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General Syllabus

EDUC 4802 Seminar in Education

Credit Hours: 2

Lecture Hours: 2

Laboratory Hours: 0

Prerequisite: Admission to student internship

Corequisite: EDUC 490A Internship

Effective Catalog: 2018-2019

I. Course Information

A. Catalog Description

Emphasizes teacher leadership, refinement of teaching skills, collaboration, and marketability plans.

B. Additional Information

The Conceptual Framework derives from the School of Education mission, “Professionals United to Ensure Continuous Learning and Success.” The Framework is informed by two major sources of research in best practices for educators, InTASC (Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium) and Charlotte Danielson’s Framework for Teaching (FFT). InTASC is a program of the Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The Arkansas Department of Education adopted the InTASC 2011 Model Core Teaching Standards, which were developed by InTASC, as the Arkansas Teaching Standards (ATS). The Conceptual Framework synthesizes the concepts from these models to represent the UAFS School of Education expectations for teacher candidates. The UAFS School of Education Intended Candidate Outcomes (ICOs) are aligned with the InTASC Standards, which are the Arkansas Teacher Standards (ATS). The ICOs are also aligned with the Danielson Framework for Teaching (FFT) and edTPA.

II. Student Learning Outcomes

A. Subject Matter

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compose philosophy of teaching and learning
2. Utilize a repertoire of teaching strategies consistent with philosophy including hands-on technology for all learners.

3. Diagnose and understand students' capabilities, strengths, and needs based on the diversity of each individual student.
4. Summarize the ability to model professional characteristics including effective classroom organization, effective discipline strategies, understanding of diversity, and use of technology and ethical conduct.
5. Construct a professional interview packet that demonstrates the capability, organization, and insight necessary to be a successful teacher.
6. Understand legal obligations as represented by statute, regulation, school board policies, and court decisions and child maltreatment reporting laws.
7. Develop and maintain a professional presence and a professional growth plan
8. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic elements of an effective teacher
9. Demonstrate an understanding of UAFS School of Education standards and requirements.

B. University Learning Outcomes

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

Ethical Decision Making

Students will recognize and analyze ethical dilemmas, based on the ADE Code of Ethics. Students will apply ethical concepts and rules to determine viable alternatives in any given situation.

Global and Cultural Perspectives

Students will reflect upon cultural differences and demonstrate understanding or application of K12 education in a global environment. Students will reflect upon cultural and learning differences including socioeconomic, language, cultural, and special needs as well as neglected or abused children. Students will identify appropriate interventions to enhance learning in diverse environments.

Communication Skills (written and oral)

Students will communicate effectively, both in writing and orally, in a variety of settings. Students will compose coherent documents, article reviews, research and essay papers, and reflections of observations. Students will give class presentations, share student work products orally, and work with children and families as part of practicum and internship experiences.

Analytical Skills

Critical Thinking Skills - Students will draw conclusions and/or solve problems related to student assessment data or issues. Students will access and evaluate appropriate written and electronic information for solving educational problems, conducting educational research, or working with students. Students will reach viable solutions to a problem and be able to justify those solutions.

III. Major Course Topics

- A. Internship/Mentor Supervision Orientation
- B. Danielson's Frameworks for Effective Teaching

- C. TESS
- D. Career Services/Babb Center/Alumni Center
- E. EdTPA
- F. Ethics
- G. Child Maltreatment
- H. Teen Suicide
- I. Dyslexia
- J. Parental Involvement
- K. Classroom Management
- L. School Law
- M. Focus on Professional Interviews
- N. Education Job Fair
- O. Special Education
- P. Poverty
- Q. Licensure