Preparing Professionals for Changing Educational Contexts

Department of Special Education
College of Education, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

I. Prefix & Number: ESP 481
II. Title: Pre-student Teaching Seminar
III. Credit: One (1) hour
IV. Semester/Time/Location: Fall 2004
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IX. Prerequisite Courses:

- Undergraduate students who are majors in the Department of Special Education MUST be registered for ESP 480 and 487 concurrently.

X. Course Description:
This seminar will present specific curricular learning and procedures to facilitate the task of the pre-student teacher.

CEC Standards Addressed
- Common Core 1 Philosophical, Historical, and Legal Foundations of Special Education
- Common Core 3 Assessment, Diagnosis, and Evaluation
- Common Core 4 Instructional Content and Practice
- Common Core 5 Planning and Managing the Teaching and Learning Environment
- Common Core 6 Managing Student Behavior and Social Interaction Skills

XI. Course Objectives:
Knowledge
(Subject matter or discipline(s), Professional field of study, Pedagogical knowledge, Pedagogical content knowledge, Professional knowledge)

1. Typical procedures used for screening, prereferral, referral and classification. (CEC CC3 K4)
2. Appropriate application and interpretation of scores, including grade score versus standard score, percentile ranks, age/grade equivalents, and standings. (CEC CC3 K5)
3. Differing learning styles of individuals with exceptional learning needs and how to adapt teaching to these styles. (CEC CC4 K1)
4. Demands of various learning environments such as individualized instruction in general education classes. (CEC CC4 K2)
5. Basic classroom management theories, methods, and techniques for individuals with exceptional learning needs. (CEC CC5 K1)
6. Applicable laws, rules and regulations, and procedural safeguards regarding the planning and implementation of management of behaviors of individuals with exceptional learning needs. (CEC CC6 K1)

Performance (Skills)
(The ability to use content, professional and pedagogical knowledge effectively and readily in diverse teaching settings in a manner that ensures that all students are learning.)

1. Articulate personal philosophy of special education including its relationship to/with regular education. (CEC CC1 S1)
2. Conduct instructional and other professional activities consistent with the requirements of law, rules, and regulations, and local district policies and procedures. (CEC CC1 S2)
3. Evaluate the results of instruction. (CEC CC3 S10)
4. Interpret and use assessment data for instruction. (CEC CC4 S1)
5. Develop comprehensive, longitudinal individualized programs. (CEC CC4 S3)
6. Prepare appropriate lesson plans. (CEC CC4 S5)
7. Conduct self-evaluation of instruction. (CEC CC4 S17)

Results
(In what ways do students demonstrate that their “patterns” of behavior, and what they know and are able to do make a difference in student learning?)

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the role of the special education teacher and the structure and function of the resource room services and cooperative/consultative services.
2. Discuss the uses of formal and informal assessment in making instructional decisions.
3. Write lesson plans that address the specific learning characteristics of students with disabilities.
4. Write lesson plans that will incorporate appropriate short and long term objectives, instructional strategies, modification and evaluative procedures.
5. Develop IEP goals and benchmarks using the Curriculum Essentials Framework (CEF).
6. Develop behavior plans.
XII. Course Requirements and Grades:

Class Attendance: Because of the intense schedule of this course and instructional content, attendance is essential for this course. Students will earn five participation points for each class meeting. If a student does not attend class for whatever reason, they will not earn the points.

Assignments:

1. Write an IEP for a student. Steps to follow are:
   a. Select a student, interpret test results and determine the goals and objectives that the student will work on during the school year.
   b. Develop IEP goals and benchmarks using the Curriculum Essentials Framework (CEF) and using CCSD forms.
   c. Students will give feedback on IEP in a group.

2. Behavior Plan: Students will work in pairs during the class time to construct a behavior plan. Each student will hand in a typed copy of the completed behavior plan.

3. Videotape or audio-tape two lessons during the semester. Self-evaluate both lessons using the self-evaluation form. On the second self-evaluation, you must write an additional comparison comparing the first and second evaluation and discuss areas of improvement and growth.

4. Lesson Plans: Lesson plans will be written using the long format. There will be a total of 44 lesson plans due during the semester. The first four need to be approved by the instructor and all need to be approved by your master teacher and initialed.

5. Notebook: Each student will be responsible for keeping a pre-student teaching notebook. This needs to contain the following:
   a. Weekly Progress Reports
   b. Weekly Summaries
   c. Lesson Plans
   d. Weekly evaluations
   e. Materials and Ideas Collected
   f. Neatness & Organization

*Students will be responsible for turning in assignments on time. Late assignments will result in the assignment being automatically deducted ten points.
### Grades

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TOTAL 350 points

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