Department of Education Studies  
Assistive Technology: Ethical Practice, Access, and Evaluation  
SPED 5366.501  
Summer I 2024  
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I. Course Description:

This course is for instruction in the use of technology that enhances learning, functioning and independent living for individuals with disabilities. Focus is on both low-tech and high-tech supports with an emphasis on new technologies.

SPED 5366 (SPE 566.501) Assistive Technology: Ethical Practice, Access, and Evaluation (3 credits; fully online) spans 15 weeks during regular Fall and Spring semesters and 5 weeks during a Summer Session Semester. This graduate course contains extensive content that includes the same information students in a face-to-face lecture course receive, requiring students to engage the online modules for at least three hours per a typical Fall/Spring semester week. Summer Session will require at least two hours per day in module work online. Primary source readings are woven into the content to support key concepts for instruction in the use of technology that enhances learning, functioning and independent living for individuals with disabilities. Focus is on both low-tech and high-tech supports with an emphasis on new technologies, evaluations, data collection, assessments, cultural awareness, family support, and ethical professional collaborative teaming. Students self-evaluate their personal ethical responsibilities/belief systems, research new technologies, read and evaluate evidence-based research, and create a personalized communication system for a scenario child with a
communication disability. For every hour a student spends engaging with the module content, he/she spends at least two hours completing associated readings, activities, and assessments regarding students with assistive technology needs.

II. Intended Learning Outcomes and its Relationship to the College of Education

This course reflects the following core values of the College of Education:

• 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
• Service that enriches the community

The mission of the College of Education is to prepare competent, successful, caring, and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development.

The goals of this course are closely aligned to those of the College of Education (COE), which is to prepare competent, successful, caring and enthusiastic professionals dedicated to responsible service, leadership, and continued professional and intellectual development. As a preliminary step in this process the knowledge obtained in this course will enable candidates to develop the requisite knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for admission into the COE Teacher Certification Program.

This course also supports the mission of the Human Services Department.

**THECB Core Objectives/Outcomes**

- Critical Thinking Skills
  - To include creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information
- Communication Skills
  - To include effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral and visual communication.
- Empirical and Quantitative Skills
  - To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.
- Teamwork
  - To include the ability to consider different points of view and to work effectively with others to support a shared purpose or goal.
- Personal Responsibility
  - To include the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making
- Social Responsibility
To include intercultural competence, knowledge of civic responsibility, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities.

Standards Addressed:

CAEP … Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation

Standard 1: Content and Pedagogical Knowledge

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; content; instructional practice; and professional responsibility.

Provider Responsibilities

1.2 Providers ensure that completers use research and evidence to develop an understanding of the teaching profession and use both to measure their P-12 students’ progress and their own professional practice.

1.3 Providers ensure that completers apply content and pedagogical knowledge as reflected in outcome assessments in response to standards of Specialized Professional Associations (SPA), the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), states, or other accrediting bodies (e.g., National Association of Schools of Music – NASM).

1.4 Providers ensure that completers demonstrate skills and commitment that afford all P-12 students access to rigorous college- and career-ready standards (e.g., Next Generation Science Standards, National Career Readiness Certificate, Common Core State Standards).

1.5 Providers ensure that completers model and apply technology standards as they design, implement and assess learning experiences to engage students and improve learning; and enrich professional practice.

Standard 2: Clinical Partnerships and Practice

Partnerships for Clinical Preparation

2.1 Partners co-construct mutually beneficial P-12 school and community arrangements, including technology-based collaborations, for clinical preparation and share responsibility for continuous improvement of candidate preparation. Partnerships for clinical preparation can follow a range of forms, participants, and functions. They establish mutually agreeable expectations for candidate entry, preparation, and exit; ensure that theory and practice are linked; maintain coherence across clinical and academic components of preparation; and share accountability for candidate outcomes.

Clinical Educators

2.2 Partners co-select, prepare, evaluate, support, and retain high-quality clinical educators, both provider- and school-based, who demonstrate a positive impact on candidates’ development and P-12 student learning and development. In collaboration with their
partners, providers use multiple indicators and appropriate technology-based applications to establish, maintain, and refine criteria for selection, professional development, performance evaluation, continuous improvement, and retention of clinical educators in all clinical placement settings.

**Clinical Experiences**

2.3 The provider works with partners to design clinical experiences of sufficient depth, breadth, diversity, coherence, and duration to ensure that candidates demonstrate their developing effectiveness and positive impact on all students’ learning and development. Clinical experiences, including technology-enhanced learning opportunities, are structured to have multiple performance-based assessments at key points within the program to demonstrate candidates’ development of the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions, as delineated in Standard 1, that are associated with a positive impact on the learning and development of all P-12 students.

**Standard 3: Candidate Quality, Recruitment, and Selectivity**

**Plan for Recruitment of Diverse Candidates who Meet Employment Needs**

3.1 The provider presents plans and goals to recruit and support completion of high-quality candidates from a broad range of backgrounds and diverse populations to accomplish their mission. The admitted pool of candidates reflects the diversity of America’s P-12 students. The provider demonstrates efforts to know and address community, state, national, regional, or local needs for hard-to-staff schools and shortage fields, currently, STEM, English-language learning, and students with disabilities.

**Admission Standards Indicate That Candidates Have High Academic Achievement And Ability**

3.2 The provider sets admissions requirements, including CAEP minimum criteria or the state’s minimum criteria, whichever are higher, and gathers data to monitor applicants and the selected pool of candidates. The provider ensures that the average grade point average of its accepted cohort of candidates meets or exceeds the CAEP minimum of 3.0, and the group average performance on nationally normed ability/achievement assessments such as ACT, SAT, or GRE:

- is in the top 50 percent from 2016-2017;
- is in the top 40 percent of the distribution from 2018-2019; and
- is in the top 33 percent of the distribution by 2020.

If any state can meet the CAEP standards, as specified above, by demonstrating a correspondence in scores between the state-normed assessments and nationally normed ability/achievement assessments, then educator preparation providers from that state will be able to utilize their state assessments until 2020. CAEP will work with states through this transition.

Over time, a program may develop a reliable, valid model that uses admissions criteria other than those stated in this standard. In this case, the admitted cohort group
mean on these criteria must meet or exceed the standard that has been shown to positively correlate with measures of P-12 student learning and development.

The provider demonstrates that the standard for high academic achievement and ability is met through multiple evaluations and sources of evidence. The provider reports the mean and standard deviation for the group.

[Board amendment adopted February 13, 2015] CAEP will work with states and providers through this transition regarding nationally or state normed assessments. Alternative arrangements for meeting this standard (beyond the alternative stated above for “a reliable, valid model that uses admissions criteria other than those stated in this standard”) will be approved only under special circumstances. The CAEP staff will report to the Board and the public annually on actions taken under this provision. In all cases, EPPs must demonstrate the quality of the admitted candidates.

Additional Selectivity Factors

3.3 Educator preparation providers establish and monitor attributes and dispositions beyond academic ability that candidates must demonstrate at admissions and during the program. The provider selects criteria, describes the measures used and evidence of the reliability and validity of those measures, and reports data that show how the academic and non-academic factors predict candidate performance in the program and effective teaching.

Selectivity During Preparation

3.4 The provider creates criteria for program progression and monitors candidates’ advancement from admissions through completion. All candidates demonstrate the ability to teach to college- and career-ready standards. Providers present multiple forms of evidence to indicate candidates’ developing content knowledge, pedagogical content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and the integration of technology in all of these domains.

Selection At Completion

3.5 Before the provider recommends any completing candidate for licensure or certification, it documents that the candidate has reached a high standard for content knowledge in the fields where certification is sought and can teach effectively with positive impacts on P-12 student learning and development.

3.6 Before the provider recommends any completing candidate for licensure or certification, it documents that the candidate understands the expectations of the profession, including codes of ethics, professional standards of practice, and relevant laws and policies. CAEP monitors the development of measures that assess candidates’ success and revises standards in light of new results.
Standard 4: Program Impact

Impact on P-12 Student Learning and Development

4.1 The provider documents, using multiple measures, that program completers contribute to an expected level of student-learning growth. Multiple measures shall include all available growth measures (including value-added measures, student-growth percentiles, and student learning and development objectives) required by the state for its teachers and available to educator preparation providers, other state-supported P-12 impact measures, and any other measures employed by the provider.

Indicators of Teaching Effectiveness

4.2 The provider demonstrates, through structured and validated observation instruments and student surveys, that completers effectively apply the professional knowledge, skills, and dispositions that the preparation experiences were designed to achieve.

Satisfaction of Employers

4.3. The provider demonstrates, using measures that result in valid and reliable data and including employment milestones such as promotion and retention, that employers are satisfied with the completers’ preparation for their assigned responsibilities in working with P-12 students.

Satisfaction of Completers

4.4 The provider demonstrates, using measures that result in valid and reliable data, that program completers perceive their preparation as relevant to the responsibilities they confront on the job, and that the preparation was effective.

Standard 5: Provider Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

Quality and Strategic Evaluation

5.1 The provider’s quality assurance system is comprised of multiple measures that can monitor candidate progress, completer achievements, and provider operational effectiveness. Evidence demonstrates that the provider satisfies all CAEP standards.

5.2 The provider’s quality assurance system relies on relevant, verifiable, representative, cumulative and actionable measures, and produces empirical evidence that interpretations of data are valid and consistent.

Continuous Improvement

5.3. The provider regularly and systematically assesses performance against its goals and relevant standards, tracks results over time, tests innovations and the effects of selection criteria on subsequent progress and completion, and uses results to improve program elements and processes.

5.4. Measures of completer impact, including available outcome data on P-12 student growth, are summarized, externally benchmarked, analyzed, shared widely, and acted upon in decision-making related to programs, resource allocation, and future direction.

5.5. The provider assures that appropriate stakeholders, including alumni, employers, practitioners, school and community partners, and others defined by the provider, are involved in program evaluation, improvement, and identification of models of excellence.

CEC … Council for Exceptional Children

Standard 1: Learner Development & Individual Learning Differences

Key Elements

1.1 Beginning special education professionals understand how language, culture, and family background influence the learning of individuals with exceptionalities.
1.2 Beginning special education professionals use understanding of development and individual differences to respond to the needs of individuals with exceptionalities.

Standard 2: Learning Environments

**Key Elements**

2.1 Beginning special education professionals through collaboration with general educators and other colleagues create safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments to engage individuals with exceptionalities in meaningful learning activities and social interactions.

2.2 Beginning special education professionals use motivational and instructional interventions to teach individuals with exceptionalities how to adapt to different environments.

2.3 Beginning special education professionals know how to intervene safely and appropriately with individuals with exceptionalities in crisis.

Standard 3: Curricular Content Knowledge

**Key Elements**

3.1 Beginning special education professionals understand the central concepts, structures of the discipline, and tools of inquiry of the content areas they teach, and can organize this knowledge, integrate cross-disciplinary skills, and develop meaningful learning progressions for individuals with exceptionalities.

3.2 Beginning special education professionals understand and use general and specialized content knowledge for teaching across curricular content areas to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.

3.3 Beginning special education professionals modify general and specialized curricula to make them accessible to individuals with exceptionalities.

Standard 4: Assessment

**Key Elements**

4.1 Beginning special education professionals select and use technically sound formal and informal assessments that minimize bias.

4.2 Beginning special education professionals use knowledge of measurement principles and practices to interpret assessment results and guide educational decisions for individuals with exceptionalities.

4.3 Beginning special education professionals in collaboration with colleagues and families use multiple types of assessment information in making decisions about individuals with exceptionalities.

4.4 Beginning special education professionals engage individuals with exceptionalities to work toward quality learning and performance and provide feedback to guide them.

Standard 5: Instructional Planning & Strategies

**Key Elements**

5.1 Beginning special education professionals consider an individual’s abilities, interests, learning environments, and cultural and linguistic factors in the selection, development, and adaptation of learning experiences for individual with exceptionalities.

5.2 Beginning special education professionals use technologies to support instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with exceptionalities.
5.3 Beginning special education professionals are familiar with augmentative and alternative communication systems and a variety of assistive technologies to support the communication and learning of individuals with exceptionalities.

5.4 Beginning special education professionals use strategies to enhance language development and communication skills of individuals with exceptionalities.

5.5 Beginning special education professionals develop and implement a variety of education and transition plans for individuals with exceptionalities across a wide range of settings and different learning experiences in collaboration with individuals, families, and teams.

5.6 Beginning special education professionals teach to mastery and promote generalization of learning.

5.7 Beginning special education professionals teach cross-disciplinary knowledge and skills such as critical thinking and problem solving to individuals with exceptionalities.

Standard 6: Professional Learning & Ethical Practice

Key Elements

6.1 Beginning special education professionals use professional Ethical Principles and Professional Practice Standards to guide their practice.

6.2 Beginning special education professionals understand how foundational knowledge and current issues influence professional practice.

6.3 Beginning special education professionals understand that diversity is a part of families, cultures, and schools, and that complex human issues can interact with the delivery of special education services.

6.4 Beginning special education professionals understand the significance of lifelong learning and participate in professional activities and learning communities.

6.5 Beginning special education professionals advance the profession by engaging in activities such as advocacy and mentoring.

6.6 Beginning special education professionals provide guidance and direction to paraeducators, tutors, and volunteers.

Standard 7: Collaboration

Key Elements

7.1 Beginning special education professionals use the theory and elements of effective collaboration.

7.2 Beginning special education professionals serve as a collaborative resource to colleagues.

7.3 Beginning special education professionals use collaboration to promote the well-being of individuals with exceptionalities across a wide range of settings and collaborators.

InTASC … Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium

Standard 1: Learner Development
Standard 2: Learning Differences
Standard 3: Learning Environments
Standard 4: Content Knowledge
Standard 5: Application of Content
Standard 6: Assessment
Standard 7: Planning for Instruction
Standard 8: Instructional Strategies
Standard 9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice
Standard 10: Leadership and Collaboration

ISTE … International Society for Technology in Education
Standard 1: Facilitate and inspire student learning and creativity
  a. Promote, support, and model creative and innovative thinking and inventiveness
  b. Engage students in … digital tools and resources
  c. Promote student reflection using collaborative tools …
  d. Model collaborative knowledge construction by engaging … students

Standard 2: Design and develop digital age learning experiences and assessments
  a. Design or adapt relevant learning experiences that incorporate digital tools and resources …
  b. Develop technology-enriched learning environments …
  c. Customize and personalize learning activities to address students’ diverse learning styles …
  d. Provide students with multiple and varied formative and summative assessments …

Standard 3: Model digital age work and learning
  a. Demonstrate fluency in technology systems … transfer knowledge to new technologies
  b. Collaborate … using digital tools …
  c. Communicate … using a variety of digital age media and formats
  d. Model and facilitate effective use of current and emerging digital tools

Standard 4: Promote and model digital citizenship and responsibility
  a. Advocate … use of digital information and technology …
  b. Address diverse need of all learners … using digital tools and resources
  c. Promote and model digital etiquette and responsible social interactions …
  d. Develop and model cultural understanding and global awareness … using digital age communication and collaboration tools

Standard 5: Engage in professional growth and leadership
  a. Participate in local and global learning … explore creative applications of technology …
  b. Exhibit leadership by demonstrating a vision of technology infusion …
  c. Evaluate and reflect on current research and professional practice …
  d. Contribute to … teaching profession … school and community

SBEC/TExES … State Board of Educator Certification (TExES 161 exam)

DOMAIN I – UNDERSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND EVALUATING THEIR NEEDS

DOMAIN II – PROMOTING STUDENT LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT
 DOMAIN III – PROMOTING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS AND READING AND IN MATHEMATICS

DOMAIN IV – FOUNDATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD I (DOMAIN IV):
The special education teacher understands and applies knowledge of the philosophical, historical and legal foundations of special education.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD II (DOMAIN IV):
The special education teacher applies knowledge of professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD III (DOMAIN IV):
The special education teacher knows how to communicate and collaborate effectively in a variety of professional settings.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD IV (DOMAIN I):
The special education teacher understands and applies knowledge of the characteristics and needs of individuals with disabilities.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD V (DOMAIN I):
The special education teacher understands formal and informal assessment procedures and knows how to evaluate student competencies to make instructional decisions.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD VI (DOMAIN II):
The special education teacher understands and applies knowledge of procedures for planning instruction and managing the teaching and learning environment.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD VII (DOMAIN II):
The special education teacher understands and applies knowledge of issues and procedures for teaching appropriate student behavior and social skills.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD VIII (DOMAIN II):
The special education teacher understands assistive technology as defined by state and federal regulations.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD IX (DOMAIN II):
The special education teacher understands and applies knowledge of transition issues and procedures across the life span.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD X (DOMAIN II):
The special education teacher promotes students’ academic performance in all content areas by facilitating their achievement in a variety of settings and situations.
The special education teacher promotes students’ performance in English language arts and reading.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EC-12 STANDARD XII (DOMAIN III):
The special education teacher promotes students’ performance in mathematics.

**Course Coordination with the Special Education EC-12 TExES Domains and Competencies**

This course’s alignment with the State Board of Educator Certification Standards for Texas EC-12 Special Education teachers coincides with the College of Education’s mission to provide candidates with a foundation for success in teaching and the COE’s goal of academic excellence in candidate content knowledge.

**OUTCOMES:**

**Program Learning Outcomes:** Council for Exceptional Children (CEC):

1. Understand how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning and use this knowledge to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities (CEC 1.1, 1.2).
2. Create safe, inclusive, culturally responsive learning environments so that individuals with exceptionalities become active and effective learners and develop emotional well-being, positive social interactions, and self-determination (CEC 2.1, 2.2, 2.3).
3. Use knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities (CEC 3.3).
4. Use multiple methods of assessment and data-sources in making educational decisions (CEC 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4).
5. Select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities (CEC 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7).
6. Use foundational knowledge of the field and their professional Ethical Principles and Practice Standards to inform special education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession (CEC 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4).
7. Collaborate with families, other educators, related service providers, individuals with exceptionalities, and personnel from community agencies in culturally responsive ways to address the needs of individuals with exceptionalities across a range of learning experiences (CEC 7.1, 7.2, 7.3).

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

1. Collaborate and consider Assistive Technology (AT) in the IEP process for making informed AT decisions for students with disabilities. (ISTE: 2c, 4b, 5a, 5b; INTASC: 6,7; SBEC: Domain I-Standard V; CEC: 4.1; Texas Standards PBIC 8.4K)
2. Develop understanding for professional responsibility in use of legal statues regarding provision of AT for students with disabilities as part of a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). (ISTE: 2a,2c,2d, 4a,5c,5d; INTASC: 9,10; SBEC: Domain II-Standard VIII; CEC: 6.1,6.2; Texas Standards PBIC 8.3K)

3. Discuss and collaborate on roles and responsibilities school administrators and teachers have in provision and use of AT devices for students with disabilities. (ISTE: 1c,3b,5a,5b,5c,5d; INTASC: 10; CEC: 7.1,7.2,7.3; Texas Standards PBIC 8.5K)

4. Read, compare, contrast AT in both federal state legal contexts including basic definitions of AT and examples of high-tech and low-tech devices. ISTE: 2a,2c,2d, INTASC: 9,10; CEC: 6.1,6.2,6.3,6.4; Texas Standards PBIC 8.1K)

5. Prepare and conduct AT evaluations for students with disabilities including parental input and culturally appropriate responsivenss to the families of the students. ISTE: 2a,2b,2c,2d,4b, INTASC: 3,6, SBEC: Domain I-Standard IV, CEC: 1.1,1.2,1.4,1.4,2.4,3.4,4; Texas Standards PBIC 8.1S)

6. Know ways in which technology can assist with planning instruction and managing the teaching and learning environment and meeting the needs of individual students with disabilities (Texas Standards PBIC 6.4K)

7. Know appropriate strategies and staff including assistive technology team members within campus and district that can support keeping classroom assistive technology equipment in good working order (Texas Standards PBIC 8.6S)

8. Know and understand moral and legal importance of implementing assistive technology as directed by a student’s Individual Educational Plan (IEP) (Texas Standards PBIC 8.7S)

9. Evaluate the effectiveness of AT implementation plans for students with disabilities. (ISTE: 1c,3d,4b,4d, INTASC: 10, SBEC: Domain II-Standard VI, CEC: 4.1; Texas Standards PBIC 8.4S, 8.5S)

10. Research, locate, and discuss available AT devices for supporting students with disabilities in the academic areas of Reading, Writing, and Math within the concept of inclusive education. (ISTE: 1a,1c,1b,2b,5c, INTASC: 1,2,4,5,8,9, SBEC: Domain II- Standards XI & XII; CEC: 1.1, 5.1,5.2,5.3,5.4,5.5,5.6,5.7, 7.1,7.2; Texas Standards PBIC 8.6K, 8.2S)

11. Assess students with disabilities within the Transition Planning process and Post-secondary Transition process for AT skills and self-determination skills. (ISTE: 1c,1d,2a,3b, 5a,5b,5d; INTASC: 6,7,8; SBEC: Domain II-Standard IX; CEC: 1.1,1.2,1.2,2.2; Texas Standards PBIC 9.5K)

12. Design, model, and discuss research-based low-tech and high-tech devices for supporting communication skills for students with disabilities. ISTE: 1a,2a,3a,3b,3c,3d,4b,4d; INTASC: 1,4,5,6,8; SBEC: Domain I-Standard V, Domain III-Standard XI; CEC: 3.3, 4.1,4.2;Texas Standards PBIC 8.3S)

13. Know and understand how to access information on the cognitive, communicative, physical, social, and emotional characteristics of students with disabilities and the assistive technology needs of those students (Texas Standards Diag V1A)

14. Know and understand how to gather background information regarding the academic, medical, and family history of children with disabilities (Texas Standards Diag V2B)

15. Know, understand, and how to access methods of academic and nonacademic (e.g., transition,developmental, assistive technology, motor skills) assessment and evaluation (Texas Standards Diag VII, VILM)
16. Know and understand instructional strategies, technology tools and applications, and curriculum materials for students with disabilities within the continuum of services (Texas Standards Diag X1A)

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

The format for this course includes scheduled assignments and deadlines, offline reading assignments and project(s), online reading and participation in using web pages, email, discussion boards, technology apps for smart phones, iPads, Androids, website software products, and D2L Chat. Assessment of course content will be conducted via scheduled online quizzes, discussion postings, project(s), writing assignments.

IV. Evaluation and Assessments (Grading):

Course Requirements:

Assignments & Assessments

Module Quizzes (160 pts.)

Discussions (225 pts.)

Dropbox Assignments (415 pts.)

Adapted Book Project (200 pts.)

Total Possible Points = 1000 points

Bonus: AT Specialist Interview (40 bonus points)

Grades determined using the following scale:

A = 90% of all possible points
B = 80% of all possible points
C = 70% of all possible points
D = 60% of all possible points
F = 59% (or less than) of all possible points

Quizzes, Discussions, Project and Assignments are listed in your syllabus Timeline.

Quizzes: These will consist of essays, multiple-choice, true/false, and short answer items. You may want to make sure you take quizzes from a computer with high-speed access. Quizzes will be available for several days and will open at 12:00 am and stay available until 11:59 pm on last day of module availability for your convenience.
Major AT Collaborative Book & Literacy Project: There is a major book literacy project in this course this summer. You are to follow directions, use crafting supplies, and technology to create a low tech accessible book to share with a child with a disability and his/her family. NOTE: Begin your project in Week 1 to make sure you schedule your time to complete it by the due date stated in the syllabus Timeline.

Discussions: There are discussions within some modules of this course and you are required to post and respond to at least two (2) peers per discussion.

V. Course Timeline

Dr. Sheriff: SPED 5366.501 Course Timeline

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Please note that this is a Summer School course. The best plan Timeline below shows the 5 short weeks subdivided with online modules and assignments due each week. Plan your time wisely in order to follow this best plan for timely course completion. ***NOTE: The course ends on Friday, July 5th at 5:00 pm.

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<td>Module 1 Complete all the components of the Getting Started Module; Post your Bio in Discussions-Respond to peer postings; Read and print course syllabus and Timeline; Take syllabus quiz All Module 1 Assignments Due by Sunday 6/9/24 at 11:59pm</td>
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<td>Collaborative Book Literacy Project Module Read: Nino Wrestles the World children’s book. Read through the project module content pages. Watch video about this project and begin working on your project which will be due at the end of Week 4.</td>
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<td>INTASC: 10</td>
<td>Read textbook Chapter 3; Complete mini IRIS Module and take Quiz; Participate in RAAT Discussion</td>
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<td>SBEC: Domain II-Standard X</td>
<td>Optional Activity: Interview of AT Specialist and submit to Dropbox (May be an interview with someone in your district or a phone call interview to your local Ed Service Center AT specialist. This is OPTIONAL in Summer for Bonus points).</td>
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<td>Read Chapter 1 of the WATI; Complete WATI AT Consideration Assignment and submit to Dropbox</td>
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<td>Complete all activities within Module 5; Complete Texas Legal Framework Assignment and submit to Dropbox;</td>
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<td>Review pages 53-57 of Chapter 3; Participate in Tablet App Research/Assessment for Young Children &amp; Discussion;</td>
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<td>Read textbook Chapters 5 &amp; 7; Read 6 peer-reviewed research AT journal articles on access to core standards in academics;</td>
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<td>Utilize research protocol to write and complete 3 article analyses: Analysis for Writing, Analysis for Math, &amp;</td>
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<td>Analysis for Reading and Submit all 3 to appropriate Dropboxes</td>
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**Begin Module 8**

Read textbook Chapters 6 & 8; Research SETT Framework in Module pages,

Complete and submit Collaborative Book Literacy Project.

**All Module 8 Assignments Due by 6/30/24 at 11:59pm**

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**Module 10**

Read textbook Chapter 10;

Skim and Scan through the WATI Transition Document pages;

Conduct AT Post-secondary Assessment Assignment with high school student (real or make-believe scenario student) and submit to Dropbox. This is an assignment that I want you to utilize the pages you would choose to use to take to a Transition/IEP/ARD meeting at your district. Each of you will chose pages that apply to your real or scenario student. I don’t expect you to use all
VI. Readings

Required readings will be provided within modules and/or on the course homepage.

Access to a computer that has the following components: Webcam/microphone for Zoom meetings if requested, PowerPoint viewing and creating capabilities, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word.

You will also need to have access to a digital camera and have video recording capabilities (e.g., Webcam, digital-video camera, or a smart phone) and access to an iPad or Android tablet or smart phone to view AT apps.

Required Textbook and Children’s Book:


You may also purchase the textbook in digital format as an eText directly from Pearson Publishing. This version allows you to access your textbook via computer, iPad, or Android tablet device. Go to the following website - www.pearsonhighered.com(etextbooks) to read about purchasing your textbook in eText format if you desire your textbook in digital format.
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: Found at https://www.sfasu.edu/policies

**Institutional Absences (HOP 04-110)**

- An Institutional Absence may be granted to a student who participates as a representative of the University in academic (including research), extra- or cocurricular, or athletic activities. Students will be excused for institutional purposes from otherwise required academic activity only when a valid Institutional Absence is approved by the appropriate administrative unit or official and the documentation of approval is provided to the faculty member at least five (5) days in advance.

Institutional absences will not be approved for keystone events, defined as: a special or unique assignment, test, project, experience, or other academic exercise identified by the Faculty member as critical for successful completion of standards of the class and unable to be missed. These events must be identified on the syllabus at the beginning of the semester and communicated to the students. Events added to the syllabus at a later date will not qualify for Keystone Event status. Keystone Events where the date/time is changed will no longer be considered a Keystone Event. Students should make themselves aware of any Keystone Events identified in the syllabus to ensure there are no conflicts. For keystone events where the assignment dates vary, it is incumbent upon the students to work with their faculty member to not select a conflicting date.
More information on Institutional Absences, including how to apply, can be found at https://www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents/student-resources/institutional-absences.

**Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity**

- The Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (HOP 04-106) outlines the prohibited conduct by any student enrolled in a course at SFA. It is the responsibility of all members of all faculty, staff, and students to adhere to and uphold this policy.

Articles IV, VI, and VII of the new Code of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity outline the violations and procedures concerning academic conduct, including cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and misrepresentation. Cheating includes, but is not limited to: (1) Copying from the test paper (or other assignment) of another student, (2) Possession and/or use during a test of materials that are not authorized by the person giving the test, (3) Using, obtaining, or attempting to obtain by any means the whole or any part of a non-administered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program, or using a test that has been administered in prior classes or semesters without permission of the Faculty member, (4) Substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for one’s self, to take a test, (5) Falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other records or academic work offered for credit, (6) Using any sort of unauthorized resources or technology in completion of educational activities.

Plagiarism is the appropriation of material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source or the use of one’s own previous work in another context without citing that it was used previously, without any indication of the original source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, and other expression or media, and presenting that material as one’s own academic work being offered for credit or in conjunction with a program course or degree requirements.

Collusion is the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any provision of the rules on academic dishonesty, including disclosing and/or distributing the contents of an exam.

Misrepresentation is providing false grades or résumés; providing false or misleading information in an effort to receive a postponement or an extension on a test, quiz, or other assignment for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit for oneself or another individual or to injure another
student academically or financially. For additional information, go to 
https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/04-106.pdf.

**Withheld Grades Semester Grades Policy (HOP policy 02-206)**

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 coursework 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. 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 to compute the grade point average. For additional information, go to https://www.sfasu.edu/docs/hops/02-206.pdf.

- **Students with Disabilities**
  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 promptly may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.

- **Student Wellness and Well-Being**
  SFA values students’ overall well-being, mental health and the role it plays in academic and overall student success. Students may experience stressors that can impact both their academic experience and their personal well-being. These may include academic pressure and challenges associated with relationships, emotional well-being, alcohol and other drugs, identities, finances, etc.

  If you are experiencing concerns, seeking help, SFA provides a variety of resources to support students’ mental health and wellness. Many of these resources are free, and all of them are confidential.

- **Other important course-related policies:**
  ***Other SFA policy information is found in the Handbook of Operating Procedures (HOP)***

**IX. Resources**

- **On-campus Resources:**
  - The Dean of Students Office (Rusk Building, 3rd floor lobby)
    www.sfasu.edu/deanofstudents
    936.468.7249
    dos@sfasu.edu
  - SFASU Counseling Services • www.sfasu.edu/counselingservices
Health and Wellness Hub (corner of E. College and Raguet) • 936-468-2401

- SFASU Human Services Counseling Clinic •
  [www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp](http://www.sfasu.edu/humanservices/139.asp)
  Human Services Room 202 • 936-468-1041

- The Health and Wellness Hub “The Hub”
  Location: corner of E. College and Raguet St.

- To support the health and well-being of every Lumberjack, the Health and Wellness Hub offers comprehensive services that treat the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Services include:
  - Health Services
  - Counseling Services
  - Student Outreach and Support
  - Food Pantry
  - Wellness Coaching
  - Alcohol and Other Drug Education

  [www.sfasu.edu/thehub](http://www.sfasu.edu/thehub)
  936.468.4008
  thehub@sfasu.edu

- Crisis Resources:
  - Burke 24-hour crisis line 1(800) 392-8343
  - National Suicide Crisis Prevention: 9-8-8
  - Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1(800) 273-TALK (8255)
  - Crisis Text Line: Text HELLO to 741-741

Additional Information Specific to Educator Preparation:

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.


To complete Certification/Licensing Requirements in Texas related to public education, 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 are 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 http://www.tx.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html. 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.

4. For further information concerning this matter, contact the Office of Assessment and Accountability at 936-468-1282 or edprep@sfasu.edu.

IX. Other Relevant Course Information

Late Submission Policy and Make-up Exams:
All assignments must be turned in on or before the due date to receive full credit. Late assignments may not be accepted or will be docked points. Make-up exams will be administered only in extreme circumstances and reasons for missing an exam should be documented. Students should contact me in advance of missing an exam.

Syllabus Disclaimer:
While the provisions of this syllabus are as accurate and complete as possible, the instructor reserves the right to change any provision herein with notice if circumstances so warrant. Every effort will be made to keep students advised of such changes and information about such changes will be posted inside the course in D2L as a News Item for the course. It is the responsibility of each student to know what changes, if any, have been made to the provisions for this syllabus and to successfully complete the requirements for this course. Questions regarding information on the syllabus and course requirements need to be addressed by students when the syllabus is received.