNESDAY MAY 1st: Classroom Management Plan</p>
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