



College of Education and Psychology

School of Education

EDSP 3354 - ONLINE

Instructional Programming for Students with Mild and
Moderate Disabilities

Course:	EDSP 3354.560
Semester & Year:	Long Summer 2025
Time & Days:	ONLINE
Location:	ONLINE
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Course Catalog Description

A study of instructional techniques for use with learners with mild/moderate disabilities. Addresses assessment and instructional methods, accommodations, adaptations, strategies, and materials appropriate for teaching individuals with exceptionalities in a variety of educational settings. Prerequisite: EDSP 3351 or equivalent

Student Learning Outcome

Topics/Objectives	Activities	Measurement (including performance- based)	Standards Alignment
Describe the unique learning needs of individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities/discussion Simulations Children's Books Disability Awareness	UDL Project Mock IEP Meeting IEP Project	TES: 2A(i-iii), 2B(ii), 2C(iii) INTASC: 2, 7, 8
Identify appropriate formal and informal assessments for students with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities	Quiz/Exams	TES: 5A (i-ii) INTASC: 6
Identify appropriate instructional materials, methods, and strategies to teach students with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities/discussion Simulations Children's Books	Quiz/Exams Resource Review Internet Deep Dive Lesson Plan Review	TES: 3 A(i-iii) ISTE: 5 INTASC: 2, 7, 8

Develop and apply social skills and positive behavioral supports for individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	IRIS Modules Group Discussions Social Story	Quiz /Exams Social Story	TES: 4 C(i-iii) INTAS: 3
Identify appropriate strategies needed to partner with educators, professionals, paraprofessionals, and families to provide services to individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group discussions IRIS Module	Quiz/Exams IRIS Module	TES: 6 C (i-ii), INTASC: 9
Evaluate transition practices that increase self-determination in order to meet the post-secondary needs of individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group discussions IRIS Module	Quiz/Exams IRIS Module	TES: 6 C(iii) INTASC: 10

Textbook:

Boyle, J. & Scanlon, D. (2019). *Methods and Strategies for Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities* (2nd Ed.). Cengage: Boston.

Evaluation and Grading

1. Online Assignments	225
2. UDL Project	50
3. IEP Project	50
4. Social Story	30
5. Professionalism	Required

TOTAL POINTS: 355

***Last Day to Withdraw from Courses: Friday, July 10**



The overall total points for the class are subject to change due to possible time restraints.

Assignments -Active involvement is the key to learning! Your participation is important and required to do well in this course. Students are expected to be well prepared to engage in scholarly discussion of the scheduled subject matter. All students are expected to fully participate in all zoom sessions. Students are expected to respect (not necessarily agree with) opinions of classmates. Become an active participant by extending ideas presented by sharing new information and new resources on the subject area. Ask questions and demonstrate being prepared (having read assigned materials).

At various times throughout the semester, assignments such as *reflections*, *case studies*, *discussion board groups*, *book or movie reflections*, *website or software exploration*, etc., will be assigned to provide you the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of a specific topic.

UDL Project: This project will provide you with the ability to show what you have learned during this semester. More information will be shared in Canvas.

IEP Project: You will create a standard based IEP for a student who demonstrates a mild/moderate disability. More information will be provided in Canvas.

Social Story: You will create a social story to address the social needs of a student. More information will be provided in Canvas.

Course Policies

☐ **Attendance.** Your attendance and participation in online assignments are important and required to do well in this course.

☐ **Make/Up exam.** There will be NO make/up activities or exams for this course unless absence is due to an emergency. Students are expected to submit relevant documentation (e.g. doctor's note, funeral notice, tow-truck receipt, etc.) when requesting a make/up activity.

☐ **Written Assignments.**

☐ Written assignments MUST be typed using **double spaced lines and have page numbers**. In addition, work submitted should reflect a professional quality in terms of scope, depth, writing mechanics, and appearance that would be expected of students at a prestigious university. Proofread all assignments as only materials with minimal or no errors will receive high scores. **Type assignments in an easily-readable 12 point (e.g. Times New Roman, Helvetica, Tahoma)**



Late Assignments:

Assignments and projects are expected to be handed in on time. An assignment will be considered late if it is not turned in the day it is due. Assignments are expected to be dropped in the assignment box on Canvas even if you are not in class. You may turn in your assignment early.

Late assignments are not accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.

Assignments and due dates are posted on the course syllabus. To see if you are really reading this syllabus, please email me a picture of your favorite animal by May 14th and I will add 2 points to your class participation grade. Don't alert your peers. Let's see if everyone is reading their syllabus.

- **Academic Dishonesty.** To be successful in this class, you must invest time for study. Honesty is expected. Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, collusion) will NOT be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero (0) for the assignment. A second infraction will result in automatic failure of the class. Dishonesty is defined as (i) the use of unauthorized materials, (ii) any communication with peers during quizzes, (iii) representing another's work as one's own (i.e. plagiarism) or (iv) fabricating information. The professor reserves the right to determine occurrences of cheating. Additional information on Academic Dishonesty is found in the Selected University Policies section of this syllabus.

- **Canvas:** Students will access assignments, grades and course information through Canvas. Any changes to the course schedule, schedule of assignments, or any special assignments will be posted on Canvas. Students are

expected to regularly check Canvas for updates and to download any class handouts. Please refer to <http://www.Canvas.uttyler.edu> for more information.



- **Person First Language:** Our language is a reflection of our attitudes. Always refer to persons with disabilities with respect. Degrading terminology will not be tolerated. In this class we will strive to use “people first” language at all times. “People First” language always refers to the person first and not as a label or a category. For example, refer to “a student with autism” and not “an autistic”.

Teacher Candidate Dispositions. The University of Texas at Tyler School of Education has developed **Teacher Candidate Disposition Assessment** outlining professional behaviors educators are expected to demonstrate in their interactions with students, families, colleagues and communities. The process assumptions, dispositions to be assessed, and examples of deficiencies within each disposition assessment categories are available at the UT-Tyler School of Education website: www.uttyler.edu/education (access School of Education; School of Education Disposition Assessment). It is expected that all students enrolled in EDSP 3354 will adhere to and demonstrate these teacher candidate dispositions at all times.



EDSP 3354: CLASS CONTENT AND READING ASSIGNMENTS / DUE DATES
Tentative Schedule: Long Summer 2025

	<i>TOPIC/Class Activities</i>	<i>Reading Assignments/Homework due</i>
Module 1: May 12-25	Chapter1 -HI Disabilities Chapter 3- Working with Families	All assignments in Module 1 May 25 11:59 p.m.
Module 2: May 26-June 8	Chapter 2-Effective Instructional Practices PLAAFP / IEP	All assignments in Module 2 due June 8 11:59 p.m.
Module 3: June 9-22	Chapters 6 and 7 Reading and Writing Strategies	All assignments in Module 3 due June 22 11:59 p.m.
Module 4: June 23-July 6	Social Stories Chapter 9- Mathematics	All assignments in Module 4 due July 6th 11:59 p.m.
Module 5 July 7-20	Important Terms IEP Project Accommodations and Modifications	All assignments in Module 5 due July 20 11:59 p.m.
Module 6 July 21- Aug. 5	Universal Design for Learning UDL FINAL PROJECT	All assignments in Module 6 due Aug. 5th 11:59 p.m.

