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Module Description
This module examines the role literacy (reading, writing, communicating, i.e., listening and speaking) plays in different disciplines. The reader (the student reading the material), the instructional materials, the context for literacy skills, the teaching strategies, and literacy as a constructivist process will be explored. How does literacy impact the subject(s) that you teach? How can you assist the students in your class in developing metacognitive strategies that enable them to read independently? These questions and others will be examined throughout the module through active and reflective activities.

Student Learning Outcomes & Assessments

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<td>…demonstrate the use of effective strategies in teaching the content to a diverse group of students by applying research-based approaches, methods, and materials for designing, implementing, and evaluating instruction to promote effective reading, writing, and content learning.</td>
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disciplines literacy strategies that are appropriate for his/her content area and that support the students’ literacy development. | Standard 5 | V, VI, VIII | III, V, VI, VIII, | | 6 | …demonstrate an understanding of the importance of reflection in the teaching process through reflective activities throughout the module. | Standard 3 | VIII | II, III | I B | DEJ’s & Discussion board | | 7 | …demonstrate the ability to use reading/writing/thinking activities daily to motivate students to read. | Standard 2 | I-VIII | I-III, V-IX | II A; II B; II C; II D | Lesson plans | **ILA Reading Standards:**

ILA Standard 1. **Foundational Knowledge.** Candidates understand the theoretical and evidence-based foundations of reading and writing processes and instruction.

ILA Standard 2. **Curriculum and Instruction.** Candidates use instructional approaches, materials, and an integrated, comprehensive, balanced curriculum to support student learning in reading and writing.

ILA Standard 3. **Assessment and Evaluation.** Candidates use a variety of assessment tools and practices to plan and evaluate effective reading and writing instruction.

ILA Standard 4. **Diversity.** Candidates create and engage their students in literacy practices that develop awareness, understanding, respect, and a valuing of differences in our society.

ILA Standard 5. **Literate Environment.** Candidates create a literate environment that fosters reading and writing by integrating foundational knowledge, instructional practices, approaches and methods, curriculum materials, and the appropriate use of assessments.

ILA Standard 6. **Professional Learning and Leadership.** Candidates recognize the importance of, demonstrate, and facilitate professional learning and leadership as a career-long effort and responsibility.

**Approved Educator Standards:**

PPR Standard 1. The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment.

PPR Standard 2. The teacher creates a classroom environment of respect and rapport that fosters a positive climate for learning, equity and excellence.

PPR Standard 3. The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process, and timely, high-quality feedback.

PPR Standard 4. The teacher fulfills professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession.

**TExES 117: English Language Arts and Reading Standards, Grades 4-8:**

Standard I: Oral Language: Teachers of students in grades 4–8 understand the importance of oral language, know the developmental processes of oral language and provide a variety of instructional opportunities for students to develop listening and speaking skills.
Standard II: Foundations of Reading: Teachers of students in grades 4–8 understand the foundations of reading and early literacy development.

Standard III: Word Analysis Skills and Reading Fluency: Teachers understand the importance of word analysis skills (including decoding, blending, structural analysis, sight word vocabulary) and reading fluency and provide many opportunities for students to practice and improve their word analysis skills and reading fluency.

Standard IV: Reading Comprehension: Teachers understand the importance of reading for understanding, know the components of comprehension and teach students strategies for improving their comprehension.

Standard V: Written Language: Teachers understand that writing is a developmental process and provide instruction that helps students develop competence in written communication.

Standard VI: Study and Inquiry Skills: Teachers understand the importance of study and inquiry skills as tools for learning and promote students’ development in applying study and inquiry skills.

Standard VII: Viewing and Representing: Teachers understand how to interpret, analyze, evaluate and produce visual images and messages in various media and to provide students with opportunities to develop skills in this area.

Standard VIII: Assessment of Developing Literacy: Teachers understand the basic principles of assessment and use a variety of literacy assessment practices to plan and implement instruction.

TEExES 231: English Language Arts and Reading Standards, Grades 7-12:

Standard I: ... know how to design and implement instruction that is appropriate for each student, reflects knowledge of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), integrates all components of the English language arts (i.e., writing, reading, listening/speaking, viewing/representing) and is based on continuous assessment.

Standard II: ... understand the processes of reading and teach students to apply these processes.

Standard III: understand reading skills and strategies for various types of nonliterary texts and teach students to apply these skills and strategies to enhance their lifelong learning.

Standard IV: ... understand an extensive body of literature and literary genres and provide students with opportunities to read diverse types of literature and to view literature as a source for exploring and interpreting human experiences.

Standard V: ... understand that writing is a recursive, developmental, integrative and ongoing process and provide students with opportunities to develop competence as writers.

Standard VI: ... understand how to write effectively for various audiences and purposes and provide students with opportunities to write in a variety of forms and contexts.

Standard VII: ... understand the structure and development of the English language and provide students with opportunities to develop related knowledge and skills in meaningful contexts.

Standard VIII: ... understand oral communication and provide students with opportunities to develop listening and speaking skills.

Standard IX: ... understand how to interpret, analyze and produce visual images and messages in various media and provide students with opportunities to develop skills in this area.
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS

The School of Education has adopted program standards that guide the development of teacher candidates in their understanding of the complexity of teaching. These standards are based on those developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) and shared by other accredited universities in Texas and across the United States. The Standards are broad understandings and practices gained throughout the program using a constructivist model—new learnings are assimilated and attached to prior understandings, thus, over time, building a mental structure (schema) of educational concepts.

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 these aspects of 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.

Standard #11: Technology
The teacher is able to create, implement, and evaluate technology to enhance teaching, student learning, and other obligations (e.g. reports, grades, tests, etc.) required of teachers.

### Evaluation and Grading

- **Quizzes:** Quizzes will be given periodically throughout the module over chapter readings. If a quiz is missed, the grade is “0”.
- **Assignments:** Assignments have due dates, if dates are missed and work is incomplete, the grade is “0”.
- **What is Literacy? =10 points**
- **Blackboard discussion=130 points**
- **Using Vocabulary in your content Area=100 points**
- **Grounding Content Knowledge=100 points**
- **Think Aloud-Demo=100 points**
- **Total Points to earn in this class=440**

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As this is a “Core” class anything below a C will not count for course work completed. Please check drop dates for this semester if you feel you are not able to complete this class in good standing.

### Teaching Strategies

1. Assigned readings
2. Online discussions
3. Online lectures
4. Individual assignments
5. Reflective activities

### Related Clinical Experiences for initial certification candidates

Although there is not a specific clinical experience requirement for this module, it is advisable to use your clinical experience assignment as an opportunity to “try out” one or more of the strategies introduced in the module. You will be asked to reflect on at least one teaching event that you have during your field experiences.

### Required Text, Materials/Supplies, and Related Readings

2. A content area textbook in the teaching discipline/field and at the grade level of the certificate being sought. (If you are not currently teaching, the textbook may be found in the Curriculum Library of the Muntz Library on the Tyler campus or borrowed from a practicing teacher.)


4. Blackboard account

5. “Strategies” book (*Optional*): *Fischer, Brozo, Frey, Ivey. 50 Instructional Routines to Develop Content Literacy.*

**Additional Requirements for Successful Online Learning:**
This course will be delivered in the online format using Blackboard. To get a good start in this course, please do the following...

1. Carefully read the **Course Syllabus**.

2. Please check to see if you are using the right settings and plug-ins by using this [Blackboard Online Check Tool](http://www.blackboard.com). You will need this for...
   - Reading Course Syllabus
   - Viewing Lectures and/or Videos
   - Reading Attached Documents
   - Blackboard Quizzes
   - Blackboard Discussion Postings

3. Most, if not all, online course material will be located within the **Modules** link located on the left-side menu.

4. Other Browser Considerations
   - Turn off pop-up blockers when using Blackboard, or provide an exception for UT Tyler’s Blackboard Web site. Often, you will have two pop-up blockers one within your browser and one within a search toolbar like Google or Yahoo.
   - JavaScript and Cookies must be enabled on any browser.
   - Be sure to review the recommended plug-in information below and download as appropriate.
   - The browser on your mobile device may not be fully compatible with Blackboard Learn. Talk to the computing help desk about whether they have enabled Blackboard Mobile™ Learn.
   
   **NOTE:** You will get much faster and better....and ACCURATE....information if you use the 24/7 support on the Blackboard log in page, rather than your instructor.

7. Seek opportunities to interact with instructor and students. You will have opportunities to be placed in groups to have zoom conferences with your classmates and instructor.

8. Actively participate in all online activities.

9. Determine a structure/schedule for your class; set a time for class just as though you were attending an on-campus class, e.g., every Tuesday for 2 ½ hrs. at 5:00 p.m to 7:40 p.m..

**Topical Outline**

*When assignments are due once a week, consider them due by midnight on Monday of the week, unless otherwise indicated. Check the Course Schedule/Calendar*
Course Policies (attendance, make-up assignments, etc.)

**Professional Responsibilities: Online academic etiquette and honesty--Netiquette!**
- **Participate.** It’s not enough to show up (i.e., ‘tune in’ online). Your presence must be felt.
- **Courtesy must be extended.** The goal is to create a sense of community. This can’t be accomplished if we make one another uncomfortable. “Dry wit” can come across as sarcasm in an online class because we can’t see your face or hear your “tone”.
- **Think before you send.** Be sure that you are saying what you intended to say. Be clear.
- **Share.** For most of us, this is a new frontier; so, if you have suggestions or tips that will help our online experience be more effective, **SHARE!**
- **Picture.** You may want to add a picture of yourself so people see YOU the person and not just a name.

**Professional Responsibilities: Deadlines and Written Work**
- Meeting deadlines will be an important part of the teaching profession. Therefore, submitting assignments on time—or early—is an expectation of this course.
- All written work is expected to be of the highest scholarly level.
- No late assignments. Anything submitted late will be considered not completed resulting in a zero.

**Professional Responsibilities: Participation**
- Exercise Netiquette!
  - Show respect for others’ ideas and opinions.
  - Comments should be constructive.
  - Questions should be sincere and expand/enrich our discussions
  - Contribute regularly. Be concise; yet, elaborate where necessary.

**Professional Responsibilities: Plagiarism and/or Collusion**
- Submission of another’s work as one’s own
- Unauthorized collaboration with another
- Violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty
- Teaching is a “sharing” profession. Give credit where credit is due.
- Remember if caught cheating, plagiarizing can mean immediate dismissal of the program.

Assignments: **TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE**

1. **Philosophy of Literacy Instruction**
   - Why and how is literacy important in your content area?

2. **Double Entry Journal (DEJ)**
   - Periodically, you will be directed to write a DEJ using that week’s reading and writing assignments as your focus. A Double Entry Journal begins with a short entry (about 200 words) in response to a prompt with a second entry made after the reading.
   - (See assignment description for details.)

3. **TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills)**
   - Identify the TEKS for the content area and the level of certification you are seeking.
   - Identify the reading skills required for understanding the essential knowledge and skills of the discipline.
   - (See assignment description for details.)
4. **Technology Integration Project**

- Identify websites as described in the assignment description.
- *(See assignment description for details.)*

5. **Vocabulary Assignment**

- Construct vocabulary activities that will develop students’ understanding of the vocabulary of your content area.
- Submit two of these activities on Blackboard to be shared with fellow students. This will assist you in beginning to build your collection of strategies to be used in your classroom.
- *(See assignment description for details.)*

6. **Lesson Plan**

- Using the TEKS for your grade level/subject found in the TEKS Assignment completed earlier in the semester, develop three lesson plans that teach or develop the knowledge or skill the TEKS presents.
- *(See assignment description for specific details.)*

7. **Quizzes**

- Check the course calendar for the schedule of online quizzes. *There will be no “make up” quizzes if one is missed.*

8. **Discussion Board**

- Students will be expected to participate in class by entering into discussions online. These will often be in response to questions or stems introduced by the instructor.

**Note:** Refer to Course Policies for all written work and Netiquette expectations.
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.

Students Rights and Responsibilities
To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please
follow this link: http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php.

Campus Carry
We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this
class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More
information is available at http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php.

Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract
with the Enrollment Services Center (ADM 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course
will be repeated. (For Fall 2015, the Census Date is September 4th.) Grade Replacement Contracts are available in
the Enrollment Services Center or at http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar. Each semester’s Census Date can be found
on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the
Office of the Registrar.

Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to
calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only
three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy
details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date (September 4th) is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to
be aware. These include:
- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information,
  approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more
than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-
year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped
after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).
Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the
Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please
contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

Disability Services
In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA
Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or
psychiatric disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible disabilities such as chronic diseases, learning
disabilities, head injury, PTSD or ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous
educational environment you are encouraged to contact the Student Accessibility and Resources office and
schedule an interview with the Accessibility Case Manager/ADA Coordinator, Cynthia Lowery Staples. If you are
unsure if the above criteria applies to you, but have questions or concerns please contact the SAR office. For more
information or to set up an appointment please visit the SAR office located in the University Center, Room 3150 or
call 903.566.7079. You may also send an email to cstaples@uttyler.edu
**Student Absence due to Religious Observance**
Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

**Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**
If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

**Social Security and FERPA Statement:**
It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

**Emergency Exits and Evacuation:**
Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor’s directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

**Student Standards of Academic Conduct:** Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

(i) “Cheating” includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student’s test paper;
- using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
- failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
- possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed “crib notes”. The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
- using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
- collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
- discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
- divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
- substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
- paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
- falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
- taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
- misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.

(ii) “Plagiarism” includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another’s work and the submission of it as one’s own academic work offered for credit.

(iii) “Collusion” includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.

(iv) All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™, available on Blackboard.
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.

*Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators*

Texas Administrative Code

TITLE 19                  EDUCATION
PART 7                    STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION
CHAPTER 247               EDUCATORS' CODE OF ETHICS
RULE §247.2              Purpose and Scope; Definitions

(b) Enforceable Standards.

(1) Professional Ethical Conduct, Practices and Performance.

(A) Standard 1.1. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in deceptive practices regarding official policies of the school district, educational institution, educator preparation program, the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and its certification process.

(B) Standard 1.2. The educator shall not knowingly misappropriate, divert, or use monies, personnel, property, or equipment committed to his or her charge for personal gain or advantage.

(C) Standard 1.3. The educator shall not submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement, expenses, or pay.

(D) Standard 1.4. The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage.

(E) Standard 1.5. The educator shall neither accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or to obtain special advantage. This standard shall not restrict the acceptance of gifts or tokens offered and accepted openly from students, parents of students, or other persons or organizations in recognition or appreciation of service.

(F) Standard 1.6. The educator shall not falsify records, or direct or coerce others to do so.

(G) Standard 1.7. The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.

(H) Standard 1.8. The educator shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position or a responsibility on the basis of professional qualifications.

(I) Standard 1.9. The educator shall not make threats of violence against school district employees, school board members, students, or parents of students.

(J) Standard 1.10. The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state.
Standard 1.11. The educator shall not intentionally or knowingly misrepresent his or her employment history, criminal history, and/or disciplinary record when applying for subsequent employment.

Standard 1.12. The educator shall refrain from the illegal use or distribution of controlled substances and/or abuse of prescription drugs and toxic inhalants.

Standard 1.13. The educator shall not consume alcoholic beverages on school property or during school activities when students are present.

2) Ethical Conduct Toward Professional Colleagues.

(A) Standard 2.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential health or personnel information concerning colleagues unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.

(B) Standard 2.2. The educator shall not harm others by knowingly making false statements about a colleague or the school system.

(C) Standard 2.3. The educator shall adhere to written local school board policies and state and federal laws regarding the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of personnel.

(D) Standard 2.4. The educator shall not interfere with a colleague’s exercise of political, professional, or citizenship rights and responsibilities.

(E) Standard 2.5. The educator shall not discriminate against or coerce a colleague on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, family status, or sexual orientation.

(F) Standard 2.6. The educator shall not use coercive means or promise of special treatment in order to influence professional decisions or colleagues.

(G) Standard 2.7. The educator shall not retaliate against any individual who has filed a complaint with the SBEC or who provides information for a disciplinary investigation or proceeding under this chapter.

3) Ethical Conduct Toward Students.

(A) Standard 3.1. The educator shall not reveal confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.

(B) Standard 3.2. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor.

(C) Standard 3.3. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent facts regarding a student.

(D) Standard 3.4. The educator shall not exclude a student from participation in a program, deny benefits to a student, or grant an advantage to a student on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, national origin, religion, family status, or sexual orientation.

(E) Standard 3.5. The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.

(F) Standard 3.6. The educator shall not solicit or engage in sexual conduct or a romantic relationship with a student or minor.

(G) Standard 3.7. The educator shall not furnish alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs to any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child or knowingly allow any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child to consume alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs in the presence of the educator.

(H) Standard 3.8. The educator shall maintain appropriate professional educator-student relationships and boundaries based on a reasonably prudent educator standard.
Standard 3.9. The educator shall refrain from inappropriate communication with a student or minor, including, but not limited to, electronic communication such as cell phone, text messaging, email, instant messaging, blogging, or other social network communication. Factors that may be considered in assessing whether the communication is inappropriate include, but are not limited to:

(i) the nature, purpose, timing, and amount of the communication;
(ii) the subject matter of the communication;
(iii) whether the communication was made openly or the educator attempted to conceal the communication;
(iv) whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as soliciting sexual contact or a romantic relationship;
(v) whether the communication was sexually explicit; and
(vi) whether the communication involved discussion(s) of the physical or sexual attractiveness or the sexual history, activities, preferences, or fantasies of either the educator or the student.

Source Note: The provisions of this §247.2 adopted to be effective March 1, 1998, 23 TexReg 1022; amended to be effective August 22, 2002, 27 TexReg 7530; amended to be effective December 26, 2010, 35 TexReg 11242

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS

The School of Education has adopted program standards that guide the development of teacher candidates in their understanding of the complexity of teaching. These standards are based on those developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) and shared by other accredited universities in Texas and across the United States. The Standards are broad understandings and practices gained throughout the program using a constructivist model in which new learnings are assimilated and attached to prior understandings, thus, over time, building a mental structure (schema) of educational concepts.

Standard #1: Learner Development (students in general)
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.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1

Standard #2: Learning Differences (individual students)
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.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1

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.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4

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 these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.2

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.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.5, 3.2, 3.3

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.

Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2
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.
*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4*

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. *Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 5.4*

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. *Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 3.2, 3.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4*

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. *Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 6.3, 6.4*

Standard #11: Technology
The teacher is able to create, implement, and evaluate technology to enhance teaching, student learning, and other obligations (e.g. reports, grades, tests, etc.) required of teachers. *Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.5*

Texas Educator Standards
Title 19: Chapter 149, Subchapter AA
Rule: 149.1001

(a) Purpose. The standards identified in this section are performance standards to be used to inform the training, appraisal, and professional development of teachers.

(b) Standards.

(1) Standard 1: Instructional Planning and Delivery. Teachers demonstrate their understanding of instructional planning and delivery by providing standards-based, data-driven, differentiated instruction that engages students, makes appropriate use of technology, and makes learning relevant for today's learners.

(A) Teachers design clear, well organized, sequential lessons that build on students' prior knowledge.

   (i) Teachers develop lessons that build coherently toward objectives based on course content, curriculum scope and sequence, and expected student outcomes.

   (ii) Teachers effectively communicate goals, expectations, and objectives to help all students reach high levels of achievement.

   (iii) Teachers connect students' prior understanding and real-world experiences to new content and contexts, maximizing learning opportunities.

(B) Teachers design developmentally appropriate, standards-driven lessons that reflect evidence-based best practices.

   (i) Teachers plan instruction that is developmentally appropriate, is standards driven, and motivates students to learn.

   (ii) Teachers use a range of instructional strategies, appropriate to the content area, to make subject matter accessible to all students.
(iii) Teachers use and adapt resources, technologies, and standards-aligned instructional materials to promote student success in meeting learning goals.

(C) Teachers design lessons to meet the needs of diverse learners, adapting methods when appropriate.

(i) Teachers differentiate instruction, aligning methods and techniques to diverse student needs, including acceleration, remediation, and implementation of individual education plans.

(ii) Teachers plan student groupings, including pairings and individualized and small-group instruction, to facilitate student learning.

(iii) Teachers integrate the use of oral, written, graphic, kinesthetic, and/or tactile methods to teach key concepts.

(D) Teachers communicate clearly and accurately and engage students in a manner that encourages students' persistence and best efforts.

(i) Teachers ensure that the learning environment features a high degree of student engagement by facilitating discussion and student-centered activities as well as leading direct instruction.

(ii) Teachers validate each student's comments and questions, utilizing them to advance learning for all students.

(iii) Teachers encourage all students to overcome obstacles and remain persistent in the face of challenges, providing them with support in achieving their goals.

(E) Teachers promote complex, higher-order thinking, leading class discussions and activities that provide opportunities for deeper learning.

(i) Teachers set high expectations and create challenging learning experiences for students, encouraging them to apply disciplinary and cross-disciplinary knowledge to real-world problems.

(ii) Teachers provide opportunities for students to engage in individual and collaborative critical thinking and problem solving.

(iii) Teachers incorporate technology that allows students to interact with the curriculum in more significant and effective ways, helping them reach mastery.

(F) Teachers consistently check for understanding, give immediate feedback, and make lesson adjustments as necessary.

(i) Teachers monitor and assess student progress to ensure that their lessons meet students' needs.

(ii) Teachers provide immediate feedback to students in order to reinforce their learning and ensure that they understand key concepts.

(iii) Teachers adjust content delivery in response to student progress through the use of developmentally appropriate strategies that maximize student engagement.

**2) Standard 2: Knowledge of Students and Student Learning. Teachers work to ensure high levels of learning, social-emotional development, and achievement outcomes for all students, taking into consideration each student's educational and developmental backgrounds and focusing on each student's needs.**

(A) Teachers demonstrate the belief that all students have the potential to achieve at high levels and support all students in their pursuit of social-emotional learning and academic success.

(i) Teachers purposefully utilize learners' individual strengths as a basis for academic and social-emotional growth.

(ii) Teachers create a community of learners in an inclusive environment that views differences in learning and background as educational assets.

(iii) Teachers accept responsibility for the growth of all of their students, persisting in their efforts to ensure high levels of growth on the part of each learner.
(B) Teachers acquire, analyze, and use background information (familial, cultural, educational, linguistic, and developmental characteristics) to engage students in learning.

   (i) Teachers connect learning, content, and expectations to students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests in meaningful contexts.

   (ii) Teachers understand the unique qualities of students with exceptional needs, including disabilities and giftedness, and know how to effectively address these needs through instructional strategies and resources.

   (iii) Teachers understand the role of language and culture in learning and know how to modify their practices to support language acquisition so that language is comprehensible and instruction is fully accessible.

(C) Teachers facilitate each student's learning by employing evidence-based practices and concepts related to learning and social-emotional development.

   (i) Teachers understand how learning occurs and how learners develop, construct meaning, and acquire knowledge and skills.

   (ii) Teachers identify readiness for learning and understand how development in one area may affect students' performance in other areas.

   (iii) Teachers apply evidence-based strategies to address individual student learning needs and differences, adjust their instruction, and support the learning needs of each student.

(3) Standard 3--Content Knowledge and Expertise. Teachers exhibit a comprehensive understanding of their content, discipline, and related pedagogy as demonstrated through the quality of the design and execution of lessons and their ability to match objectives and activities to relevant state standards.

(A) Teachers understand the major concepts, key themes, multiple perspectives, assumptions, processes of inquiry, structure, and real-world applications of their grade-level and subject-area content.

   (i) Teachers have expertise in how their content vertically and horizontally aligns with the grade-level/subject-area continuum, leading to an integrated curriculum across grade levels and content areas.

   (ii) Teachers identify gaps in students' knowledge of subject matter and communicate with their leaders and colleagues to ensure that these gaps are adequately addressed across grade levels and subject areas.

   (iii) Teachers keep current with developments, new content, new approaches, and changing methods of instructional delivery within their discipline.

(B) Teachers design and execute quality lessons that are consistent with the concepts of their specific discipline, are aligned to state standards, and demonstrate their content expertise.

   (i) Teachers organize curriculum to facilitate student understanding of the subject matter.

   (ii) Teachers understand, actively anticipate, and adapt instruction to address common misunderstandings and preconceptions.

   (iii) Teachers promote literacy and the academic language within the discipline and make discipline-specific language accessible to all learners.

(C) Teachers demonstrate content-specific pedagogy that meets the needs of diverse learners, utilizing engaging instructional materials to connect prior content knowledge to new learning.

   (i) Teachers teach both the key content knowledge and the key skills of the discipline.

   (ii) Teachers make appropriate and authentic connections across disciplines, subjects, and students' real-world experiences.

(4) Standard 4--Learning Environment. Teachers interact with students in respectful ways at all times, maintaining a physically and emotionally safe, supportive learning environment that is characterized by
efficient and effective routines, clear expectations for student behavior, and organization that maximizes student learning.

(A) Teachers create a mutually respectful, collaborative, and safe community of learners by using knowledge of students' development and backgrounds.

(i) Teachers embrace students' backgrounds and experiences as an asset in their learning environment.
(ii) Teachers maintain and facilitate respectful, supportive, positive, and productive interactions with and among students.
(iii) Teachers establish and sustain learning environments that are developmentally appropriate and respond to students' needs, strengths, and personal experiences.

(B) Teachers organize their classrooms in a safe and accessible manner that maximizes learning.

(i) Teachers arrange the physical environment to maximize student learning and to ensure that all students have access to resources.
(ii) Teachers create a physical classroom set-up that is flexible and accommodates the different learning needs of students.

(C) Teachers establish, implement, and communicate consistent routines for effective classroom management, including clear expectations for student behavior.

(i) Teachers implement behavior management systems to maintain an environment where all students can learn effectively.
(ii) Teachers maintain a strong culture of individual and group accountability for class expectations.
(iii) Teachers cultivate student ownership in developing classroom culture and norms.

(D) Teachers lead and maintain classrooms where students are actively engaged in learning as indicated by their level of motivation and on-task behavior.

(i) Teachers maintain a culture that is based on high expectations for student performance and encourages students to be self-motivated, taking responsibility for their own learning.
(ii) Teachers maximize instructional time, including managing transitions.
(iii) Teachers manage and facilitate groupings in order to maximize student collaboration, participation, and achievement.
(iv) Teachers communicate regularly, clearly, and appropriately with parents and families about student progress, providing detailed and constructive feedback and partnering with families in furthering their students' achievement goals.

(5) Standard 5--Data-Driven Practice. Teachers use formal and informal methods to assess student growth aligned to instructional goals and course objectives and regularly review and analyze multiple sources of data to measure student progress and adjust instructional strategies and content delivery as needed.

(A) Teachers implement both formal and informal methods of measuring student progress.

(i) Teachers gauge student progress and ensure student mastery of content knowledge and skills by providing assessments aligned to instructional objectives and outcomes that are accurate measures of student learning.
(ii) Teachers vary methods of assessing learning to accommodate students' learning needs, linguistic differences, and/or varying levels of background knowledge.

(B) Teachers set individual and group learning goals for students by using preliminary data and communicate these goals with students and families to ensure mutual understanding of expectations.
(i) Teachers develop learning plans and set academic as well as social-emotional learning goals for each student in response to previous outcomes from formal and informal assessments.

(ii) Teachers involve all students in self-assessment, goal setting, and monitoring progress.

(iii) Teachers communicate with students and families regularly about the importance of collecting data and monitoring progress of student outcomes, sharing timely and comprehensible feedback so they understand students' goals and progress.

(C) Teachers regularly collect, review, and analyze data to monitor student progress.

(i) Teachers analyze and review data in a timely, thorough, accurate, and appropriate manner, both individually and with colleagues, to monitor student learning.

(ii) Teachers combine results from different measures to develop a holistic picture of students' strengths and learning needs.

(D) Teachers utilize the data they collect and analyze to inform their instructional strategies and adjust short- and long-term plans accordingly.

(i) Teachers design instruction, change strategies, and differentiate their teaching practices to improve student learning based on assessment outcomes.

(ii) Teachers regularly compare their curriculum scope and sequence with student data to ensure they are on track and make adjustments as needed.

(6) Standard 6--Professional Practices and Responsibilities. Teachers consistently hold themselves to a high standard for individual development, pursue leadership opportunities, collaborate with other educational professionals, communicate regularly with stakeholders, maintain professional relationships, comply with all campus and school district policies, and conduct themselves ethically and with integrity.

(A) Teachers reflect on their teaching practice to improve their instructional effectiveness and engage in continuous professional learning to gain knowledge and skills and refine professional judgment.

(i) Teachers reflect on their own strengths and professional learning needs, using this information to develop action plans for improvement.

(ii) Teachers establish and strive to achieve professional goals to strengthen their instructional effectiveness and better meet students' needs.

(iii) Teachers engage in relevant, targeted professional learning opportunities that align with their professional growth goals and their students’ academic and social-emotional needs.

(B) Teachers collaborate with their colleagues, are self-aware in their interpersonal interactions, and are open to constructive feedback from peers and administrators.

(i) Teachers seek out feedback from supervisors, coaches, and peers and take advantage of opportunities for job-embedded professional development.

(ii) Teachers actively participate in professional learning communities organized to improve instructional practices and student learning.

(C) Teachers seek out opportunities to lead students, other educators, and community members within and beyond their classrooms.

(i) Teachers clearly communicate the mission, vision, and goals of the school to students, colleagues, parents and families, and other community members.

(ii) Teachers seek to lead other adults on campus through professional learning communities, grade- or subject-level team leadership, committee membership, or other opportunities.

(D) Teachers model ethical and respectful behavior and demonstrate integrity in all situations.
(i) Teachers adhere to the educators' code of ethics in §247.2 of this title (relating to Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators), including following policies and procedures at their specific school placement(s).

(ii) Teachers communicate consistently, clearly, and respectfully with all members of the campus community, including students, parents and families, colleagues, administrators, and staff.

(iii) Teachers serve as advocates for their students, focusing attention on students' needs and concerns and maintaining thorough and accurate student records.

**Grading Rubric for Discussion Postings**
This rubric will be used to grade your Discussion Postings. You can earn up to 4 points per category for a total of 20 points per discussion.

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<td>Does not respond to most postings; rarely participates freely</td>
<td>Posts topics that do not relate to the discussion content; rambling digression from intent of discussion</td>
<td>Does not express opinions or ideas clearly; no connection to topic; no depth of thought or analysis</td>
<td>Does not make effort to participate in learning community as it develops; seems indifferent</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Responds to most postings before the due date; limited initiative</td>
<td>Occasionally posts off topic; most posts are short and offer no further insight into the topic</td>
<td>Unclear connection to topic evidenced in minimal expression of opinions or ideas; no original ideas</td>
<td>Occasionally makes meaningful reflection on group's efforts; marginal effort to become involved with group</td>
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<td>Responds to most postings within the week of initial thread; requires occasional prompting to post</td>
<td>Frequently posts topics that are related to discussion content; prompts further discussion of topic</td>
<td>Opinions and ideas are stated clearly with occasional lack of connection to topic; superficial depth of analysis</td>
<td>Frequently attempts to direct the discussion and to present relevant viewpoints for consideration by group; interacts freely</td>
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<td>Consistently responds to postings in a timely manner; demonstrates good self-initiative</td>
<td>Consistently posts topics related to discussion topic; cites additional references related to topic</td>
<td>Expresses opinions and ideas in a clear and concise manner with obvious connection to topic and depth</td>
<td>Aware of needs of community; frequently attempts to motivate the group discussion; presents creative approaches to topic</td>
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