

George Mason University
College of Education and Human Development
School of Education

EDUC 502 6A1/DL1/DP1 – Curriculum & Instruction – Teaching All Learners
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University Catalog Course Description

Focuses on frameworks and methods for effective implementation of curricula across PK-12 teaching contexts that support academic progress toward Virginia Standards of Learning for all PK-12 learners. Builds capacity to apply culturally relevant curricula, methodologies, and materials responsive to strengths and needs of all PK-12 learners.

Note: This course is not designed to be transferable or eligible to count toward a degree program.

Course Overview

Addendum for Clarification: This course is primarily designed for in-service, provisionally licensed teachers; it is not eligible to apply toward a Mason initial licensure program and may only be applied toward degree progress or transferable toward a degree program with permission of the student's advisor.

This course is designed to develop the knowledge and skills for design and delivery of research-based instruction across disciplinary areas that enhance academic progress for PK-12 learners in ways that are responsive to children's unique needs. Students will gain in-depth understanding of the use of appropriate curricula, methodologies, and materials that contribute to successful progress toward Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) for all children, including English learners, children with exceptionalities, and gifted/talented children.

Students will explore and apply age-appropriate online instructional strategies and educational technologies that support PK-12 learners' content understanding and language and literacy development. The role of effective home-school communication and family engagement in school and at home that can support PK-12 children's achievement of Virginia SOLs will be addressed.

This course also includes trainings mandated by the Virginia Board of Education curriculum guidelines and Virginia Department of Social Services: Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure (required but not graded).

AND Emergency First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification or Training (required but not graded). Please search for these on the Virginia Department of Education Homepage.

Course Delivery Method

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 26, 2024.

Under no circumstances may students participate in online class sessions while operating motor vehicles.

This online course is **not self-paced. You will be expected to complete one module every week.** Completing a Weekly Module includes reading, participating in Discussion Board, and completing any assignments and/or activities within that Week Module. You are asked to engage deeply with the course content, to take risks in your thinking, and to listen to and learn from your classmates.

Learning Outcomes

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

1. Develop expertise around curricular, methodological, and materials selection and application to support academic achievement of all PK-12 learners.
2. Become knowledgeable about applying culturally relevant, age-appropriate curriculum and pedagogy across disciplinary areas that are responsive to the strengths and needs of all PK-12 learners.
3. Identify and apply effective home-school communication and engagement practices to enhance PK-12 children's learning in and out of school.
4. Gain skills needed for application of digital tools to support PK-12 children's content learning and language and literacy development; apply skills in online instruction.
5. Demonstrate completion of Child Abuse & Neglect Recognition and Intervention AND First Aid, CPR, & AED Trainings as per VA Department of Education requirements.

Professional Standards – InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards and Learning Progressions for Teachers

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 engagement in learning, and self motivation.

Standard #4: Content Knowledge

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content

The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

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.

Required Texts

Burden, P.R., & Byrd, D.M. (2019). *Methods for effective teaching: Meeting the needs of all students (8th edition)*. Pearson. ISBN-13: 978-0134695747

Recommended Texts

American Psychological Association (2019). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association (7th edition)*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

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Technical Requirements

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

- High-speed internet access with updated browsers.
 - Blackboard Learn supported browsers:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Ultra/Getting_Started/Browser_Support
- Consistent and reliable access to GMU email and the course LMS, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Speakers and a microphone or a microphone-enabled headset for use with the synchronous web conferencing tools.
- Note that 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.

Expectations

- Course Week: Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, **our week will start on Monday and finish on Sunday.**
- 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 **three** times per week.
- 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.
- **Accommodations:**
Online learners who require effective accommodations to ensure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the syllabus using the Blackboard platform. You must complete the weekly assignments within the course week. If you need an extension on an assignment, please contact your instructor prior to the due date.

Assignments and/or Examinations

Major Assignments Overview

Assignment	Percentage of Overall Grade	Due Date
Informed & Professional Class Participation	30%	Ongoing, Students must make one quality, initial posting with their response followed by two quality responses to classmates.
Philosophy of Teaching Reflective Paper	30%	End of week 5
4-Week Unit Plan & Rationale for Adaptations in Inclusive Classroom (Performance-Based Assessment)	40%	Template = end of week 6 Paper = end of week 7
Verification of VDOE required training/certifications: Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure AND Emergency First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification or Training	0%	Evidence of completion of all aspects of these trainings must be uploaded to Discussion Board Link for this purpose in Blackboard before or by the final day of this course. NOTE: Candidates must also follow directions and submit documentation as per Virginia

	Department of Education websites shared in this syllabus (see below).
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Each course assignment is described below. Evaluation rubric for the 4-Week Thematic Unit Plan and Rationale for Adaptations in an Inclusive Classroom is located at the end of the syllabus. The Philosophy of Teaching rubric is located in Blackboard. **It is strongly recommended that candidates develop an organized plan for working on the major assignments throughout the semester.**

Informed and Professional Class participation (30%)

Class participation is evidenced by thoughtful, thorough completion of all activities in the Weekly Modules. Thus, **candidates' discussion and other work should reflect learning from readings, videos, and any other online content within the Weekly Modules.** While your current knowledge as an educator is important to your understandings, demonstrating the way that deep engagement with the course content expands your knowledge, disposition, and skills as a highly-qualified reflective practitioner is expected and necessary for earning full participation points. That is, candidates' work **within each Weekly Module** must reflect thorough preparation, which will be evidenced by **critically analyzing, asking questions, making observations, and sharing reflections as well as by offering specific examples for incorporating learning from the course into their teaching practice in diverse, inclusive content classrooms.**

Discussion Board Participation MUST be completed within the week it is assigned.

Note for Online Courses:

The main participatory activity is engaging in conversation with classmates via Discussion Board posts. **The Discussion Board posts and any other learning activities within a Weekly Module (e.g., a journal entry, Wiki, WordPress Blog, visual representation of learning, etc.) are opportunities for candidates to demonstrate thorough engagement with all course content in the Weekly Modules.** A class participation rubric that outlines these expectations is located on Blackboard.

Candidates are expected to complete an **initial Discussion Board post by Thursday night at midnight and to respond thoughtfully to two peers' posts by Sunday night at midnight. Sunday can then be used for rebuttals.** Initial Discussion Board posts must be **two fully-developed, thoughtful** paragraphs, written in professional language, that **synthesize** candidates' analytical thinking around key concepts that emerge within the weekly content and **make relevant connections/applications** to real world teaching and learning in schools. The questions in the Discussion Board prompts are meant to spark thinking and connections to candidates' experiences and to the course content rather than to be addressed question by question.

Responses to peers' posts must be at the paragraph level and must be thoughtful and respectful.

Responses to peers should **include further connections to weekly content, reflect critical thinking, and generate further dialogue around meaningful application in teaching practice.** Please approach the Discussion Board interactions with the idea that we are communicating to expand our understanding of ourselves as highly-qualified, reflective practitioners as well as to learn from peers' thinking and experiences.

Philosophy of Teaching Reflective Paper (30%)

The Philosophy of Teaching paper provides each educator with an opportunity to articulate the way that the **knowledge, skills, and dispositions** gained through teacher education coursework and real-world experiences in schools inform their approach to curriculum and instruction and assessment with diverse PK-12 learners. The Philosophy of Teaching paper must also articulate and explain the way that each educator's underlying beliefs, assumptions, values will serve as a foundation for serving today's diverse children and their families with equity and excellence. It is vital that the Philosophy of Teaching positions and practices be grounded in current research/theory reflective of the mindsets and developing expertise that are necessary for effective teaching and engagement with diverse PK-12 learners and their families. In other words, highly effective educators understand that we cannot teach and serve diverse children well simply by "teaching the way we were taught" or teaching in a way that is most comfortable to us. **Educators must be able to demonstrate that they possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions for highly effective teaching in diverse classrooms** and that their approach to the daily, complex work of teaching and learning is anchored firmly in theory and research-based practices.

In the Philosophy of Teaching paper, strive to create a vision for your current or future classroom. **This paper must be reflective.** Reflective writing reflects analytical thinking around **what it means to be a successful teacher who shapes lives and learning for children from all backgrounds and abilities.** Explain the mindset that you will bring to the classroom and the way that your beliefs/philosophy will serve the social, emotional, and instructional needs of *all learners*. Address the way that you will build partnerships with students' families, articulating why these partnerships are fundamental to effective teaching. Reflect on the way that you will collaborate with school colleagues and advocate for diverse children in your daily work. Be sure to include a specific professional development plan to describe the way that you will continue learning throughout your career as a reflective practitioner. Share ways that you will pursue your own professional development beyond what may be offered/required by a school district. It is important to ensure that you anchor your assertions, descriptions, and explanations in **what you have learned through teacher preparation coursework** and through your experiences in schools. Strive to make connections to relevant theories and practices, supporting your ideas by citations to research. In short, use what you have learned from your studies as a foundation for developing your Philosophy of Teaching.

The Philosophy of Teaching paper must be written as a cohesive, **first-person narrative**. Thus, please use "I" but avoid "you" in academic writing. For example, instead of writing, "You will serve children from many backgrounds as a teacher," write, "As a teacher, I will serve children from many backgrounds." Please **avoid direct quotes** in this short paper. Relate ideas and practices in your own words, citing sources as needed. Also, do not write out names of chapters, articles, or book titles. For example, instead of writing, "In an interesting article by Aida Walqui (2006) called *Scaffolding learning for diverse learners*, she explains that . . ." write, "Walqui (2006) emphasized the importance of scaffolding instruction for learners with different strengths."

Organize the paper with logical headings and subheadings. **Follow APA style** for within-text citations and on the References page. The Philosophy of Teaching statement must be **double-spaced, using Times New Roman, 12-pt font, 1-inch margins, and not exceed 5 pages**. Include a title page and References page—these pages do NOT count in the 5-page length. **Please refer to the rubric for this assignment on Blackboard.**

4-Week Unit Plan & Rationale for Inclusive Classroom (40%)

Students will demonstrate their knowledge and skills for planning a 4-week unit plan in a specific content area and grade level band (e.g., PK-2, 3-5, 6-12). The unit plan must be anchored in Virginia Standards of Learning (SOLs) or if you teach an AP or CTE course, please use those standards.. **Students will use a template (provided on Blackboard)** to portray the 4-Week Unit Plan. It is imperative that students **apply their own original thinking** and reflect learning from this course about the design of curriculum and instruction for diverse PK-12 learners. In other words, students will anchor the unit plan in VA SOLs **but must not** use an existing VA Curriculum Framework. **This major assignment represents an opportunity for students to exercise their own creativity and original thinking in outlining a curricular unit, appropriate methodologies and instructional strategies, resources and materials (including educational technologies), and learning experiences with thoughtful adaptations/scaffolds.**

On the template, students will be expected to outline:

- Overview with content area & grade level/grade level band, unit title/topic
- VA SOLs addressed in the unit plan
- Rationale for unit—brief description of what you are teaching and what students are learning
- Any rationale should be supported by research and readings
- Essential Question(s) to be addressed in the unit
- Lesson Sequence & Instructional goals for lessons within the unit (Note: Lessons can extend beyond one class period)
- Learning materials and resources (including educational technologies)
- Types of Assessments (formative and summative) that make sense throughout the unit
- ONE complete lesson plan outline that includes: Learning objectives, Instructional strategies, students' collaborative learning activities, formative assessment(s) within the lesson, and *thoughtful adaptations and scaffolds/supports for diverse learners*

Using the unit outline on the template, **students will write a four-to-five page double-spaced description and rationale** for the features in the 4-week unit plan and complete lesson plan. (**Note:** Use Times New Roman 12-point font and one-inch margins. Place page numbers in top right-hand corner. Include a title page and **References** page, which are NOT included in the four-to-five page paper length).

In this paper, students will describe and explain:

- The way that the unit is designed to support *all learners* in meeting the VA SOLs for the unit;
- The way that rigorous, grade and age-level appropriate higher-order thinking skills are reflected in the unit;
- The rationale behind selection of materials and resources;
- The way that instructional strategies and formative assessments in the complete lesson plan ensure age-appropriate rigor and provide for engaging, meaningful interaction/collaboration among diverse PK-12 learners;
- The way that thoughtful adaptations and scaffolds/supports are included for diverse learners (e.g., emergent bilingual children, children with identified exceptionalities, children identified as gifted/talented) that afford access and engagement with grade-level content.

Throughout the paper, students should situate their thinking and choices explicitly in reading and content from this course. That is, students must demonstrate (through explicit citations) the way that their thinking around the design of the unit plan is anchored clearly in the knowledge and skills around research-based best practices gained in this course. Please use APA-7 style for within text citations and on References page. **Please see the rubric for this performance-based assessment at the end of the syllabus.**

Trainings mandated by the Virginia Board of Education curriculum guidelines and Virginia Department of Social Services:

Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure (Required but not graded).

AND

Emergency First Aid, CPR (including Hands-on Practice), and AED Training or Certification

Include documentation verifying this statutory requirement has been met. Every person seeking initial licensure or renewal of a license shall provide evidence of completion of certification or training in emergency first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and the use of automated external defibrillators. The certification or training program shall be based on the current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross.

The following must be included on official documentation submitted to the licensure office by an individual:

- Individual's full name.
- Title or description of training or certification completed that clearly indicates that all three components were included: 1) emergency first aid, 2) CPR, and 3) use of AEDs.
- Date the training or certification was completed.
- Signature and title of the individual providing the training or certification or a printed certificate from the organization or group that provided the training or certification. Legible copies of wallet-sized certification cards or other sized certifications, containing the above information, from organizations providing current national evidence-based emergency cardiovascular care for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator, such as a program developed by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross will be accepted.

Evidence of completion of all aspects of these trainings must be uploaded via Discussion Board Links for that purpose in Blackboard by or before the last day of this course.

NOTE: Candidates must also follow directions and submit documentation as per Virginia Department of Education websites shared in this syllabus (see below)

Grading

Grade	GRADING	Grade Points
A+	=100	4.00
A	94-99	4.00
A-	90-93	3.67
B+	86-89	3.33
B	83-85	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C	70-79	2.00
F*	<69	0.00

Note: For VDOE licensing purposes, grades of “C” and above are considered passing for this professional studies course. Any student who would like to transfer a graduate course into a degree program can only do so with a grade of “B-” or better.

Use of Generative AI

Use of Generative AI tools should be used following the fundamental principles of Mason’s Academic Standards. 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.

Late Work Policy

At the graduate level, all work is expected to be of high quality and submitted on the dates due. ***Work submitted late will be reduced one letter grade for every day of delay.*** If you have any extraordinary circumstances (think flood, earthquake, evacuation) that 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 late/makeup work.*

Course Withdrawal

Course withdrawal policies for graduate students can be found in the university [catalog](#).

Online Participation/Attendance Policy

Students are expected to participate in all online discussions. Not participating in an online discussion module will be reflected with a zero for the week and as an absence. **Students with two or more absences will not receive credit for the course.**

Incomplete (IN)

An Incomplete (IN) may be assigned to students who are *passing the course*, but who may be unable to complete scheduled course work for a cause beyond reasonable control. The university's Incomplete policy can be found in the university [catalog](#). If you feel you are in a situation where you have experienced an unexpected disruption that is beyond reasonable control, you must reach out to your instructor as early as possible to first attempt a plan for work completion within the course duration. The IN is a last option and is at the discretion of the instructor in alignment with the university policy.

Professional Dispositions (CEHD Student Guide)

Throughout study in the College of Education and Human Development, students are expected to demonstrate behaviors that reflect the positive dispositions of a professional. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/current-students/cehd-student-guide>.

Class Schedule

Faculty reserve the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

Note: All supplementary texts marked with an asterisk (*) can be located in the Weekly Modules.

Module #1	
Dates	Monday, August 26, 2024 – Sunday, September 1, 2024
Readings	Textbook Chapter 1 – Teaching Students in Today's World AND Textbook Chapter 2 – Knowing and Connecting with Your Students AND *Echevarria, J., Frey, N., & Fisher, D. (2015). What it takes for English learners to succeed. <i>Educational Leadership, March, 2015</i> , 22-26. AND *Au, K. (2009). Isn't culturally responsive instruction just good teaching? <i>Social Education, 73</i> (4), 179-183. AND *Williams Shealey, M., & Callins, T. (2007). Creating culturally responsive literacy programs in inclusive classrooms. <i>Intervention in School and Clinic, 42</i> (4), 195-197.
Assignments Due	Read syllabus carefully; Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #1

Module #2	
Dates	Monday, September 2, 2024 – Sunday, September 8, 2024
Readings	Textbook Chapter 3 – The Fundamentals of Planning AND Textbook Chapter 4 – Planning Lessons and Units AND

	<p>*Lindahl, K., & Watkins, N.M. (2014). What’s on the “LO” Menu? Supporting academic language objective development. <i>The Clearing House: A Journal of Educational Strategies, Issues, and Ideas</i>, 87(5), 197-203.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>*Riccomini, P.J., Morano, S., & Hughes, C.A. (2017). Big ideas in special education: Specially-designed instruction, high-leverage practices, explicit instruction, and intensive instruction. <i>TEACHING Exceptional Children</i>, 50(1), 20-27.</p> <p>TEAL Fact Sheet # 2 (2010): Universal Design for Learning https://lincs.ed.gov/sites/default/files/2_TEAL_UDL.pdf</p> <p>The UDL Guidelines: http://udlguidelines.cast.org/</p>
Assignments Due	<p>BEGIN Unit Plan Template & Lesson Plan Outline; BEGIN Outline/Jot thoughts for Philosophy of Teaching paper; Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #2</p>

Module #3	
Dates	Monday, September 9, 2024- Sunday, September 15, 2024
Readings	<p>Textbook Chapter 5 – Teacher-Centered Instructional Strategies AND Textbook Chapter 6 – Student-Centered Instructional Strategies AND *Watts-Taffe, et al. (2012). Differentiated instruction: Making informed teacher decisions. <i>The Reading Teacher</i>, 66(4), 303-314.</p>
Assignments Due	<p>Continue work on Unit Plan Template & Lesson Plan Outline; Begin draft of Philosophy of Teaching; Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #3;</p> <p>Make plans to complete: Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure and Licensure Renewal in Virginia:</p> <p>AND Emergency First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification or Training</p> <p>Evidence of completion of all aspects of these trainings must be uploaded via Discussion Board Link for that purpose in Blackboard by or before the last day of this course.</p>

	NOTE: Candidates must also follow directions and submit documentation as per Virginia Department of Education websites.
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Module #4	
Dates	Monday, September 16, 2024 – Sunday, September 22, 2024
Readings	<p>Textbook Chapter 7—Strategies that Promote Understanding, Thinking, and Engagement</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Textbook Chapter 13 – Collaborating with Colleagues & Families</p> <p>AND</p> <p>*Thibaut, P., & Curwood, J.S. (2018). Multiliteracies in practice: Integrating multimodal production across the curriculum. <i>Theory Into Practice</i>, 57(1), 48-55.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Explore Digital Tools in: Dyer, K. (2019). 75 digital tools and apps teachers can use to support formative assessment in the classroom. https://www.nwea.org/blog/2019/75-digital-tools-apps-teachers-use-to-support-classroom-formative-assessment/</p> <p>AND CHOOSE:</p> <p>*Barrueco, S., Smith, S., & Stephens, S. (2015). Supporting parent engagement in linguistically diverse families to promote young children’s learning: Implications for early care and education policy. <i>Child Care & Early Education Research Connections</i>, pp. 3-8</p> <p>OR</p> <p>*Araujo, B. (2009). Best practices in working with linguistically diverse families. <i>Intervention in School and Clinic</i>, 45(2), 116-123.</p>
Assignments Due	Continue work on Unit Plan Template & Lesson Plan Outline; Complete draft of Philosophy of Teaching and begin revision; Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #4

Module #5	
Dates	Monday, September 23, 2024 – Sunday, September 29, 2024
Readings	<p>Textbook Chapter 11 – Assessing Student Performance</p> <p>AND</p> <p>*Montgomery, C. (2014). The transformative power of performance-based assessment. <i>The Language Educator</i>, February, 42-53.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>*Robertson, K. (2016). A lesson in taking flight. <i>Educational Leadership</i>, 56-61.</p>

	<p>Explore: Explore World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Frameworks and Can-DO Philosophy tools for working with English learners</p> <p>Optional: *WIDA (2009) Bulletin on Formative Assessment</p>
Assignments Due	<p>Submit Philosophy of Teaching paper via Bb Assignment Link by or before June 16 at 11:59PM;</p> <p>Continue work on Unit Plan Template & Lesson Plan Outline and begin first draft of Unit Plan paper; Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #5</p>

Module #6	
Dates	Monday, September 30, 2024 – Sunday, October 6, 2024
Readings	Textbook Chapter 8 – Managing Lesson Delivery AND Textbook Chapter 9 – Classroom Management
Assignments Due	<p>Submit Unit Plan Template & Lesson Plan Outline as ONE DOCUMENT via Bb Assignment Link by or before Sunday, June 23 at 11:59PM;</p> <p>Write draft of Unit Plan paper; NO Discussion Board or other learning activities in Week 6.</p> <p>Be sure that you are working to complete: Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure and Licensure Renewal in Virginia:</p> <p>AND Emergency First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification or Training</p> <p>Evidence of completion of all aspects of these trainings must be uploaded via Discussion Board Link for that purpose in Blackboard by or before the last day of this course.</p> <p>NOTE: Candidates must also follow directions and submit documentation as per Virginia Department of Education websites.</p>

Module #7	
Dates	Monday, October 7, 2024 – Sunday, October 13, 2024

Readings	Textbook Chapter 10 – Classroom Discipline (Note: Chapter 12 on assigning and reporting grades is OPTIONAL) AND Explore—Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) & Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support (PBIS)
Assignments Due	Finalize and Submit Unit Plan paper (Rationale) via Bb Assignment Link by or before June 30 at 11:59PM. Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #7

Module #8	
Dates	Monday, October 14, 2024 – Wednesday October 16, 2024
Readings	*Bottoms, S.I., et al. (2017). Leveraging the community context of family math and science nights to develop culturally responsive teaching practices. <i>Teaching and Teacher Education</i> , 61, 1-15. AND Explore various professional practitioner websites for designing curriculum and instruction for diverse learners: Read Write Think (http://www.readwritethink.org/) Colorin Colorado (https://www.colorincolorado.org/) Morningside Center (https://www.morningsidecenter.org/) Teaching Tolerance https://www.tolerance.org/ Teaching for Change https://www.teachingforchange.org/ Facing History Educator Resources: https://www.facinghistory.org/educator-resources
Assignments Due	Complete ALL learning activities in Weekly Module #8 Complete Student Ratings of Instruction UPLOAD Evidence of Completion of: Child Abuse and Neglect Recognition & Intervention Training for Initial Licensure and Licensure Renewal in Virginia AND Emergency First Aid, CPR, & AED Certification or Training Evidence of completion of all aspects of these trainings must be uploaded via Discussion Board Link for that purpose in Blackboard by or before the last day of this course.

EDUC 502 Philosophy of Teaching Evaluation Tool

Each criterion is worth 30 points.

Criteria	C-Level Work	B-Level Work	A-Level Work
Reflects that student has appropriate, research-based knowledge, disposition, and skills for effective teaching with diverse learners	Does not reflect adequate research-based knowledge, disposition, and skills for effective teaching with diverse learners	Reflects satisfactory level of research-based knowledge, disposition, and skills for effective teaching with diverse learners	Reflects high-level of research-based knowledge, disposition, and skills for effective teaching with diverse learners
Creates vision of classroom, anchored in theory/research, that promises to support positive social, emotional, and academic growth and outcomes for <i>all learners</i>	Does not provide adequate evidence of a classroom vision that is anchored in theory/research and promises to support positive social, emotional, and academic growth and outcomes for <i>all learners</i>	Provides satisfactory evidence of a classroom vision that is anchored in theory/research and promises to support positive social, emotional, and academic growth and outcomes for <i>all learners</i>	Provides high-level of evidence of a classroom vision that is anchored in theory/research and promises to support positive social, emotional, and academic growth and outcomes for <i>all learners</i>
Writes reflective, analytical paper that conveys ways that student will build partnerships w. families and collaborate with school colleagues as advocate for diverse learners	Does not reach adequate level of reflection and analysis in conveying ways that student will build partnerships w. families and collaborate with school colleagues as advocate for diverse learners	Achieves satisfactory level of reflection and analysis in conveying ways that student will build partnerships w. families and collaborate with school colleagues as advocate for diverse learners	Achieves high-level of reflection and analysis in conveying ways that student will build partnerships w. families and collaborate with school colleagues as advocate for diverse learners
Includes specific plan for pursuing professional development beyond school district PD	Shares inadequate plan for pursuing professional development beyond school district PD	Shares satisfactory plan for pursuing professional development beyond school district PD	Shares high-level plan for pursuing professional development beyond school district PD
Quality of overall writing: first-person narrative style , organization, citations, and length.	Does not meet expectations for academic writing style, organization, page length, and/or APA-7 citations	Satisfactorily meets expectations for academic writing style, organization, page length, and/or APA-7 citations	Superbly meets expectations for academic writing style, organization, page length, and/or APA-7 citations within

	within text and on References page	within text and on References page	text and on References page
TOTAL			

EDUC 502 RUBRIC for 4-Week Unit Plan Template & Rationale Paper for Inclusive Classroom Performance-Based Assessment. These assignments will be submitted separately, but will combine for one grade. The Unit Plan will be submitted in Week 6, the Rationale Paper in Week 7. Each category is worth 50 points.

Category	1 Does Not Meet Expectations	2 Approaches Expectations	3 Meets Expectations	4 Exceeds Expectations
Essential Understandings, Essential Knowledge, and Instructional Goals in Unit Plan	Essential understandings, essential knowledge, and instructional goals reflect unsatisfactory curricular and instructional planning; not anchored appropriately in VA SOLs	Essential understandings, essential knowledge, and instructional goals approach satisfactory curricular and instructional planning; may not be anchored appropriately in VA SOLs	Essential understandings, essential knowledge, and instructional goals reflective of satisfactory curricular and instructional planning, explicitly anchored in VA SOLs	Essential understandings, essential knowledge, and instructional goals reflective of superior curricular and instructional planning explicitly, anchored in VA SOLs
Components in Outline of Exemplar Lesson Plan (Objectives, Instructional Strategies, Learning Activities, Materials, Technology, Adaptations, and Formative Assessments)	Several components of exemplar lesson plan outline reflect unsatisfactory application of learning around instructional planning, materials, assessment, and adaptations that may not serve many learners in diverse settings	Some components of exemplar lesson plan outline approach satisfactory application of learning around instructional planning, materials, assessment, and adaptations that serve some learners in diverse settings	Most components of exemplar lesson plan outline reflect satisfactory application of learning around instructional planning, materials, assessment, and adaptations that serve most learners in diverse settings	ALL components of exemplar lesson plan outline reflect superior application of learning around instructional planning, materials, assessment, and adaptations that serve all learners in diverse settings
Paper Reflecting Rationale for	Inadequate articulation of	Adequate but less than satisfactory	Satisfactorily thorough,	Exceptionally thorough,

Decisions in Unit Plan and Exemplar Lesson Outline	rationale that insufficiently reflects research-based best practices in curriculum and instruction for diverse learners	articulation of rationale that reflects some research-based best practices in curriculum and instruction for diverse learners	thoughtful articulation of rationale that clearly reflects research-based best practices in curriculum and instruction for diverse learners	thoughtful articulation of rationale that strongly reflects research-based best practices in curriculum and instruction for diverse learners
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CEHD Commitments

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to fostering collaboration and community, promoting justice and equity, and advancing research-informed practice. Students are expected to adhere to, and contribute to, these commitments, the CEHD Mission, and Core Values of George Mason University. More information can be found here: <https://cehd.gmu.edu/about/culture/>

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to Mason’s Academic Standards (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/academic-standards/>)
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <https://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 VIA should be directed to viahelp@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments>.
- Questions or concerns regarding use of your LMS should be directed to:
 - Blackboard Learn: <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>

- For information on student support resources on campus, see:
<https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>
 - TimelyCare: <https://caps.gmu.edu/timelycare-services/>
 - Writing Center: <https://writingcenter.gmu.edu/>

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