Required Texts:

- Required: Register for FREE at the Teaching Channel at https://www.teachingchannel.org/users/sign_up (This free website contains lesson plans and brief teaching videos to be used in class and for some homework assignments.)
- A three-ring binder with 4-6 dividers. (You can use the same binder for both SED 450 and the SED 450 lab materials.)
- Access to a K-12 state-adopted textbook in your content area. You may borrow a text or check one out from Steen Library 4th floor.
- Additional readings will be assigned and/or distributed throughout the term. These will be provided by the instructor or will be designated as available on-line, in the library or posted as a file under “Resources” in the course page on D2L.

I. Course Description:
This course will provide a foundational understanding, both theoretical and practical, of the essential elements of educational assessment with a focus on diverse populations. In particular, formative and summative assessment methods will receive a strong focus as well as numerous other assessment strategies for diverse learners including: placement, diagnostic, self and peer assessment, alternative, authentic, and portfolio assessment. Measurements, test construction, validity and reliability will also be course topics. The course will also address standardized testing and data disaggregation. Co-requisite: SED 450L. Prerequisites: HMS 203, SED 370, SED 371, and SED 372 and admission to Teacher Education.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. The candidate will develop and adapt content specific instruction based on the needs of diverse students in a global and digital society.
2. The candidate will develop and adapt data-driven assessment based on the needs of diverse students in a global and digital society.
3. The candidate will design an effective classroom management plan for diverse learner centered educational settings.
4. The candidate will demonstrate critical pedagogical strategies and professional dispositions through analyses of contemporary issues in education.

**Student Learning Outcomes:**
1. The candidates will create an assessment portfolio that includes authentic, alternative and performance assessments.
2. The candidates will develop unit and lesson plans with appropriate relevant assessments.
3. The candidates will critically evaluate research and readings connected to assessments.

**A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

**COMMISSIONER STANDARDS: ASSESSMENT FOR CONTEMPORARY CLASSROOMS**

1D(ii) Teachers validate each student's comments and questions, utilizing them to advance learning for all students.

1F(i) Teachers monitor and assess student progress to ensure that their lessons meet students' needs.

1F(ii) Teachers provide immediate feedback to students in order to reinforce their learning and ensure that they understand key concepts.

1F(iii) Teachers adjust content delivery in response to student progress through the use of developmentally appropriate strategies that maximize student engagement.

2B(ii) Teachers understand the unique qualities of students with exceptional needs, including disabilities and giftedness, and know how to effectively address these needs through instructional strategies and resources.

2(C) Teachers facilitate each student's learning by employing evidence-based practices and concepts related to learning and social-emotional development.

4D(iv) Teachers communicate regularly, clearly, and appropriately with parents and families about student progress, providing detailed and constructive feedback and partnering with families in furthering their students' achievement goals.

5A(i) Teachers gauge student progress and ensure student mastery of content knowledge and skills by providing assessments aligned to instructional objectives and outcomes that are accurate measures of student learning.

5A(ii) Teachers vary methods of assessing learning to accommodate students' learning needs, linguistic differences, and/or varying levels of background knowledge.

5C(i) Teachers analyze and review data in a timely, thorough, accurate, and appropriate manner, both individually and with colleagues, to monitor student learning.

5C(ii) Teachers combine results from different measures to develop a holistic picture of students' strengths and learning needs.

**PPR TEST FRAMEWORK**
2A. Demonstrates knowledge of students with diverse personal and social characteristics (e.g., those related to ethnicity, gender, language background, exceptionality) and the significance of student diversity for teaching, learning and assessment.

3A. Understands the significance of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and of prerequisite knowledge and skills in determining instructional goals and objectives.

3B. Uses appropriate criteria to evaluate the appropriateness of learning goals and objectives (e.g., clarity; relevance; significance; age-appropriateness; ability to be assessed; responsiveness to students’ current skills and knowledge, background, needs and interests; alignment with campus and district goals).

3C. Uses assessment to analyze students’ strengths and needs, evaluate teacher effectiveness and guide instructional planning for individuals and groups.

3D. Understands the connection between various components of the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS and instruction and analyzes data from state and other assessments using common statistical measures to help identify students’ strengths and needs.

3E. Demonstrates knowledge of various types of materials and resources (including technological resources and resources outside the school) that may be used to enhance student learning and engagement and evaluates the appropriateness of specific materials and resources for use in particular situations, to address specific purposes and to meet varied student needs.

4B. Understands that young children think concretely and rely primarily on motor and sensory input and direct experience for development of skills and knowledge and uses this understanding to plan effective, developmentally appropriate learning experiences and assessments.

4I. Analyzes ways in which teacher behaviors (e.g., teacher expectations, student grouping practices, teacher-student interactions) impact student learning and plans instruction and assessment that minimize the effects of negative factors and enhance all students’ learning.

4J. Analyzes ways in which factors in the home and community (e.g., parent expectations, availability of community resources, community problems) impact student learning and plans instruction and assessment with awareness of social and cultural factors to enhance all students’ learning.

4K. Understands the importance of self-directed learning and plans instruction and assessment that promote students’ motivation and their sense of ownership of and responsibility for their own learning.

8D. Applies criteria for evaluating the appropriateness of instructional activities, materials, resources and technologies for students with varied characteristics and needs.

8E. Engages in continuous monitoring of instructional effectiveness.

10A. Demonstrates knowledge of the characteristics, uses, advantages and limitations of various assessment methods and strategies, including technological methods and methods that reflect real-world applications.
10B. Creates assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives and communicates assessment criteria and standards to students based on high expectations for learning.

10C. Uses appropriate language and formats to provide students with timely, effective feedback that is accurate, constructive, substantive and specific.

10D. Knows how to promote students’ ability to use feedback and self-assessment to guide and enhance their own learning.

13D. Follows procedures and requirements for maintaining accurate student records.

ESL STANDARDS:

7A. Knows basic concepts, issues and practices related to test design, development and interpretation and uses this knowledge to select, adapt and develop assessments for different purposes in the ESL program (e.g., diagnosis, program evaluation, proficiency).

7B. Applies knowledge of formal and informal assessments used in the ESL classroom and knows their characteristics, uses and limitations.

7C. Knows standardized tests commonly used in ESL programs in Texas and knows how to interpret their results.

7F. Knows how to use ongoing assessment to plan and adjust instruction that addresses individual student needs and enables ESL students to achieve learning goals.

C. Mission of James I. Perkins College of Education

The mission of the James I. Perkins College of Education 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.

University Core Values-In the College of Education at Stephen F. Austin State University, we value and are committed to:

1. Academic excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking
2. Life-long learning
3. Collaboration and shared decision-making
4. Openness to new ideas, to culturally diverse people, and to innovation and change
5. Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior, and
6. Service that enriches the community.

These Core Values are reflected in each of the following course assignments and activities.

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**INTASC Standards (Interstate New 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 #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.

**CAEP Standards (Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation):**

Standard 1 Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Professional Dispositions: 1.1 Candidates demonstrate an understanding of the 10 INTASC standards at the appropriate progression level(s) in the following categories: the learner and learning and instructional practice. Standard 2: Clinical Partnership and Practice

**ISTE Standards (International Society for Technology in Education):**

1. Facilitate and inspire student learning and creativity.
2. Design and develop digital age learning experiences and assessments.
III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. **Assessment Portfolio:** Students will create assessments including authentic, performance, alternative and other. This will include: *A critical reflection of your personal assessment philosophy at the beginning and the end of the course. *A description of all the appropriate and relevant assessments for one entire unit plan in their content area. *One traditional and one non-traditional formative assessment for lessons in their content area. *One traditional summative assessment for their content area. *One modified summative assessment for their content area.

2. **Unit and Lesson Design including appropriate assessments:** Students will continue work on their unit and lesson design from earlier classes to include assessments appropriate for ELL and special needs students.

3. **Reflection of assigned readings and research:** Students will write critical reflections based on field observations and readings in the course. **Supports the PCOE core value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking, and the core value of collaboration and shared decision-making.

4. **Course Quizzes:** Students will take 3-4 multiple choice quizzes in class, based on the textbook reading that will be discussed in class. **Supports the PCOE core value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking.

5. **Attendance/ Professional Dispositions Evaluation** At this point in each student’s professional development, the Department of Secondary Education expects pre-service candidates to demonstrate a wide range of professional dispositions, including: attendance, class participation, adherence to professional ethics, collaboration, commitment to diversity, initiative, responsibility, responsiveness to professional feedback, self-reflection, and student focus. Each student is required to participate in class through discussion and collaboration. Each unexcused absence besides the 2 personal days will result in a letter grade reduction. At 5 unexcused absences, you will fail this course. Based upon student attendance, and interaction and observation of each student during the semester, the course instructor will calculate the disposition grade. **Supports the PCOE core value of Integrity, responsibility, diligence, and ethical behavior.

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<td>Students will write and submit journal entries that reflect the classroom activities and student’s internship experiences.</td>
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As part of the unit and lesson plan format, students are required to list the appropriate standards from ALL three of the following state of Texas educational standards:

**Texas Essential Knowledge Skills (TEKS) and English Language Proficiency Skills (ELPS)** are available at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148&menu_id=720&menu_id2=785

**Career and College Readiness Skills (CCRS),** available at http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/collegereadiness/ccrs.pdf

5. **Professional Growth Opportunities** (20 pts. each) Just as professional educators have the opportunity for continued professional growth, students will be given the opportunity to extend, elaborate, and apply their classroom learning to two educational experiences outside of the classroom setting. These experiences will vary with the semester depending upon community and university events. **Supports the COE core value of Life-long Learning.**

**Failure Clause:** You can immediately earn an F in this course due to the following reason:
- Your tutoring, e-mentoring, or mentoring school asks for you to be removed
- You have violated state or federal law
- You have violated The Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators
- You have violated school and/or district policy
- You have violated university policy
- Any other egregious acts of non-professional behavior
- You have accumulated 5 unexcused absences in this class

**QUALITY OF ASSIGNMENTS:**
High professional standards are expected of all assignments. In order to obtain the full credit for an assignment, candidates must demonstrate higher order thinking skills (analyze data by applying theoretical and conceptual tools discussed in the course; construct convincing arguments; integrate information from various sources; evaluate various theoretical perspectives; etc.).

All writing assignments must be typed using 12-point Times New Roman or Calibri font, double-spaced. Please proof read your papers before submitting. Points will be deducted for inappropriate format, style, grammar, and spelling errors. Poorly written papers will be returned and resubmitted with appropriate corrections before credit is earned. All work will be submitted via D2L to the course instructor.

IV. **Evaluation and Assessment (Grading):**
Student grades will be determined by the following criteria:

Letter grades for the course will be determined as follows:

90-100% = A, 80-89% = B, 70-79% = C, 60-69% = D, below 60% = F

I will round up after 0.5, so a grade of 89.5 will receive the letter grade of A.

V. **Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:** available on D2L

**Note-** Students in the secondary and all level of education programs (undergraduate and PBIC) must earn a “C” or better in each pedagogy course before progressing to the next course/level. Students earning a grade less than “C” must repeat the course and earn a “C” or better before the course counts toward certification.
LiveText Statement:

Upon your enrollment in this course, if you do not already have an existing LiveText account, you should receive an access code for a free LiveText account. LiveText is a data management system that you will use to submit designated assignments in this course. The access code will come to you directly from the LiveText system to your SFA email account. If you do not receive this code by the end of the first week of class, please check you junk e-mail. If you still do not have the message, please contact the SFA LiveText coordinator at livetext@sfasu.edu. Once you have received the access code, it is YOUR responsibility to activate the account. Failure to activate the account and/or submit the required assignment(s) could result in course failure.

VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the COE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including: 1. Course and program improvement, planning, and accreditation; 2. Instruction evaluation purposes; and 3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention. As you evaluate this course, please be thoughtful, thorough, and accurate in completing the evaluation. Please know that the COE faculty is committed to excellence in teaching and continued improvement. Therefore, your response is critical!

In the College of Education, the course evaluation process has been simplified and is completed electronically through MySFA. Although the instructor will be able to view the names of students who complete the survey, all ratings and comments are confidential and anonymous, and will not be available to the instructor until after final grades are posted.

VIII. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

Attendance

Given the important role whole class discussions and activities will play in this course, your presence in class is expected. Simply put, attendance is mandatory.

On the second unexcused absence, course grade will be dropped a letter grade. Each subsequent absence will result in an additional letter-grade reduction. Tardies or early departures count as one-half an absence, so two such unexcused occurrences will count as one absence. I will take attendance daily via a sign in sheet.

Class Attendance and Excused Absence: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and, if indicated in the syllabus, submission of completed assignments are expected at all classes, laboratories, and other activities for which the student is registered. Based on university policy, failure of students to adhere to these requirements shall influence the course grade, financial assistance, and/or
enrollment status. The instructor shall maintain an accurate record of each student’s attendance and participation as well as note this information in required reports and in determining final grades. Students may be excused from attendance for reasons such as health, family emergencies, or student participation in approved university-sponsored events. However, students are responsible for notifying their instructors in advance, when possible, for excusable absences.

**Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 6.6**

To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

**Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1**

Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty
Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- using or attempting to use unauthorized materials on any class assignment or exam;
- falsifying or inventing of any information, including citations, on an assignment; and/or;
- helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism.

Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were one’s own. Examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- submitting an assignment as one's own work when it is at least partly the work of another person;
- submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from the Internet or another source; and/or,
- incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one's paper or presentation without giving the author credit.

Penalties for Academic Dishonesty
Penalties may include, but are not limited to reprimand, no credit for the assignment or exam, re-submission of the work, make-up exam, failure of the course, or expulsion from the university.

Student Appeals
A student who wishes to appeal decisions related to academic dishonesty should follow procedures outlined in Academic Appeals by Students (6.3).
All assignments will be turned in via D2L and will be checked for plagiarism using TurnItIn. Don’t cheat. Don’t plagiarize. You are planning on being a teacher. Teachers are held to a higher ethic than other professions. Also, your academic dishonesty makes life difficult for both of us. Do the work and grow as a professional. I take the time to give meaningful assignments. Take advantage of it and become an amazing teacher.

Withheld Grades: Policy 5.5

At the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic unit head, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F, except as allowed through policy [i.e., Active Military Service (6.14)]. If students register for the same course in future semesters, the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

Student Code of Conduct: Policy 10.4

Classroom behavior should not interfere with the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or the ability of other students to learn from the instructional program (see the Student Conduct Code, policy D-34.1). Unacceptable or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Students who disrupt the learning environment may be asked to leave class and may be subject to judicial, academic or other penalties. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including electronic, classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. The instructor shall have full discretion over what behavior is appropriate/inappropriate in the classroom. Students who do not attend class regularly or who perform poorly on class projects/exams may be referred to the iCare: Early Alert Program at SFA. Information regarding the iCare program is found at https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.

Additional Information:

To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:

1. Undergo criminal background checks for field or clinical experiences on public school campuses; the public school campuses are responsible for the criminal background check; YOU are responsible for completing the information form requesting the criminal background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may not be allowed to complete field or clinical experiences on public school campuses. At that point, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, drivers license, state or providence ID cards, a national ID card, or military ID card to take the TExES exams (additional information available at www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/ <http://www.texas.ets.org/registrationBulletin/>). YOU must provide legal documentation to be allowed to take these mandated examinations that are related to certification/licensing
requirements in Texas. If you do not have legal documentation, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

3. Successfully complete state mandated a fingerprint background check. If you have a history of criminal activity, you may want to reconsider your major while at SFASU.

For further information concerning this matter, contact Katie Snyder 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Mobile technology:

Please turn mobile phones and other mobile technology to silent prior to the beginning of class. REFRAIN from non-instructional use of mobile technology during class. As adult learners, I trust any use of mobile technology—taking pictures of notes, looking up definitions, engaging in formative assessment apps, etc. is on task and I expect you not to take advantage of my professional trust.