



EDCI 5322.060: Tools Used in Instructional Coaching

Course Prefix and Number: EDCI 5322

Course Title: Tools Used in Instructional Coaching

Session: Long Summer 2026

Dates: May 11-August 8, 2026

Credit: 3 hours

Course Meeting Location: Online

Instructor Office Hours: Mondays and Tuesdays: 10-11:30am

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Last Day to Withdraw from this course: July 10, 2026

Catalog Description

This course provides an overview of tools used in academic coaching to facilitate successful coaching cycles. Students will use these tools in simulated coaching environments to develop proficiency in engaging in coaching activities.

Student Learning Outcomes

In this course, students will gain proficiency in the use of tools in academic coaching to address the following coaching tasks:

- Establishing an environment that promotes Knight's Partnership Principles of coaching.
- Develop strategies to use in the Identify, Learn, and Improve stages of the Impact Cycle.
- Creating data displays for the coachee to change practice and improve student learning.
- Advancing the cultural awareness and proficiency of the coachee through the Impact Cycle.

Texas Educator Standards

Instructional Coaching allows coaches to support teachers' growth in the following Texas Educator Standards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The Texas Educator Standards are provided at the end of this syllabus.

There are no required textbooks for this course. If texts are provided through the OER in the UT Tyler Library and through the modules.

******Supplemental chapters/readings will be provided within the course.***

Textbooks Used from Previous Coaching Courses

Knight, J. (2018). *The Impact cycle: What instructional coaches should do to foster powerful improvements in teaching*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.

Textbook Notice: A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university- affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Course Requirements

In this course, you will provide evidence of your engagement and understanding through class discussions (25%) and written assignments/learning activities (75%).

Detailed information about course requirements, assignments, and the due date will be presented within our course. Please access the assignment schedule for details about the assignments and calendar.

Course Grading

A 90-100% of points

B 80-89% of points

C 70-79% of points

D 60-69% of points

F below 59.9% of total points

COURSE POLICIES

All assignments are expected to be completed to the best ability of the student and adhere to the stated assignment criteria. There is no extra credit work. However, students may choose to resubmit written assignments if they are not satisfied with their grade. If a student chooses to resubmit a written assignment, the student may earn up to **90%** of the points.

All assignments must be submitted by date listed on the assignment schedule. **Late work is not accepted. If you have an emergency that prevents you from meeting a due date, please contact Dr. Watters prior to the due date.**

Participation and your commitment to your learning is critical to your success in any course. Your timely participation in the class discussion and group assignments is a substantial part of your grade in this course. You will note that your original post to the class discussions will be due first while your response to your classmates will be due later in the module. This structure will ensure we can engage in meaningful conversations about instructional supervision. If you wait until the weekend to complete the required readings and learning activities, you will not be successful in this course.

Communication

To contact me via email, you may use the Canvas email or my UT Tyler email listed on the syllabus. You may also call or text me to my provided cell number. To access the Canvas email, click on the Inbox on the left side of the Canvas main menu. Through Canvas, you may send a text email or a video message.

I will respond to your emails as quickly as possible; my priority is to be supportive of your work to ensure your success. I generally reply to email within a few hours but given other commitments and responsibilities, my goal is to respond to emails within 24 hours. While I try to respond to email over the weekend as promptly as possible, emails sent over the weekend might not be read until Monday morning.

Written Assignments and Learning Activities

Some of the learning activities in this course require collaboration with other students; your participation as documented on Canvas will count towards the participation grade.

All other written assignments are individual assignments. Students may not collaborate on the individual assignments. Unauthorized collaboration is considered cheating and will be handled according to University Policies and the Students Standards of Academic Conduct.

UNIVERSITY POLICIES

UT Tyler Honor Code

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

For a full list of university policies including information related to the topics listed below, click [here](#).

- Students Rights and Responsibilities
- Campus Carry
- Tobacco-Free University
- Grade Replacement/ Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
- State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
- Disability Services
- Student Absence due to Religious Observance
- Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
- Social Security and FERPA Statement
- Emergency Exits and Evacuation
- Student Standards of Academic Conduct

UT Tyler Resources for Students:

- ⇒ UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), writingcenter@uttyler.edu,
- ⇒ UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), tutoring@uttyler.edu,
- ⇒ The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- ⇒ UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY (CEP) VISION AND MISSION

Vision: The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21st Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

Mission: The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. We affirm and promote global perspectives that value individual and cultural diversity to enhance learning, service, and scholarship.

UT TYLER'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Texas Education Standards: The School of Education are committed to teaching and implementing the Texas Educator Standards at the highest level. The School of Education faculty use the Texas Education Standards, along with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards used by educator preparation programs throughout the United States.

The list of [Texas Education Standards](#) can be accessed [here](#).

Access the [Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators](#).

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Module 1

The Roles of the IC, Transitioning as an IC, Getting Organized as an IC

To Do:

Starter Activity
Readings
Simulation Activity
Reflection/Exit Ticket

Module 2

Leading Data-Driven Instruction + Building Trust

To Do:

Starter Activity
Readings
Discussion Board
Simulation Activity + Reflection
Begin LiveBinder Development

Module 3

Get Better Faster Model + Setting Goals with Teachers

To Do:

Starter Activity
Readings
Discussion Board
Simulation Activity + Reflection
Continue working on LiveBinder

Module 4

Culturally Proficient Coaching + Courageous Conversations

To Do:

Starter Activity
Readings
Discussion Board
Simulation Activity + Reflection
Continue working on LiveBinder

Module 5

Varied Instructional Strategies + Tech Tools

To Do:

Readings
Discussion Board
Finish working on LiveBinder (Major project/Make & Take Resource)