EDUC 1301: Introduction to the Teaching Profession

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I. Course Description:

Introduction to the teaching profession provides students with opportunities to examine the philosophical and historical foundations of U.S. education; ethical and legal issues in U.S. and Texas education; diverse learners and their needs; how to create a community of learners; understanding curriculum standards, assessment, and student learning; and integrating technology into teaching. There is a 16-hour field experience component that requires observations in PK-12 settings.

This course is scheduled as an asynchronous online course, which typically means, as the student, you will complete all assignments and modules online. However, the professor will be available to support you as the semester progresses. Students are expected to complete weekly reading assignments, to take quizzes, complete a minimum of 16 contact hours of field experience in P-12 classrooms and submit reflections.

Prerequisites: None  
Course Fees: None  
Livetext/Watermark Assessments: None  
Educator Preparation Standards Assessments: Aligned to the Texas Educator Preparation Standards EC-12 PPR.

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

This course is aligned with the mission of the PPCOE, 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. In the PPCOE at Stephen F. Austin State University, we are committed to the following core values:

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

The Program Learning Objectives and Student Learning Objectives in this course align with the mission of preparing competent professionals and valuing academic excellence, life-long learning, collaboration, openness, integrity, and service. The Student Learning Objectives are aligned to the Texas Educator Preparation Standards EC-12 PPR.
**Program Learning Objectives (PLOs) and Student Learning Objectives (SLOs) and Assessments**

**PLO 1** The prospective teacher candidate will identify the reasons, benefits, challenges, expectations, philosophical/historical foundations of U.S./Texas education, and the governance/finance structure of Texas related to choosing teaching as a career.

- SLO 1.1 The prospective teacher candidate will describe teaching as a personal choice when considering societal expectations, outlook, and qualifications.
  - SLO 1.1.1 Assessment – Personal Discussion on Becoming a Teacher
- SLO 1.2 The prospective teacher candidate will define the philosophical/historical foundations of U.S./Texas education and the governance/finance structure of Texas.
  - SLO 1.1.2 Assessment – Critical Issue Paper relating to philosophical/historical foundations or the governance/finance issues of Texas (PPR 4.18k)

**PLO 2** The prospective teacher candidate will apply knowledge of the Texas diverse school student population and their learning needs.

- SLO 2.1 The prospective teacher candidate will apply knowledge of Texas diverse school student population.
  - SLO 1.1.1 Assessment – Demographics Landscape Chart and Impact Discussion
- SLO 2.2 The prospective teacher candidate will identify terms relating to student diversity (PPR 1.3k, 1.4k, 1.5k)
  - SLO 1.1.2 Assessment – Diversity Quiz (PPR 1.3k, 1.4k, 1.5k)
- SLO 2.3 The prospective teacher candidate will demonstrate understanding of student diversity and differing learning needs.
  - SLO 2.3.1 Assessment – Diversity Implications to Learning Chart and Reflection (PPR 1.3k, 1.4k, 1.5k)

**PLO 3** The prospective teacher candidate will demonstrate understanding of how to create an environment for a community of learners, alignment of state curriculum standards (TEKS) including the integration of technology standards, assessment, and student learning.

- SLO 3.1 The prospective teacher candidate will define how to design a classroom which supports a caring, student-centered classroom
  - SLO 3.1.1 Assessment – Learning Community Classroom Chart and Student-centered Classroom Paper (PPR 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k, 2.15k, 2.16k, 2.19k, 2.20k, 2.21k, 2.22k)
- SLO 3.2 The prospective teacher candidate will demonstrate an understanding of the alignment of the state curriculum (TEKS) including the integration of technology standards, assessment, and student learning.
  - SLO 3.2.1 – Alignment Quiz (PPR 1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k)
  - SLO 3.2.2 – Classroom Observation and Reflections (PPR 1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k)
PLO 4 The prospective teacher candidate will implement the ethical and legal issues expected in the U.S./Texas to teaching in Texas and will demonstrate how to become a teacher professional.

- SLO 4.1 The prospective teacher candidate will apply knowledge of Texas Code of Ethics.
  - SLO 4.1.1 Assessment – Ethics Scenario Quiz (PPR 4.13k, 4.14k, 4.15k)
- SLO 4.2 The prospective teacher candidate will demonstrate how to become a teacher professional.
  - SLO 4.2.1 Assessment – Teacher Development Plan of Action and Reflection (PPR 4.7k, 4.8k, 4.12k)

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

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<th>Quizzes (30 pts each, total of 150 pts)</th>
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<td>Five Reading Quizzes will be assigned over the course of the semester. The quizzes will access course reading and activities.</td>
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<th>Discussions (10 pts each, Total of 100 pts)</th>
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<td>Students will complete ten discussion boards over the course of the semester. Discussion boards will be facilitated through the D2L discussion board. In order to earn full points students must post an original discussion and respond to two classmates.</td>
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<td>Observation Forms: 25 pts (In order to ensure you have secured permission to complete the observations you will submit the field experience observation agreement form prior to your first observation).</td>
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<td>Code of Conduct 50 (You will complete a Code of Conduct activity to ensure you understand the required professionalism).</td>
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<td>Observation Plan: 50 pts (You will formulate a plan to complete your observation hours.)</td>
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<td>Critical Issue Presentation – 100 pts (You will read and reflect upon the content related to philosophical/historical foundations of U.S./Texas education and the governance/finance structure of Texas. Then you will choose a critical issue related to one of these topics and create a PowerPoint/Presentation with screencast)</td>
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<td>Educational Law Assignment 100 pts (Students will research an educational law and create a presentation to explain the law and its impact on the field of education).</td>
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<td>Student-Centered Classroom Design and Reflection 100 pts (You will create a chart that displays a classroom design that will support student-centered learning and write reflection of your design and how you propose to build a learning community in your future classroom.)</td>
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<td>Classroom Observations and Reflections – 200 pts (You will complete 16 hours of classroom observations that include elementary, middle level, and secondary classrooms. You will consider what you learned from your module readings/lectures as</td>
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you observe. After you observe each classroom, you will write a reflection that analyzes the assigned elements. You will complete four, at 50 points each)

- Teacher Development Plan of Action and Reflection – 100 pts (You are to review the course content related to professional development and create an action plan for how you will develop during your university career into a knowledgeable, engaged teacher. Craft a reflection that describes your plan of action.)

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading): Grading Scale:

A (100-90%)
B (89-80%)
C (79-70%)
F (69% or below)

In order to receive an “A” in this course, ALL assignments must be completed. Failure to complete any assignment will result in a zero for that particular assignment and an automatic reduction of the course grade earned by one letter grade for each missed assignment, regardless of the total number of points earned!

V. Tentative Course Outline/Calendar:

This course is designed as an asynchronous online course. Therefore, we will not meet at specific times each week. However, the course instructor will be available for weekly support. Students have weekly reading assignments, are expected to take quizzes, are required to complete classroom observations and submit reflections, and are required to submit 7 other written assignments. These activities average at a minimum 6 hours of work each week to prepare outside of classroom hours.

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<td>Week 1</td>
<td>Intro to Course</td>
<td>Read the course syllabus and the course requirements.</td>
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<td>Week 2</td>
<td>Teaching as Your Chosen Profession</td>
<td>Module One: Read Chapter 1 in your text and all course module material. Submit Observation Plan Complete Discussion One <strong>Module Closes and assignments due:</strong> Sept. 6</td>
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<td>Week 3</td>
<td>Today’s Teachers</td>
<td>Module Two: Read Chapter 2 in your text and all course module material. Complete Discussion Two Complete/Submit Code of Ethics and Conduct Assignment <strong>Module Closes and assignments due:</strong> Sept. 13</td>
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<td>Week 4</td>
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<td>Module Three: Read Chapter 3 in your text and all course module material. Complete Discussion Three</td>
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| Week 5  | Sept. 21-Sept. 27 | Philosophical Foundations | Complete Quiz One (Chapters 1-3)  
Module Closes and assignments due: Sept. 20 |
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| Week 6  | Sept. 28-Oct. 4  | Historical Foundations    | Module Four: Read Chapter 4 in your text and all course module material.  
Complete Discussion Four  
Begin work on your Critical Issue Presentation  
Module Closes and assignments due: Sept. 27 |
| Week 7  | Oct. 5 – Oct. 11 | Governance and Finance of Schools | Module Five: Read Chapter 5 in your text and all course module material.  
Continue work on your Critical Issue Presentation  
Complete Discussion Five  
Complete Quiz One (Chapters 4-6)  
Module Closes and assignments due: Oct. 4 |
| Week 8  | Oct. 12 – Oct. 18| Today’s Students          | Module Six: Read Chapter 6 in your text and all course module material.  
Complete/Submit your Critical Issue Presentation (PPR 4.18k)  
Module Closes and assignments due: Oct. 11 |
| Week 9  | Oct. 19 – Oct. 25| Addressing Learners’ Individual Needs | Module Seven: Read Chapter 7 in your text and all course module material.  
Due Educational Law Assignment  
Module Closes and assignments due: Oct. 18 |
| Week 10 | Oct. 26 – Nov. 1 | Creating a Community of Learners | Module Eight: Read Chapter 8 in your text and all course module material.  
Complete Discussion Six  
Module Closes and assignments due: Oct. 25 |
| Week 11 | Nov. 2 – Nov. 8  | Curriculum Standards, Assessment, and Student Learning | Module Nine: Read Chapter 10 in your text and all course module material.  
Complete Quiz Three (Chapters 7-9)  
Complete Discussion Seven  
Due Observation Hours Form/Reflection One (1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k)  
Module Closes and assignments due: Nov. 1 |
| Week 12 |                | Curriculum Standards,     | Module Ten: Read Chapter 11 in your text and all course module material.  
Student-Centered Classroom Design and Reflection (PPR 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k, 2.15k, 2.16k, 2.19k, 2.20k, 2.21k, 2.22k)  
Complete Discussion Eight  
Module Closes and assignments due: Nov. 8 |
|         |                |                           | Module 11: Continuing Reviewing Chapter 11 in your text and all course module material.  
Complete Discussion Nine |
| Nov. 9 – Nov 15 | Assessment, and Student Learning | Complete Quiz Four (Chapters 10-11)  
Due Observation Hours Form/Reflection One (1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k)  
**Module Closes and assignments due:** Nov. 15 |
| Week 13 | Integrating Technology into Teaching | Module 12: Read Chapter 12 in your text and all course module material.  
Due Observation Hours Form/Reflection One (1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k)  
**Module Closes and assignments due:** Nov. 22 |
| Week 14 | Thanksgiving Holiday | |
| Weeks 15/16 | Becoming A Professional | Module 13: Read Chapter 13 in your text and course module content and review all course module material.  
Due Teacher Development Plan of Action and Reflection (PPR 4.7k, 4.8k, 4.12k)  
Complete Quiz Five (Chapters 12-13)  
Due Observation Hours Form/Reflection Four (1.7k, 1.8k, 1.9k, 1.15k, 1.17k, 1.25k, 1.26k, 1.30k, 2.1k, 2.2k, 2.3k, 2.6k, 2.8k, 2.9k, 2.10k, 2.13k)  
Complete Discussion Ten  
**Module Closes and assignments due:** Dec. 6 |
| December 7 | | **Quiz Five /Final Exam due by 11:59 p.m.** |

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


2. Content module texts, websites, articles, etc. (Required)

**Other Reading**


VII. Required Technology

- Students will need to have access to the internet.

VIII. Course Evaluations:
Near the conclusion of each semester, students in the College of Education electronically evaluate courses taken within the PCOE. Evaluation data is used for a variety of important purposes including:

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2. Instruction evaluation purposes;
3. Making decisions on faculty tenure, promotion, pay, and retention.

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In the PCOE, 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.

IX. Student Ethics and Other Policy Information:

**Attendance**

Active participation in classroom activities is very important in this class. All assignments must be attempted; one missing assignment will result in a ten-point deduction to the overall course grade. Students who have more than two unexcused absences (face to face classes) will have their final grade reduced by one letter grade as well.

Regular class attendance and participation is required of all students. Students must be in attendance from the beginning of all courses to qualify for financial aid. Students reported for non-attendance or non-participation in any or all of their courses could have their financial aid withdrawn. This is due to federal financial aid requirements. Students reported as not attending when your census day course rosters are submitted may lose their financial aid.

**Late Work**

Assignments are due as assigned. If an assignment is not submitted on time, make arrangements with the professor to submit and receive credit. Late assignments will have points deducted. After 7 days, late assignments will not be accepted.

**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, 468-3004/468-1004 (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/

**Academic Integrity (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).

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades (Policy 6.5)**

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.

**Acceptable Student Behavior (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 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, 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 https://www.tx.nesinc.com 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.

Livetext/Watermark//Watermark Statement:

The PPCOE certification programs use 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 email concerning Livetext/Watermark registration, please be sure to
check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails. There are no Livetext/Watermark assignments in this course.

If you have questions about obtaining or registering your Livetext/Watermark account, call ext. 7050 or email 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.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information:

Assignment Policy

All students are expected to complete assignments on the due date. In order to receive an "A" in the course, ALL assignments must be completed. Late work receives '0” points and indicates incompletion. Of course, extenuating circumstances are always considered.

Drop Class

Sometimes students find it necessary to drop a course. Should you need to drop a course, it is a common (and professional) courtesy to notify the instructor of record. Failure to notify the instructor leaves him or her wondering why you are not participating in class or replying to emails.

Life Happens

In the event "life" happens to you, and you see it will affect your work, it is your responsibility to contact your professors at the earliest moment possible. Often times your instructor can provide assistance and help you handle the stresses of school while dealing with your crisis or extenuating circumstance(s). To better enable me to help you, contact me immediately; do not wait until your situation is almost resolved.

Work Policies

Late Work— late work receives no points unless there is prior approval from the instructor.

Make-up Work Policy— the decision whether to accept make-up work is at the discretion of the instructor of record. In general, make-up work will be accepted two days from the original due date. No make-up work will be accepted the last week of the session.

“Redo Work” Policy— some assignments may be subject to editing and resubmission at the discretion of the instructor of record or the instructional assistant. In this event, the resubmitted work is due no later than one day after it is returned. Edited work resubmitted without the original work will not be accepted. Do not ask permission to redo work to raise your grade. The instructor of record or the instructional assistant will approach you to see if you want to redo an assignment.