

Course Syllabus Education 2301

Department : Education
Course Title : Intro to Special Populations
Section Name : EDUC_2301

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Course Description

EDUC 2301 Introduction to Special Populations

An enriched, integrated pre-service course and content experience that:

- 1) provides an overview of schooling and classrooms from the perspectives of language, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic and academic diversity, and equity with an emphasis on factors that facilitate learning;
- 2) provides students with opportunities to participate in early field observations of P-12 special populations;
- 3) is aligned with State Board for Educator Certification Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities standards;
- 4) includes a minimum of 16 contact hours of field experience in P-12 classrooms with special populations; and

Prerequisites

1301 Education Class

Scans

(SCANS 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11)

Course Objectives

To provide an overview of schooling and classrooms from the perspectives of language, gender, socioeconomic status, ethnic and academic diversity, and equity through:

Participation in field observations of special populations

Analysis of current educational trends, issues, and topics related to special populations

Application of the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards to the field observations

Student Learning Outcomes:

Discuss the Pedagogy and Professional Responsibility Standards as applicable to the 16 hours field experience

Explain major political economic, legal and social issues affecting the education of students identified in special populations

Discuss major educational trends related to special education, bilingual education, gifted and talented, and at risk students

Formulate and describe a personal philosophy of education as it related to special populations

Required Readings/Materials

a) **You must purchase the following *required* readings/materials:**

Lewis, R. B., & Doorlag, D. H. (2006). *Teaching Special Students in General Education Classrooms* (8th ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall.

Pelzer, D. (1995). *A Child Called "IT": One Child's Courage to Survive*. Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc.

Course Requirements (Lectures, Assignments and Assessments)

Lectures

- Success for all Students in the General Education Classroom
- Collaboration and the Team Approach
- Diversity in Today's Classroom
- Adapting Instruction
- Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders
- Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities
- Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders
- Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Teaching Students with Physical and health Impairments
- Teaching Students Who are Gifted and Talented
- Teaching English Learners

Assignments:

Homework: Chapter 2: Behavior in the Classroom
Chapter 15: Special Needs Controversial Issue

3 Blogs: Over the novel: *Child Called It*

Discussion Boards: Over all chapters

Exams: Exam #1 Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, Exam #2 Chapters 10-11, Exam #3 Chapters 12, 14,
Exam#4 Chapters 15, 17, 18,

Final Project

Final Exam

Grading Policy Each week, I will provide grades or scores and comments on assignments within 6 days of when they were submitted. After I send feedback each week, I will post a notification in the **Main** forum. Late assignments receive a 10% deduction for each day they are late if assignments are not posted by 11:59 p.m. central on the day they are due. Assignments more than 5 days late will not be accepted. Technological issues will not be considered as valid grounds for late assignment submission. In the event of a server outage, students should submit assignments to the instructor.

Percentage %	Grade
95+	A
90-94	A-
87-89	B+
84-86	B
80-83	B-
77-79	C+
74-76	C
70-73	C-
67-69	D+
64-66	D
60-63	D-
<59	F

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