San José State University
Department of Special Education
EDSE 217A Directed Teaching – Spring 2021 Semester

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Class Days/Time: All seminars will be held using a ZOOM format and are required for all students. A make-up assignment will be required should you not be able to attend a specific seminar. It is the student’s responsibility to notify Dr. Totter in advance should you not be able to attend a specific seminar.

Seminar 1: 01/28/21 @ 07:00 to 08:00 pm ZOOM meeting
Seminar 2: 03/18/21 @ 07:00 to 08:00 pm ZOOM meeting
Seminar 3: 05/13/21 @ 07:00 to 08:00 pm ZOOM meeting

Prerequisites: All credential courses must be completed; This directed teaching class must be taken in the last semester of the credential program, and can be taken with another class.

Connie L. Lurie College of Education Mission Statement

The mission of the Lurie College of Education is to empower graduates with the skills, knowledge and dispositions that ensure access to excellence and equity in education for every student in our diverse, technologically complex, global community.

Department of Special Education Mission Statement

The Department of Special Education prepares professionals to be effective educators, leaders in the field, and lifelong learners. We accomplish this goal in collaboration with other departments and community partners. Together we promote equity and excellence in our curricula and instruction by infusing evidence-based best practices endorsed nationally.

Course Description

Supervised teaching experience in educational settings for students with mild to moderate disabilities. Concurrent seminar.
California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) Program Standards:

Program Standard 3: Educating Diverse Learners
The program provides instruction in understanding and acceptance of differences in culture, cultural heritage, ethnicity, language, age, religion, social economic status, gender identity/expression, sexual orientation, and abilities and disabilities of individuals served. In addition, the program provides knowledge and application of pedagogical theories, development of academic language and principles/practices for English language usage leading to comprehensive literacy in English. The program ensures each candidate is able to demonstrate knowledge, skills and abilities to become proficient in implementing evidence-based and multifaceted methodologies and strategies necessary in teaching and engaging students with disabilities from diverse populations.

Program Standard 5: Assessment of Students
The program provides opportunities for candidates to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to assess students in a comprehensive manner within the breadth of the credential authorization. Each candidate understands and uses multiple sources of information in order to participate in progress monitoring and in decision making regarding eligibility and services. The program provides candidates with the knowledge and skill to assess students from diverse backgrounds and varying language, communication, and cognitive abilities. The program provides opportunities for using both formal and informal assessments to evaluate students' needs and strengths for the purpose of making accommodations, modifications, instructional decisions and ongoing program improvements. The program provides the opportunities for each candidate to demonstrate the knowledge of required statewide assessments and local, state and federal accountability systems.

Program Standard 10: Preparation to Teach English Language Learners
The program provides candidates opportunities to learn the purposes, goals, and content of the adopted instructional program for the effective teaching and support of English learners; and candidates understand the local and school organizational structures and resources designed to meet English learner students' needs. Candidates learn about state and federal legal requirements for the placement and instruction of English learners, and ethical obligations for teaching English learners. Candidates are provided with multiple, systematic opportunities to demonstrate knowledge and application of pedagogical theories, principles, and practices for (a) English Language Development leading to comprehensive literacy in English; and (b) for the development of academic language, comprehension and knowledge in the subjects of the curriculum, making grade-appropriate or advanced curriculum content comprehensible to English learners.

Program Standard 12: Behavioral, Social, and Environmental Supports for Learning
The program ensures that candidates demonstrate knowledge and the ability to implement systems that assess, plan, and provide academic and social skill instruction to support positive behavior in all students, including students who present complex social communication, behavioral and emotional needs. The program provides candidates...
information on laws and regulations as they pertain to promoting behavior that is positive and self-regulatory as well as promoting safe schools.

**Program Standard 13: Curriculum and Instruction of Students with Disabilities**

The program provides opportunity for candidates to demonstrate the ability to develop, implement, adapt, modify, and evaluate a variety of pedagogical approaches to instruction, including instructional sequences, unit and lesson plans, that provide students with disabilities with equitable access to the content and experiences found in the state-approved core curriculum. Candidates acquire and demonstrate strategies and best practices to develop differentiated lessons and instructional sequences that are appropriate for individuals with diverse strengths and needs in a variety of educational environments. Candidates must be able to apply these skills as they pertain to their specific area of specialization and credential authorizations across age and grade levels. Candidates must be able to co-teach, collaborate, consult and work in instructional teams to enhance curriculum and instruction of students with disabilities.

**Program Standard 15: Field Experience in a Broad Range of Service Delivery Options**

The program will ensure that candidates have planned experiences and/or interactions with the full range of the service delivery system, the providers of such services, and parents and families, including experiences in general education. The experiences must reflect the full diversity of grades/ages, federal disability categories and the continuum of special education services outlined in the specific credential authorization. The experiences are planned from the beginning of the program to include experiences in general education, experiences with parents and families, and experiences with a broad range of service delivery options leading to an extended culminating placement in which the candidate works toward assuming full responsibility for the provision of services in the specific credential authorization and is of sufficient duration for the candidate to demonstrate the teacher performance expectations for special educators. The culminating placement may be in any school, agency or program as defined in Education Code Sections 56031, 56360, and 56361 for the purpose of providing special education services.

**Program Standard 16: Assessment of Candidate Performance**

Prior to recommending each candidate for a teaching credential, one or more persons responsible for the program shall determine on the basis of thoroughly documented evidence that each candidate has demonstrated a satisfactory performance on the full range of Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs) as they apply to the subjects and specialties authorized by the credential. During the program, candidates are guided and coached on their performance in relation to the TPEs using formative processes. Verification of candidate performance is provided by at least one supervising teacher and one institutional supervisor trained to assess the TPEs. At least one assessor shall hold authorization in the candidate’s credential area. An individual development plan will be written before the candidate exits the Preliminary Credential Preparation Program and will include recommendations for further study during the candidate’s Induction Program.
CCTC Education Specialist Mild to Moderate Standards:

M/M Standard 2: Assessment and Evaluation of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities
The program prepares candidates to demonstrate knowledge and skills related to using and communicating the results of a variety of individualized assessment and evaluation approaches appropriate for students with mild/moderate disabilities covered under the authorization. The program prepares candidates to make appropriate educational decisions on the basis of a variety of non-biased standardized and non-standardized techniques, instruments and processes that are standards-based, curriculum-based, and appropriate to the diverse needs of individual students. The program prepares candidates to utilize these approaches to assess the developmental, academic, behavioral, social, communication, career and community life skill needs of students, and monitor students’ progress. The program prepares candidates to plan for and participate in state-mandated accountability measures.

M/M Standard 3: Planning and Implementing Mild/Moderate Curriculum and Instruction
The program prepares candidates to select curricula and to use evidence-based instructional strategies that meet the diverse learning characteristics of students with mild/moderate disabilities across an array of environments and activities. The program prepares candidates to utilize standards-based assessment data to collaboratively develop IEP goals, adaptations and instructional plans that are responsive to the unique needs of the student and the requirements of the core curriculum, and are implemented and adjusted systematically to promote maximum learning and academic achievement. The program prepares candidates to have knowledge of evidence-based curricula and instructional methods that are effective with students with mild/moderate disabilities, including specially-designed curricula and methods for reading/language arts instruction for students with mild/moderate reading disorders. The program provides a knowledge base of strategies and interventions for students who are not responding to the current instructional environment. The program prepares candidates to create instructional and behavior support partnerships with parents/families.

Dropping and Adding
Students are responsible for understanding the policies and procedures about add/drop, grade forgiveness, etc. Refer to the current semester’s Catalog Policies section at http://info.sjsu.edu/static/catalog/policies.html. Add/drop deadlines can be found on the current academic calendar web page located at http://www.sjsu.edu/calendars/. The Late Drop Policy is available at http://www.sjsu.edu/aars/policies/latedrops/policy/. Students should be aware of the current deadlines and penalties for dropping classes.

Information about the latest changes and news is available at the Advising Hub at http://www.sjsu.edu/advising/.
Assignments and Grading Policy

All EDSE 217A assignments and required documents, including the portfolio, will be entered directly into the SJSD Canvas by the student. The student should check the SJUSD Canvas on a weekly basis to ensure that all assignments and required documents are submitted in a timely manner and by the due date published in the SJSD Canvas.

Completion of EDSE 217A results in credit (CR) or No-Credit rather than a letter grade. Please see the Directed Teaching handbook on the Department of Special Education website (Current Students, then Forms link) at http://www.sjsu.edu/speciased/. Credit is earned if the following requirements are met for the course:

- **Attendance and participation in all seminars** (see dates above). A University Supervisor will make an appointment to visit you in your work or placement and will meet with you to discuss the observations. You must be available for these observations and meetings (advanced notice should be given to the supervisor if there is an emergency and you will not be in school).
- **Successful teaching and learning experiences**. This is your opportunity to demonstrate the application of all that you learned (you demonstrate that you met the standards) in the credential program. You will be evaluated on the Directed Teaching Evaluation and must receive at least 60%, or 36 points to earn credit. Your Principal (or district evaluator, or Master Teacher) will also evaluate you on the Directed Teaching Evaluation. At the end of EDSE 217A, if you are successful in this course and receive credit, you will be recommended for the Education Specialist credential. **It will be your responsibility to get your supervisor access to your district program video conferencing platform.** If you are having difficulty getting your supervisor permission to be added to the district program video conferencing platform, let your supervisor know immediately so we can support you with this request. **If the district video conferencing platform is not available to your supervisor, then lessons will need to be videotaped and shared with your supervisor in order to observe and evaluate your teaching performance.** Permission forms would need to be obtained from parents of children in the video.
- **Dispositions Evaluation**. Your University Supervisor will complete a Dispositions Evaluation about you (see department website about policies).
- **Develop a Teaching Portfolio**. Reflect on your teaching practice; label 14 dividers to match the colored section pages distributed in the first seminar. Follow the prompts on these pages to write reflections about your work as a teacher over this semester and insert the reflections behind the appropriate tab. The University Supervisor will review the portfolio during each visit and give feedback to you. The completed portfolio is due during the last seminar of the semester. The University Supervisor will read and give points for each section of the Portfolio at the end of the semester; you will need 80% on the Portfolio rubric. Please label the spine of the binder with your name!!
- **Program Evaluation**. Evaluate the credential program online through a Qualtrics Survey.
- **Supervisor Evaluation**.
Grading

You will receive credit for this class if you meet the following:

- Attend the three seminars
- Meet with your University Supervisor over the semester and receive at least 36 points out of 60 on the Directed Teaching Evaluation Form from the University Supervisor
- Receive at least 80% of the points on the teaching Portfolio
- Complete the required surveys

University Policies

Academic integrity

Your commitment as a student to learning is evidenced by your enrollment at San Jose State University. The University’s Academic Integrity policy, located at http://www.sjsu.edu/senate/S07-2.htm, requires you to be honest in all your academic course work. Faculty members are required to report all infractions to the office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development. The Student Conduct and Ethical Development website is available at http://www.sa.sjsu.edu/judicial_affairs/index.html.

Instances of academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Cheating on exams or plagiarism (presenting the work of another as your own, or the use of another person’s ideas without giving proper credit) will result in a failing grade and sanctions by the University. For this class, all assignments are to be completed by the individual student unless otherwise specified. If you would like to include your assignment or any material you have submitted, or plan to submit for another class, please note that SJSU’s Academic Policy S07-2 requires approval of instructors.

Campus Policy in Compliance with the American Disabilities Act

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible, or see me during office hours. Presidential Directive 97-03 requires that students with disabilities requesting accommodations must register with the Disability Resource Center (DRC) at http://www.drc.sjsu.edu to establish a record of their disability.

Additional Requirements Related to Distance Learning

This course or portion of this course (i.e., lectures, discussion, student presentation) will be recorded for instructional or educational purposes. The recordings will only be shared with students enrolled in the class through Canvas. The recordings will be deleted at the end of the semester. If, however, you would prefer to remain anonymous during these recordings, then please speak with your instructor about possible accommodations (e.g.,
temporarily turning off identifying information from the ZOOM session, including the name and picture, prior to recording).

Students are prohibited from recording class activities (including class lectures office hours, advising sessions, etc.), distributing class recordings, or posting class recordings. Materials created by the instructor for the course (syllabi, lectures, lecture notes, presentations, etc.) are copyrighted by the instructor. The university policy (S12-7) is in place to protect the privacy of students in the course, as well as maintain academic integrity through reducing the instances of cheating. Students who record, distribute, or post these materials will be referred to the Student Conduct and Ethical development Office. Unauthorized recording may violate university and state law. It is the responsibility of students that require special accommodations or assistive technology due to a disability to notify the instructor.

Students are required to have an electronic device (laptop, desktop or tablet) with a camera and built-in microphone. SJSU has a free equipment loan program available to students. Students are responsible for ensuring that they have access to reliable Wi-Fi during tests. If students are unable to have reliable Wi-Fi, they must inform the instructor, as soon as possible or at least one week before the test date to determine an alternative.

**ZOOM Classroom Etiquette**

Must your microphone. To help keep background noise to a minimum, make sure you mute your microphone when you are not speaking.

Be mindful of background noise and distractions. Find a quiet place to attend class to the greatest extent possible.

Position your camera properly. Be sure your webcam is in a stable position and focused at eye level.

Limit your distractions and avoid multitasking. You can make it easier to focus on the meeting by turning off notifications, closing or minimizing running apps, and putting your smartphone away.

Use appropriate virtual backgrounds. If using a virtual background, it should be appropriate and professional and should not suggest or include content that is objectively offensive or demeaning.