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Course Time & Location: Online
Credits: 3

Prerequisites: None

I. Course Description: This course will address professional identity for educators in the 21st century. The development of professional identity for teachers includes advocacy, communication, ethics, and leadership. This course synthesizes and builds on the knowledge and skills of all prior coursework to prepare candidates for the classroom. Prerequisite: HMS 203, SED 370, SED 371, SED 372, SED 450, & SED 450L, and SED 460 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 candidate will apply knowledge and skills in his/her clinical practice derived from SED coursework.
2. The candidate will abide by the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.
3. The candidate will demonstrate an understanding of advocacy and teacher leadership.

A. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

COMMISSIONER STANDARDS: ASSESSMENT FOR CONTEMPORARY CLASSROOMS

6A(i). Teachers reflect on their own strengths and professional learning needs, using this information to develop action plans for improvement.
6A(ii). Teachers establish and strive to achieve professional goals to strengthen their instructional effectiveness and better meet students' needs.
6A(iii). Teachers engage in relevant, targeted professional learning opportunities that align with their professional growth goals and their students' academic and social-emotional needs.
6B(i). Teachers seek out feedback from supervisors, coaches, and peers and take advantage of opportunities for job-embedded professional development.
6B(ii). Teachers actively participate in professional learning communities organized to improve instructional practices and student learning.

6C(i). Teachers clearly communicate the mission, vision, and goals of the school to students, colleagues, parents and families, and other community members.

6C(ii). Teachers seek to lead other adults on campus through professional learning communities, grade- or subject-level team leadership, committee membership, or other opportunities.

6D(i). Teachers adhere to the educators’ code of ethics in §247.2 of this title (relating to Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators), including following policies and procedures at their specific school placement(s).

6D(ii). Teachers communicate consistently, clearly, and respectfully with all members of the campus community, including students, parents and families, colleagues, administrators, and staff.

6D(iii). Teachers serve as advocates for their students, focusing attention on students' needs and concerns and maintaining thorough and accurate student records.

PPR TEST FRAMEWORK

2B. Accepts and respects students with diverse backgrounds and needs.

2D. Knows strategies for enhancing one’s own understanding of students’ diverse backgrounds and needs.

4G. Teaches, models and monitors organizational and time-management skills at an age-appropriate level (e.g., establishing regular places for classroom toys and materials for young children, keeping related materials together, using organizational tools, using effective strategies for locating information and organizing information systematically).

6G. Works with volunteers and paraprofessionals to enhance and enrich instruction and applies procedures for monitoring the performance of volunteers and paraprofessionals in the classroom.

9B. Understands issues related to the appropriate use of technology in society and follows guidelines for the legal and ethical use of technology and digital information (e.g., privacy guidelines, copyright laws, acceptable use policies).

9H. Identifies and addresses equity issues related to the use of technology.

11A. Applies knowledge of appropriate ways (including electronic communication) to work and communicate effectively with families in various situations.

11B. Engages families, parents, guardians and other legal caregivers in various aspects of the educational program.

11C. Interacts appropriately with all families, including those that have diverse characteristics, backgrounds and needs.

11D. Communicates effectively with families on a regular basis (e.g., to share information about students’ progress) and responds to their concerns.

11E. Conducts effective conferences with parents, guardians and other legal caregivers.

11F. Effectively uses family support resources (e.g., community, interagency) to enhance family involvement in student learning.

12A. Interacts appropriately with other professionals in the school community (e.g., vertical teaming, horizontal teaming, team teaching, mentoring).

12B. Maintains supportive, cooperative relationships with professional colleagues and collaborates to support students’ learning and to achieve campus and district goals.

12C. Knows the roles and responsibilities of specialists and other professionals at the building and district levels (e.g., department chairperson, principal, board of trustees, curriculum coordinator, technology coordinator, special education professional).

12D. Understands the value of participating in school activities and contributes to school and district (e.g., by participating in decision making and problem solving, sharing ideas and expertise, serving on committees, volunteering to participate in events and projects).
12E. Uses resources and support systems effectively (e.g., mentors, service centers, state initiatives, universities) to address professional development needs.

12F. Recognizes characteristics, goals and procedures associated with teacher appraisal and uses appraisal results to improve teaching skills.

12G. Works productively with supervisors, mentors and other colleagues to address issues and to enhance professional knowledge and skills.

12H. Understands and uses professional development resources (e.g., mentors and other support systems, conferences, online resources, workshops, journals, professional associations, coursework) to enhance knowledge, pedagogical skills and technological expertise.

12I. Engages in reflection and self-assessment to identify strengths, challenges and potential problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve professional goals.

13C. Applies knowledge of ethical guidelines for educators in Texas (e.g., those related to confidentiality, interactions with students and others in the school community), including policies and procedures described in the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.

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

13F. Uses knowledge of the structure of the state education system, including relationships among campus, local and state components, to seek information and assistance.

13G. Advocates for students and for the profession in various situations.

ESL STANDARDS:

2B. Uses knowledge of theories, concepts and research related to L1 and L2 acquisition to select effective, appropriate methods and strategies for promoting students’ English-language development at various stages.

3B. Knows effective instructional methods and techniques for the ESL classroom, and selects and uses instructional methods, resources and materials appropriate for addressing specified instructional goals and promoting learning in students with diverse characteristics and needs.

3C. Applies knowledge of effective practices, resources and materials for providing content-based ESL instruction, engaging students in critical thinking and fostering students’ communicative competence.

3E. Applies effective classroom management and teaching strategies for a variety of ESL environments and situations.

7D. Knows state-mandated Limited English Proficient (LEP) policies, including the role of the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC), and procedures for implementing LPAC recommendations for LEP identification, placement and exit.

7E. Understands relationships among state-mandated standards, instruction and assessment in the ESL classroom.

8C. Applies knowledge of the various types of ESL programs to make appropriate instructional and management decisions.

10A. Applies knowledge of effective strategies advocating educational and social equity for ESL students (e.g., participating in LPAC and Admission, Review and Dismissal [ARD] meetings, serving on Site-Based Decision Making [SBDM] committees, serving as a resource for teachers).

III. Course Assignments, Activities, Instructional Strategies, use of Technology:

MAJOR COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:
1. **Student Work Sample:** This is a capstone assignment that is directly dependent on the student teaching experiences and is specifically for CAEP accreditation.

**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.

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<td>Introductory Post and Professional Organizations</td>
<td>The students will post an introduction (50) to themselves, and the student will upload a confirmation of joining a professional organization (50).</td>
<td>Jan. 21st</td>
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<td>Pre-assessment</td>
<td>The student will complete a TEKS aligned pre-assessment for their work sample</td>
<td>Jan. 28th</td>
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<td>Lesson Plan Draft</td>
<td>The student will create a lesson plan for their classroom</td>
<td>Feb. 4th</td>
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<td>Lesson Plan Revising and Editing</td>
<td>The student will revise, edit, and resubmit their lesson plan based upon feedback from previous week.</td>
<td>Feb. 11th</td>
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<td>Post Assessment</td>
<td>The student will post their post-assessment for their work sample</td>
<td>Feb. 18th</td>
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<td>Assessment Analysis</td>
<td>The student will post their assessment analysis draft</td>
<td>Feb. 25th</td>
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<td>Reflection</td>
<td>The student will post their reflection for their work sample</td>
<td>March 4th</td>
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<td>Future Plans</td>
<td>The student will post their future plans for their work sample</td>
<td>March 11th</td>
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<td>Work Sample and Check In</td>
<td>The student will upload their completed work sample to D2L and Livetext and complete the Check in Discussion Assignment</td>
<td>March 25th</td>
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<td>Code of Ethics Discussion Board</td>
<td>The students will post on a discussion board an ethical issue in school</td>
<td>April 8th</td>
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<td>Professional Goals Discussion Board and District Research, TAPR report</td>
<td>The student will post their professional goals (50) to the discussion board and upload details about a possible district of employment (100)</td>
<td>April 15th</td>
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<td>Resume and Critique</td>
<td>The student will post their resume (50 pts) and respond to two of their peers with a thoughtful critique</td>
<td>April 29th</td>
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IV. Evaluation and Assessment (Grading):
Student grades will be determined by the following criteria:

To determine your grade, take the points earned and divide by the number of points possible. 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

Late work will be accepted at the discretion of the instructor with points taken off for every day it is late. Since this is an online course is unacceptable for a student to use technology failure or internet failure for a reason that an assignment is late. Points will still be taken off.

If a student has a medical or psychological condition or experiences a death in their family, the student must contact the office of student rights and responsibility in order to get an excuse for late online work.

Here is the link to the SFASU Office of student rights and responsibilities. http://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

VI. Readings:
Required text for the course is: provided on D2L

LiveText

FEM Statement:

In this course you must purchase and activate the LiveText add-on, Field Experience Module (FEM), PRIOR to your first day of field experience/clinical teaching. Failure to purchase and activate the account and/or submit the required assignment(s) within the FEM system may result in course failure. FEM must be purchased from www.livetext.com for a fee of $18.00.

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

Additional readings will be assigned and/or distributed as the class progresses. These will be provided by the instructor or will be designated as available on-line, in the library or in Course Packet.

VII. Course Evaluations:

Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the Perkins College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. 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 Perkins 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

Attendance is mandatory. This course constitutes a portion of your professional preparation. You have two excused absences. Any more than the allowed absences may result in the lowering of the final grade in the course by a letter. Since this is an online course, failure to submit two or more assignments online is considered the equivalent of two absences.

Students with Disabilities

To obtain disability-related accommodations and / or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, Room 325 (936) 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) 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/. Location: Human Services Building, room 325. Phone: (936) 468-3004.

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university polity on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) 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 your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s own work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit.

Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

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).

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (A-54)**
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, 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 and F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

**Acceptable Student Behavior**
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](https://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp) or call the office at 936-468-2703.

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

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.

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.

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: