MHL 350: Music for Children

Syllabus

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Course Description:
Study of materials, literature and developmental concepts appropriate for musical maturation.

Course Goals:
1. Obtain a basic understanding of music by being able to read simple rhythms and sing melodies
2. Study music concepts, such as timbre, expressive elements, form, texture, harmony, as related to the teaching of music to children
3. Prepare a lesson plan for a music class or a class using music to teach other subjects
4. Integrate music into their classroom and use music to teach other subjects
5. Understand the value of music in a child's life
6. Make intelligent decisions about the quality of a children's song and its worth to them as a classroom teacher
7. Understand how to produce a good singing voice
8. Teach children's songs
9. Integrate (mainstream) special ed students into their classroom specifically using music as a tool

Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives:
This course is aligned with the College of Education vision, “The James I Perkins College of Education will be the college of choice for students striving to achieve professional excellence through exemplary programs are recognized at state, national, and international levels” and the mission of the College of Education (COE) which is to prepare, competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals from diverse backgrounds dedicated to responsible service, leadership, social justice, and continued professional and intellectual development in an interconnected global society.

The Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives in MHL 350 is to align with the mission of preparing competent professionals and values of academic and music excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity, and service as you learn to instruct primary and elementary school learners. The program Learning Objectives are aligned with the most recent music standards endorsed by the National Association for Music Education and the National Coalition for Core Arts.
Note: All items in **bold** below are referencing the Texas Educator Prep in music as listed in the Texas State Board for Educator Certification

**PLO 1** The music teacher has a comprehensive visual and aural knowledge of musical perception and performance.  *(Standard 1 applies to PLO 1 and SLO 1.1 – 1.6)*

- SLO M1.1k The music teacher has a basic understanding of the standard terminology used to describe and analyze musical sound. (pages 12 – 142 and assessments for weeks 4 and 5)
- SLO M1.2k The music teacher demonstrates, at a basic level, musical artistry both through vocal performance and by conducting/teaching vocal performances. (pages 62 – 118 and assessment weeks 7 and 9)
- SLO M1.1s The music teacher is able to identify and interpret basic music symbols and terms. (pages 162 – 190 and assessments for weeks 6 and 8)

**PLO 2** The music teacher sings with accuracy and confidence. *(Standard 2 applies to PLO 2 and SLO 2.1 – 2.3)*

- SLO M2.1s; M2.1k; M2.2k The music teacher sings, demonstrating accurate intonation and rhythm. (pages 231 – 255 and assessments for weeks 4, 5, and 9)
- SLO M2.2s; M10.1k; M10.5k; M10.2k; M10.3k; M10.4k The music teacher has experience with a varied repertoire of music representing style from diverse cultures, including music of the United States. (pages 231 – 255 and assessments for weeks 4, 5, and 9)
- SLO M2.2s The music teacher understands the value of music and the arts in the education of children. (Pages 1 – 11 and assessments for week 1 and 2)

**PLO 3** The music teacher has a comprehensive knowledge of music notation. *(Standard 3 applies to PLO 3 and SLO M3.1 – 3.2)*

- SLO M3.1s; M3.1k; M3.6s The music teacher knows and understands how to read, recognize aurally, and interpret music notation; and how to write standard notation. (pages 12 – 60 and assessments for weeks 10 and 11)
- SLO M3.2k; M3.2s; M3.3s; M3.4s; M3.5s; The music teacher can sight-read simple melodies in various modes and tonalities. (Pages 12 – 60 and assessments for weeks 4, 5, and 9)
PLO 4 The music teacher creates and arranges music. (Standard 4 applies to PLO 4 and SLO M4.1)
SLO M4.1k; M4.1s; M10.1s through M10.4s The music teacher knows and understands how to arrange music for specific purposes and settings. (pages 120 – 142 and assessments for week 6)

PLO 5 The music teacher applies a comprehensive knowledge of music to evaluate musical compositions, performances, and experiences. (Standard 6 applies to PLO 5 and SLO M5.1 – M5.3)
SLO M5.1k; M5.3k The music teacher can recognize accurate pitch, intonation, rhythm, and characteristic tone quality. (pages 231 – 255 and assessments for weeks 4, 5, and 7)
SLO M5.2k; M5.4s; M9.1k; M9.2k; M9.3k; M9.1s; M9.2s through M9.4s The music teacher is able to diagnose performance problems and detect errors accurately. (pages 231 – 255 and assessments for weeks 13 - 15)
SLO M5.3s; M5.1s; M5.2s The music teacher can apply knowledge of music forms. (pages 162 – 191 and assessments for week 6)

PLO 6 The music teacher understands how to plan and implement effective music instruction and provides students with learning experiences that enhance their musical knowledge, skills, and appreciation. (Standard 7 applies to PLO 6 and SLO 6.1 – 6.3)
SLO 6.1; M7.1k through M7.10K; M7.9s through M7.16s; M8.1k; M8.1s The music teacher provides student with developmentally appropriate music instruction that is sequenced and delivered in ways that encourage active engagement in learning and make instructional content meaningful. (pages 231 – 255 and 313 – 327 and assessments for weeks 4, 5, 6, 13,14, and 15)
SLO M6.2; M7.1s through M7.5s The music teacher incorporates a diverse musical repertoire into instruction, including music from both Western and non-Western traditions. (pages 231 – 255 and assessment for weeks 9, 13, 14, and 15)
SLO 6.3; M7.6s; M7.7s; M7.8s; M7.11k; M7.12k; M7.13k The music teacher integrates music instruction with other subject areas (pages 365 – 381 and assessments – see pages 381).

Required Text:
Music: Fundamentals, Methods, and Materials for the Elementary Classroom Teacher (5th ed) by Boyer and Rozmajzl (Pearson publisher) – including the accompany music CD

Course Requirements:
Weekly assignments and video demonstration of your teaching
Course Topics

1. Music and the Child
   - Who is musical?
   - Importance of music
   - Musical development
   - National Content Standards for Music Education

2. Teaching Rhythm to Children

3. Teaching Melody to Children

4. Teaching Timbre to Children

5. Teaching Expressive Elements to Children

6. Teaching Form to Children

7. Teaching Texture to Children

8. Teaching Harmony to Children

9. The Singing Voice

10. Playing Musical Instruments

11. Listening Activities and Materials

12. Movement and Children

13. Lesson Planning

14. Integrating Music Across the Curriculum
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