Dewar College of Education and Human Services
Valdosta State University
Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education

MGED 4800
Professional Practices Seminar
2 Semester Hours

Guiding Principles (DEPOSITS)
(Adapted from the Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program Accomplished Teacher Framework)

Dispositions Principle: Productive dispositions positively affect learners, professional growth, and the learning environment.

Equity Principle: All learners deserve high expectations and support.

Process Principle: Learning is a lifelong process of development and growth.

Ownership Principle: Professionals are committed to and assume responsibility for the future of their disciplines.

Support Principle: Successful engagement in the process of learning requires collaboration among multiple partners.

Impact Principle: Effective practice yields evidence of learning.

Technology Principle: Technology facilitates teaching, learning, community-building, and resource acquisition.

Standards Principle: Evidence-based standards systematically guide professional preparation and development.

InTASC Model Core Teacher Standards*

(*To be used for all educator preparation program courses. Identify those that apply specifically to this course.*)

Standard #1: Learner Development. The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

Standard #2: Learning Differences. The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

Standard #3: Learning Environments. The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Standard #4: Content Knowledge. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Standard #5: Application of Content. The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

Standard #6: Assessment. The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

Standard #7: Planning for Instruction. The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

Standard #8: Instructional Strategies. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice. The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration. The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

Council of Chief State School Offices, (2013, April). InTASC model core teacher standards and learning progressions for teachers 1.0. Retrieved from http://www.ccsso.org/Documents/2013/2013_INTASC_Learning_Progressions_for_Teachers.pdf

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Reflection of educational practices and refinement of concepts emanating from student teaching experience.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS / RESOURCE MATERIALS

Live Text

COURSE OBJECTIVES (*Numbers in parentheses show alignment to InTASC Model Core Teacher Standards for all educator preparation courses*).

Upon completion of this course, Candidates will be expected to:

1. Demonstrate professional behavior at their work site. (InTASC Standards 9 & 10)

2. Demonstrate knowledge of legal and ethical issues of being a teacher. (InTASC Standard 9)

3. Demonstrate content pedagogy effectiveness to students in their student teaching (InTASC Standards 2, 3, 7, 8)

4. Reflect and critique pre- and posttests for a learning segment and understand the importance of assessing at every level of learning. (InTASC Standards 6, 7 & 8, EDL $_{3.1,}$ AL $_{3.1, 3.2, 3.3}$)

5. Demonstrate best teaching practices, such as use of data for informing instruction, differentiated instruction, and various assessment types, that have proven to be effective and have a positive impact on student learning. (InTASC Standards 1,2,3,4 & 5, AL $_{3.1, 3.2, 3.3}$)

6. Create and evaluate unique applications in authentic settings which stimulate learner reflections on prior content knowledge, link knowledge to familiar concepts, makes connections across disciplines, and engages learner in critical thinking skills. (InTASC Standards 1, 4, 5, CPL $_{3.1, 3.2, 3.3}$)

7. Complete and submit the requirements of edTPA. (InTASC Standards 2,3,4,6,7,8)

COURSE ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Candidates will attend and participate in required seminar sessions at designated dates and locations. See Seminar Schedule for times and room location.

2. Candidates will develop pre- and posttests and submit results to LiveText (Analysis of Student Learning assignment) and appropriate critique.

**AL$_{3a}$*This is a required Key Course Assessment and should not be modified or removed from this course without the approval of the program faculty.

3. Candidates will complete edTPA tasks requirements. **In order to earn a Satisfactory grade in this course, you will be required to successfully submit an edTPA portfolio that can be scored by Pearson with no condition codes reflected on your score report.**

Your score must meet the minimum requirement set by the state of Georgia in order to receive a letter of eligibility from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Any student not meeting the minimum score will be handled on an individual case basis to review options for resubmitting. You will also be required to submit your completed edTPA Commentaries to LiveText.

4. Candidates will complete the Ethics/Dispositions assessment (EDL$_{3a}$).

**EDL$_{3a}$ *This is a required Key Course Assessment and should not be modified or removed from this course without the approval of the program faculty.

5. Other certification and COEHS paperwork as required for graduation including evidence of a minimum of 40 documented service learning hours and a satisfactory report of the required Efficacy Statement at the end of the semester.

COURSE EVALUATION

Evaluation will be "S" (satisfactory) or "U" (unsatisfactory) based upon:

1. Attendance and participation at seminars and meetings. (Attendance per VSU policy).
2. Completion of Analysis of Student Learning LiveText assignment.
3. Satisfactory completion of all the edTPA components as determined by guidelines provided.
4. Satisfactory completion of ethics/disposition assessment.
5. Satisfactory completion of certification application and COEHS graduation paperwork.
6. Evidence of service learning hours.
7. Satisfactory report of the efficacy statement.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

When students are compelled for any reason to be absent from seminars, they should immediately contact the instructor. As per the VSU Undergraduate Bulletin (2014-15), "A student who misses more than 20% of the scheduled meetings of a course will be subject to receiving a failing grade in the course" (p. 87).

PROFESSIONALISM

The following areas describe the professional expectations for all preservice students in the Department of Middle, Secondary, Reading, and Deaf Education.

Professionalism - Ethics
Educators are professionals guided by ethical commitments to their students, their families and to the communities in which they work. (See: The Code of Ethics for Educators at http://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Ethics/505-6-.01.pdf).

Professional values of teachers include respect, integrity, collaboration, active participation, building alliances, resolving conflicts, and reflective, intellectual inquiry. It is expected that future teachers conduct themselves with the professionalism that is required of practicing teachers. If at any time a student's actions or attitudes are judged to be less than professional appropriate remedial action will be taken. You will participate in the Code of Ethics training conducted at Lowndes Middle School during the first week of the semester.

Professionalism – Dress code
In this course, classes are held in public schools. Professional dress code is required.

Professionalism - Communication
Effective written and verbal communication skills are critical to you as a professional educator as you interact with students, colleagues, administrators, and parents. Those individuals whose communication skills (verbal or written) indicate a need for assistance will be referred to the appropriate services on campus.

Professionalism - Assignments
All assignments should conform to the professional standards expected of university students. Papers must be typed, double-spaced in an appropriate font style and size with no spelling or grammatical errors. Assignments will be graded on content, composition, spelling, punctuation, and grammar. In papers, ideas obtained from sources must be documented using APA style. Proofread and correct papers before they are submitted.

Professionalism - Diversity
Professional educators are expected to embrace diversity. A variety of materials and instructional strategies will be used to meet the needs of different learning styles of diverse learners in the class. Students will be provided with opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills and understanding to provide effective instruction in multicultural classrooms. Mutual respect for people of diverse characteristics, beliefs, and abilities should be evident for all teacher candidates.

Professionalism - Technology
As part of our conceptual framework, the College of Education is committed to preparing professional educators who are technology competent. As a result, technology has been infused into our education courses.

Professional Improvement Plan
The purpose of the Professional Improvement Plan (PIP) process is for faculty to identify students who may need remediation or intervention to successfully complete the professional requirements for their program of study. For more information see the Professional Improvement Plan Process on the COEHS website.

DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & HUMAN SERVICES POLICY ON PLAGIARISM

http://www.valdosta.edu/colleges/education/deans-office/policy-statement-of-plagiarism.php

DEPARTMENT OF MIDDLE, SECONDARY, READING, AND DEAF EDUCATION STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Educators are professionals guided by ethical commitments to their students, their families and to the communities in which they work. (See: The Code of Ethics for Educators at http://www.nea.org/home/30442.htm). Professional values of teachers include respect, integrity, collaboration, active participation, building alliances, resolving conflicts, and reflective, intellectual inquiry. Future teachers should conduct themselves with the professionalism that is required of practicing teachers.

- In assignments and discussion postings, you should never provide names or identifying information about other people (students, other professionals, or parents). For confidentiality, you should use pseudonyms for students and should not identify schools unless you are using information that is publically available.
- All assignments should be your own original work, not group work. If you use ideas from other sources, you must provide a full citation using APA style – name(s) of author(s); date of publication or retrieval date; title of article/book/web page; name and location of publisher (book), name of journal, or URL of website. Do not share your work with others. If student A uses work from student B with or without permission, both students receive zero grades for the assignment.

DESCRIPTION OF ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

To ensure there are no chances for students to misunderstand what constitutes plagiarism, cheating, or prohibited collaboration across the University System of Georgia, this section will describe in some detail the behaviors which are viewed as academically dishonest.

While students are likely to understand plagiarism as stealing someone's words as their own, there are many types of plagiarism.

- **Stealing Verbatim:** This is exactly as it sounds. If, when composing an assignment, students take a sentence, a portion of a phrase, or even a unique expression which is not theirs, and submit it as their own (without quoting the original source), they have committed plagiarism**. Sentences that are verbatim or nearly verbatim (more than 70% match) should be both quoted and cited.**
- **Use of Professional Resources Without Acknowledgement.** Students may not use published professional resources, including lesson plans, learning activities, or PowerPoint presentations, without citing the source.
- **Misquoting:** If, when composing an assignment, students directly quote a source and cite it, but alter the author's words to strengthen their argument, they have committed plagiarism.
- **Paraphrasing or Summarizing Without Citing:** An allowable practice in academia is for students to take an author's words, change the words (without changing the meaning) so that it better fits their narrative. Paraphrasing goes beyond changing a couple of words. However, even when paraphrasing or summarizing another author's words, students *must* cite that original source. If they do not cite the original source, they have effectively stolen the original author's idea and have committed plagiarism.
- **Duplicating Publication:** Students may not reuse or recycle any previous assignments used in another course, or in any other published venue, without the explicit permission from the course instructor. The instructors in the Master's Degree Program in Curriculum and Instruction do *not* allow students to reuse or recycle their assignments in any course. If students have done this, they have committed plagiarism.

- **Duplication of Peer Student Work:** Students may not submit assignments that duplicate in whole or part the work of other students, with or without the other student's express consent or knowledge.

Note: Assignments in this course may be checked electronically for plagiarism.

By taking this course, you agree that all required course work may be subject to submission for textual similarity review within BlazeVIEW and GOML**.** For more information on the use of Turnitin at VSU see [Turnitin for Students](http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vp-office/turnitin-for-students.php) (http://www.valdosta.edu/academics/academic-affairs/vp-office/turnitin-for-students.php).

STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER
The Student Success Center (SSC) at Valdosta State University is located in Langdale Residence Hall and is available to all students. The SSC provides free professional academic advising, peer tutoring in core curriculum courses, and campus job information in one location. We strongly encourage students to make use of their services. Contact: phone number 229-333-7570; email ssc@valdosta.edu.

TITLE IX STATEMENT
Valdosta State University (VSU) is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive work and learning environment free from discrimination and harassment. VSU is dedicated to creating an environment where all campus community members feel valued, respected, and included. Valdosta State University prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex (including pregnancy status, sexual harassment and sexual violence), sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national origin, disability, genetic information, or veteran status, in the University's programs and activities as required by applicable laws and regulations such as Title IX. The individual designated with responsibility for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning nondiscrimination policies is the University's Title IX Coordinator: Director of the Office of Social Equity, titleix@valosta.edu, 1208 N. Patterson St., Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31608, 229-333-5463.

ACCESS STATEMENT
Students with disabilities who are experiencing barriers in this course may contact the Access Office for assistance in determining and implementing reasonable accommodations. The Access Office is located in Farbar Hall. The phone numbers are 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871 (VP) and 229-219-1348 (TTY). For more information, please visit VSU's Access Office or email: access@valdosta.edu.