Secondary Education and Educational Leadership

SED 450.005

Assessment for Diverse and Contemporary Classrooms

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Prerequisites: HMS 203, SED 370, SED 371, SED 372 and admission to Teacher Education.

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: diagnostic, self and peer assessment, alternative, authentic, and portfolio assessment. Measurement, 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. This course is a pre-requisite for Clinical Practice (Student Teaching).

Assessment for Diverse and Contemporary Classrooms (2 credits) meets twice each week in 50-minute segments for 15 weeks and includes three in-class assessments. Outside of class work includes weekly readings, assignments, formative assessments, lesson plans, and reflection writing assignments. These outside requirements average a minimum of 10 hours each week for 15 weeks. This course is taken concurrently with SED 450Lab.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes/Goals/Objectives (Program/Student Learning Outcomes):
A complete listing of the state and national standards associated with this course is located on the Perkins College of Education (PCOE) website.

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. (Training in TEKS)
2. The candidate will develop and adapt data-driven assessment based on the needs of diverse students in a global and digital society. (Training in TEKS)
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. (Training in TEKS)

Student Learning Outcomes:
1. The candidates will create an assessment portfolio that includes traditional, authentic, alternative, and performance assessments.
2. The candidates will develop lesson plans with appropriate relevant assessments. (Training in TEKS)
3. The candidates will critically evaluate research and readings connected to assessments. (Training in TEKS)
4. The candidates will critically analyze an assessment related to their mentor’s classroom using best practices and research-based measures. (Training in TEKS)

**A complete listing of all the educator preparation standards this course meets and a list of the key assessments used for program accreditation purposes can be found at:

For additional information on meaningful and measurable learning outcomes see the assessment resource page

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

COURSE ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Course Quizzes (50-100 pts each)-Students will have 2-3 quizzes worth approximately 50-100 pts. each. The format for each assessment will be discussed in class. **Supports the PCOE core value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking.
2. Formative Assessments (250 pts.) Students will complete various types of assignments to process and reflect on learning gained from homework assignments, textbook readings, classroom instruction and discussion, and collaboration with partners and groups. **Supports the PCOE core value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking, and the core value of collaboration and shared decision-making. (Training in TEKS)**

3. Authentic Assessment- Portfolio of Assessments (540 pts.) Students will create the following assessments. **Supports the PCOE core value of Academic Excellence through critical, reflective, and creative thinking. (Training in TEKS)**

****A critical assessment analysis related to her/his mentor’s classroom, which is required to be submitted in Livetext for accreditation purposes. (100 pts.)
*One traditional formative (menu) assessment in their content area (120 pts.)
*One traditional summative assessment for their content area (120 pts)
*One modified traditional summative assessment for their content area (100 pts)
*One project/performance/authentic assessment for their content area (100 pts)

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), English Language Proficiency Skills (ELPS) and College Readiness Skills (CCRS), are available at: http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=6148&menu_id=720&menu_id2=785

4. Attendance/ Professional Dispositions Evaluation (100 pts) 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 30 pts. deduction from the Professional Disposition grade. At 5 unexcused absences, you will fail this course. Five points are deducted for every tardy over 5 minutes unless there is an extenuating circumstance. Based upon student attendance, tardies, 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.

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 reasons:
- Falsifying documents and records pertaining to any aspect of this course, including field experience hours
- Your observing, tutoring, 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

**Students must successfully complete the internship program of SED 450 (and SED 450Lab), making a grade of “C” or higher in each course and fulfilling the 50 clock hour lab requirement as well. If they do not, they are required to re-take the course(s) and are required to meet with the Department Chair and Secondary Program coordinator before they will be allowed to register again.**

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 assignments are to be submitted in a timely, professional manner. This includes proper use of Standard English, correct grammar and spelling, and appropriate formatting. Remember that the quality of work you present reflects the quality of your desire to be a professional educator. All submitted work should be typed unless otherwise noted.

IV. Evaluation and Assessment (Grading):

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
V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

Week One- Classroom Culture
Week Two- Legal and ethical standards for Texas teachers
Week Three- Legal and ethical standards for Texas teachers
Week Four- Def. & role of assessment; Relationship between state curriculum standards, instruction, and state exams
Week Five- Assessment models: Characteristics, uses, advantages, and limitations
Week Six- Assessment models: Characteristics, uses, advantages, and limitations
Week Seven- Formative Assessment
Week Eight- Characteristics and role of effective feedback
Week Nine- Summative Assessment; Test Construction
Week Ten- Performance Assessment; Project-based learning
Week Eleven- Culturally relevant pedagogy in assessment; modifying assessments
Week Twelve- Use of technology in assessment; analyzing data for student growth and instructional planning
Week Thirteen- Guided practice in computer lab and independent work on assessment design
Week Fourteen- Professional resumes and interviewing techniques

VI. Readings: (Required and recommended—including texts, websites, articles, etc.):


2. Required: Course packet only available at Staples. This contains all of the forms, handouts, worksheets, etc. you will use in the lab and in your time at the local school. You will need a 2 inch 3-ring binder for this packet. This binder will be used for both the SED 450 class and the SED 450 Lab as well.

3. Required: LiveText/Watermark Statement: This course uses the LiveText/Watermark data management system to collect critical assessments for students who are Perkins College of Education majors (undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral) or majors in other colleges seeking educator certification through the Perkins College of Education. Students who do not have an existing LiveText/Watermark account will receive an access code via the SFA email system within the first week of class. You will be required to register your LiveText/Watermark account, and you will be notified how to do this via email. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText/Watermark registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails.

If you have questions about obtaining or registering your LiveText/Watermark account or any technical questions, call 936-468-2395 or e-mail LiveText@sfasu.edu. Failure to activate the account and/or submit the required assignment(s) within the LiveText/Watermark system may result in course failure.

3. Required to Purchase FEM by Sept. 15: In this course, you must purchase and activate the LiveText add-on, Field Experience Module (FEM), PRIOR to your first day of field experience. Failure to purchase and activate the account and/or submit the required field experience hours and assignments within the FEM system may result in course failure. FEM must be purchased in either SED 371 or SED 372 from www.livetext.com for a fee of $18.00 for a multiple year subscription. FEM will be used in SED 371, SED 372, SED 450Lab and in Clinical Practice (Student Teaching). FEM is used for field experiences, practica, and internships in a way to document the offsite experiences.

4. Required: Field Experience Module (FEM) $18.00 before you begin your field experience hours: In this course you must purchase and activate the LiveText add-on, Field Experience Module (FEM), PRIOR to your first day of field experience. This add-on will be used in BOTH the internship course (Field Experience III) and clinical practice (student 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 for a multiple year subscription.

5. 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.)

6. A 2 inch three-ring binder plus a set of alphabetical dividers. (You will use the same binder for both SED 450 and the SED 450 Lab materials.)

7. 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.

VII. Other Research-Based Readings Provided in Class:

VIII. 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 planning improvement, planning, and accreditation 2. Instruction evaluation purposes 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 the final grades are posted.

IX. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

A. Class Attendance: Policy 6.7

Regular, punctual attendance, documented participation, and 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. 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. Whether absences are excused or unexcused, a student is still responsible for all course content and assignments. Students with accepted university excuses may be permitted to make up work for up to three weeks of absences during a semester or one week of a summer term, depending on the nature of the missed work. Make-up work must be completed as soon as possible after returning from an absence.

Personal Days - Students are expected to attend all classes, arrive on time, sign in, and actively participate in class. Students are allowed two 'personal days' that they may take at their discretion, but only with prior notification. You may notify the instructor by phone, email, or during class time. Exam days are excluded from this policy. Work due on the day you are absent must still be submitted ON THAT DAY, by a classmate or electronically.

B. Excused Absences - You also have officially excused SFASU days available to you that are covered under SFASU policy. University policy lists the following reasons for excusing a student: Health-related issues, family emergencies, and student participation in approved university-sponsored events. Sick days and university-related activities require appropriate documentation so that any missed work may be completed.

C. UNEXCUSED ABSENCES - Every unexcused absence besides the 2 personal days will result in a 30 pt. deduction from your professional dispositions grade of 100. At 5 unexcused absences, you will fail this course. This is the same rule as in SFA Student Teaching. It is YOUR responsibility to NOTIFY the instructor if you are going to be absent.

D. Tardies - Each tardy will deduct 5 pts. (In student teaching, every 2 tardies counts as one absence.)

*Note: Sleeping, texting, and/or use of an electronic device such as cell phone or computer when not part of a class activity are not acceptable behaviors and will be evaluated as a lack of professional behavior. After an instructor warning, points will be deducted from your professional dispositions grade. As a professional teacher, you will be responsible for other peoples’ children – choose to be responsible and/or motivated enough to partake of every learning opportunity in your pre-service training. Remember, you are developing professional dispositions that will define you for the course of your career.

E. LATE WORK POLICY - Missed exams and quizzes may only be re-scheduled in cases of excused absences and must be made up within 2 weeks of the original date. Late work on major grades will be accepted for no penalty for university-excused absences. For other late work due to extenuating circumstances, please speak with the professor privately. Late work of assignments worth more than 20 pts. may be accepted up to a week late by the professor with a 30% penalty.
F. Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities: Policy 6.1 and 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, 936-468-3004 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/

G. Student Academic Dishonesty: Policy 4.1
Abiding by university policy on academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members must promote the components of academic integrity in their instruction, and course syllabi are required to provide information about penalties for cheating and plagiarism, as well as the appeal process.

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;
- 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;
- 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).

H. 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.

I. 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. 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 policy 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 http://www.sfasu.edu/judicial/earlyalert.asp or call the office at 936-468-2703.

J. Code of Ethics for the Texas Educator:
The Texas educator shall comply with standard practices and ethical conduct toward students, professional colleagues, school officials, parents, and members of the community and shall safeguard academic freedom. The Texas educator, in maintaining the dignity of the profession, shall respect and obey the law, demonstrate personal integrity, and exemplify honesty and good moral character. The Texas educator, in exemplifying ethical relations with colleagues, shall extend just and equitable treatment to all members of the profession. The Texas educator, in accepting a position of public trust, shall measure success by the progress of each student toward realization of his or her potential as an effective citizen. The Texas educator, in fulfilling responsibilities in the community, shall cooperate with parents and others to improve the public schools of the community. This chapter shall apply to educators and candidates for certification.


K. To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education and other professional settings, you will be required to:
1. Candidates must undergo a criminal history background check prior to clinical teaching and prior to employment as an educator. The public school campuses are responsible for completing the criminal background check. A person who is enrolled or planning to enroll in a State Board for Educator Certification-approved educator preparation program or planning to take a certification examination may request a preliminary criminal history evaluation letter regarding the person's potential ineligibility for certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

A Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation is a non-mandatory, non-binding evaluation of an individual's self-reported criminal history. In addition, the agency obtains your name-based Texas criminal history information. The service is provided to the requestor for a non-refundable fee. The requestor will receive an evaluation letter by email from agency staff advising of potential ineligibility for educator certification.

You are eligible to request a Preliminary Criminal History Evaluation if:

- You enrolled or planning to enroll in an educator preparation program or
- You are planning to take a certification exam for initial educator certification, and
- You have reason to believe that you may be ineligible for educator certification due to a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

You are not eligible for a preliminary evaluation of your criminal history if you do not have a conviction or deferred adjudication for a felony or misdemeanor offense.

In addition, you must complete the fingerprinting process when you apply for certification. Participation in the evaluation does not preclude you from submitting to a national criminal history review at the time you apply for your educator certification. Your criminal history will be reviewed and you may be subject to an investigation based on that criminal history, including any information you failed to submit for evaluation.

Additional information can be found at: https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Educators/Investigations/Preliminary_Criminal_History_Evaluation-FAQs/.

2. Provide one of the following primary ID documents: passport, driver’s 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/). 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 Martin at 936-468-1740 or snyderke1@sfasu.edu.

L. Mobile technology:
   Please turn off any mobile phones or other electronic devices prior to the beginning of class unless we are using them to complete a class assignment. If the instructor asks you to refrain from using your personal and/or mobile devices in class and you continue to do so, that is a violation of your professional dispositions and points will be deducted on that part of your class grade dispositions. If you are expecting an important call during class time, please inform the instructor before class.

M. Undergraduate Teacher Certification
   The “Undergraduate Initial Teacher Certification Handbook”, available on-line at the college of Education website contains all policies and procedures related to undergraduate teacher certification. Teacher education candidates are responsible to know and understand the policies and procedures outlined in this handbook.