



Course Syllabus

COURSE NUMBER: EDUC 3000	COURSE TITLE Practicum Seminar	TERM: Fall, 2008
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1. COURSE DESCRIPTION: This seminar will help students in the secondary practicum focus on multiple factors affecting curriculum including planning, classroom organization and structure, unit and lesson planning, and student evaluation. The course is designed to better prepare each student to meet the MoSTEP Standards within the context of the content being addressed.

2. LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Course Outcomes	School of Education Goals	MoSTEP/Prof Standards Addressed
The student will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ demonstrate a knowledge of the discipline and the ability to teach to content, processes, and tools of that discipline. ▪ develop curriculum that demonstrates an understanding of the development of children and adolescents. ▪ plan curriculum based on Bloom's Taxonomy, the Missouri Show-Me Standards, Curriculum Frameworks, Course Level Expectations and Levels of Depth of Knowledge. ▪ develop instructional plans based on student needs and diversity and apply course content using adaptations and modification ▪ develop questioning techniques, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal 1 ▪ Goal 1 ▪ Goal 1 ▪ Goal 2 & 4 ▪ Goal 2 	The pre-service teacher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.2.1 understands content, professional, pedagogical and integrative studies ▪ 1.2.2 understands how students learn and develop, and provide learning opportunities that support the intellectual, social and personal development of all students ▪ 1.2.4 recognizes the importance of long-range planning and curriculum development and develops, implements and evaluate curriculum based upon student, district and state performance standards ▪ 1.2.3 understands how student differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners ▪ 1.2.5 uses a variety of instructional

<p>critical thinking and problem solving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ design strategies and techniques for teaching, including technology. ▪ develop classroom management and motivation techniques. ▪ communicate clearly and facilitate communication among students. ▪ develop assessment tools and strategies, applied to instructional plans. ▪ collaborate successfully with colleagues, teachers, students, and parents ▪ pursue professional development opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goal 2 ▪ Goal 2 ▪ Goal 3 ▪ Goal 2 ▪ Goal 3 ▪ Goal 3 	<p>strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1.2.11 plans and designs effective learning environments and experiences supported by informational and instructional technology ▪ 1.2.6 uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation ▪ 1.2.7 models effective verbal/non-verbal communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction in the classroom ▪ 1.2.8 employs a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques ▪ 1.2.10 participates in collegial activities designed to make the entire school a productive learning environment ▪ 1.2.9 actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally and utilizes the assessment and professional growth to generate more learning for more students
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3. Schedule of required readings, class preparations and assignments, lectures, discussions, student presentations, out-of-class assignments and exams.

- Week 1:** *Topic:* Orientation and Overview; *turn in sample of written lesson plan you have created personally*
Journal Entry #1: Describe your practicum: classes, types of students, cooperating teacher, environment, etc.
- Week 2:** *Topic:* Designing instruction: Authentic Instruction, Constructivism, Socratic Questioning, etc.
Sign up for presentation of material.
Journal Entry #2: Do you see Authentic Instruction in practicum? Describe it. If not, how could you make one lesson authentic?
- Week 3:** *Topic:* Quality Assessments: Authentic Assessment and the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) using the Missouri Show-Me Standards and Curriculum Frameworks
Journal Entry #3: Do you see Authentic Assessment in practicum? Describe it. If not, how could you create an authentic assessment for a lesson?
- Week 4:** *Topic:* Curriculum models: Thinking about teaching, types of unit and lesson plans, motivation
Journal Entry #4: Describe the teaching models you see in your practicum. Are they effective? Explain why or why not.
- Week 5:** *Topic:* IEP's and Adaptations and Modifications
Journal Entry #5: Do any of the students in your practicum have an IEP? What adaptations and modifications are provided for them?
- Week 6:** *Topic:* Classroom Management, Parent Conferences and Discipline Techniques
Journal Entry #6: What discipline techniques are used in your practicum? Describe them and are they effective? What would you do to change them?
- Week 7:** *Topic:* Presentations from textbook material; Reflection paper due next week; no journal entry
- Week 8:** *Topic:* Application and interviewing techniques
Final reflection paper due

4. RESOURCES:

Required Text(s):

Rominger, Lynne, et. al., Your First Year As a High School Teacher, New York, Three Rivers Press, 2001 ISBN 0-7615-2969-1

Supplemental Readings: Handouts and selected readings appropriate to discussion of topics will be provided by instructor

5. EVALUATION: (basis of evaluation with explanation regarding the nature of the assignment and the percentage of the grade assigned to each item below)

Assessments	Links to Course Outcomes	Percentage of Grade
Participation in classroom discussions and activities	All	25%
Weekly journal writing	All	25%
Presentation of textbook material	All	25%
Final reflection paper	All	25%

6. GRADING SCALE:

100-90% A	89-80% B	79-70% C	69-60% D	Below 60% F
All work must be completed on time. Late work will receive a reduction in grade.				
All incompletes must be completed by the end of the course unless other provisions with instructor have been established.				

Note: ALL PAPERS/PROJECTS MAY BE RETURNED VIA A SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE. PAPERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP IN THE SoE OFFICE.

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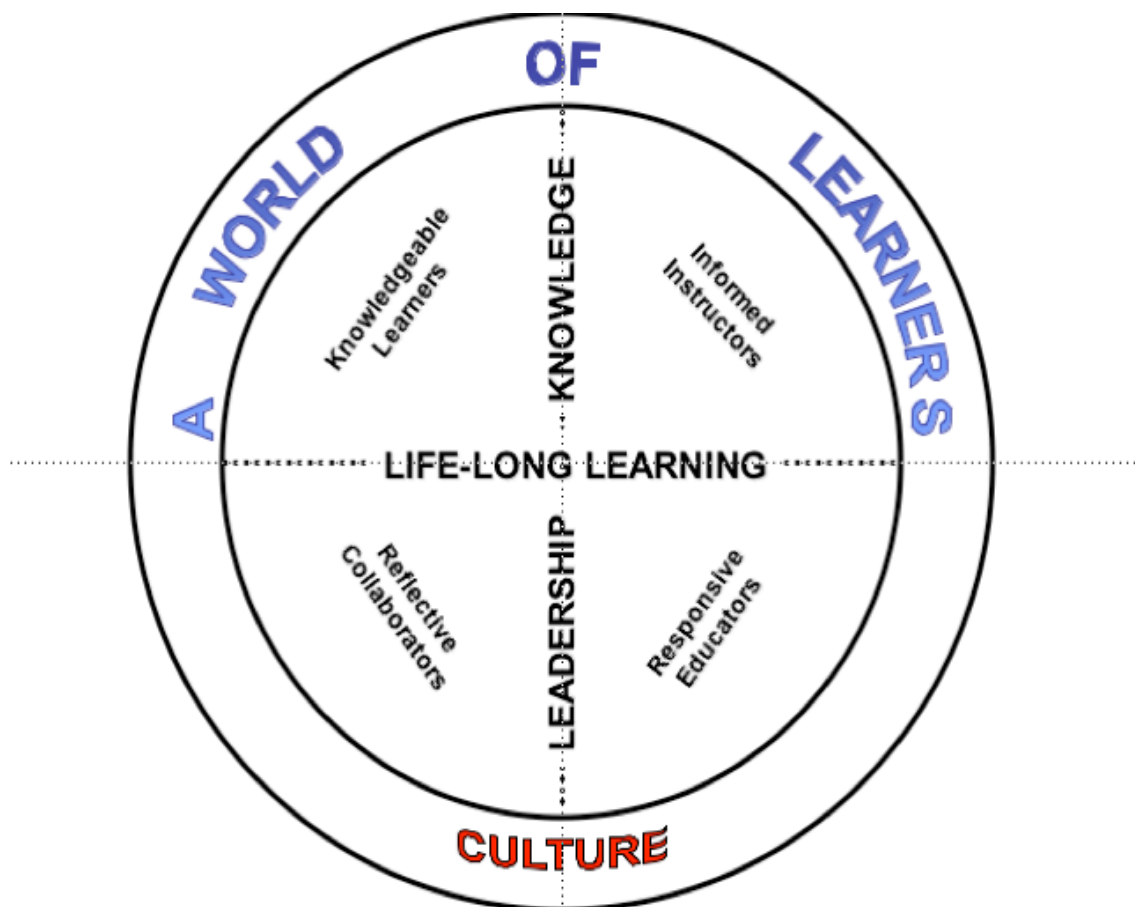
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**Webster University
School of Education**

Vision: “. . . We all must work to make this world worthy of its children.” (Casals, 1970)

Mission: The School of Education at Webster University provides its students with the knowledge, experiences, and practical tools that help them guide both themselves and others toward lifelong learning. The School of Education is a community of educator-scholars who apply critical reflections and creative energies to enhance learning in schools and other educational settings. The faculty strives to support this community by modeling effective teaching practices based on sound theory and research. Personalized approaches create a challenging, yet supportive environment that permits the risk-taking necessary for learning and growth. The School of Education encourages its faculty and students to work actively toward this end, keeping in mind that action must be rooted in visionary, yet realistic, thinking. This thought and action process underscores the development of an inner-directed self-understanding, an outer-directed global perspective, and an appreciation of human diversity that arises from both.

Theme: Developing a world of learners through knowledge, leadership, and life-long learning.



The universal mandala (a circle with intersecting vertical and horizontal lines) graphically represents the conceptual framework of the School of Education. The outer circle provides the framework for a “world of learners” in cultural settings. The two axes represent the theme components of knowledge, leadership, and life-long learning. These lines are broken to emphasize the fluid relationship of the goals and integrated concepts. Each quadrant represents one of the school’s four goals for its candidates: to develop knowledgeable learners, informed instructors, reflective collaborators, and responsive educators.

School of Education Goals

1. Education candidates will demonstrate knowledge of the subject matter, knowledge of the learner, and knowledge of pedagogy based on inquiry and scholarship.

The knowledgeable learner:

- 1.1 knows content that supports conceptual understanding;
 - 1.2 applies tools of inquiry to construct meaningful learning experiences;
 - 1.3 identifies developmental factors in student learning; and
 - 1.4 understands theoretical principles of effective instruction to plan learning experiences.
2. Education candidates will incorporate multiple assessment and instructional strategies to support effective educational practices based on research and theory.

The informed instructor:

- 2.1 designs curriculum based on students' prior knowledge, learning styles, strengths, and needs;
 - 2.2 understands and uses a range of instructional strategies;
 - 2.3 uses a variety of communication modes, media, and technology to support student learning; and
 - 2.4 employs a variety of formal and informal assessments to monitor learning and modify instruction.
3. Education candidates will reflect on the roles educators take as leaders of change through collaboration with colleagues, students, and families in schools and communities.

The reflective collaborator:

- 3.1 values and integrates reflection to grow as a professional;
 - 3.2 promotes communication and collaboration with colleagues, families, and community leaders;
 - 3.3 seeks relationships with families and students to support student learning; and
 - 3.4 initiates change that benefits students and their families.
4. Education candidates will demonstrate respect for diversity through responsive teaching and learning that values individual differences.

The responsive educator:

- 4.1 understands and responds appropriately to issues of diversity
- 4.2 acknowledges social and cultural contexts to create effective teaching and learning environments;
- 4.3 adapts instruction to the learner's knowledge, ability, and background experience; and
- 4.4 identifies resources for specialized services when needed.

School of Education Dispositions

NCATE defines dispositions as "the values, commitments and professional ethics that influence behaviors toward students, families, colleagues, and communities and affect student learning, motivation, and development as well as the educator's own professional growth. " (Professional Standards, p. 53) There is significant value in focusing attention on qualities that make an effective teacher.

1. Understands and Respects Self
 - 1.1 Understands and respects that s (he) may be different from others
 - 1.2 Embraces an openness to change (adaptability, flexibility)
 - 1.3 Exhibits curiosity
 - 1.4 Engages in reflection
2. Understands and Respects Others
 - 2.1 Understands, respects, and responds appropriately to diversity in a variety of settings
 - 2.2 Exhibits empathy
 - 2.3 Commits to fairness and honesty
 - 2.4 Listens respectfully to other points of view

3. Understands and Respects Professional Communities
 - 3.1 Commits to professional behavior in university and school cultures
 - 3.2 Practices informed decision-making in university and school cultures
 - 3.3 Communicates and collaborates in university and school cultures
 - 3.4 Accepts academic rigor (willingness to work/ high expectations)
 - 3.5 Affects change with courage and confidence