

Guiding Social Development



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Salish Kootenai College Education Department
Guiding Social Development and Classroom Management
EDUC 309
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COURSE INFORMATION

- A. Number: EDUC 309
- B. Title: Guiding Social Development and Classroom Management
- C. Credits: 4
- D. This course is offered during Winter Quarter
- E. Time/Location: Tues. and Thurs., 9:00-10:50 a.m. Education Bldg. 115

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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REQUIRED MATERIALS

- A. **The Teacher's Guide to Success** (2012) by Ellen Kronowitz 2nd Edition
Pearson/AB Longman Publishers (Available at the SKC Bookstore)
- B. Handouts from the instructor
- C. One 3-ring binder with dividers
- D. An open mind, a willing heart, and a little courage

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Guiding Social Development and Classroom Management explores methods for guiding the development of social competence in young children, as well as practices for creating positive and productive elementary learning environments. Topics include the development of self-esteem, self-discipline, and pro-social behavior. Strategies in classroom management will be examined, including handling children's aggression and stress, classroom organization, and methods of working with parents on children's behavioral issues.

RELATION TO THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Building a community of engaged and motivated learners is one of the most important aspects of being an effective classroom teacher. From your first interaction with the children and their families you are setting the foundation of your relationship. In this course you will develop skills of building a trusting relationship around the tenets of planning, instruction, discipline as a tool, organization, individual and group motivation, and cooperative learning.

COURSE RATIONALE

Sound classroom management is the basis for everything else a teacher does with students. Classroom management is more than motivation, more than discipline, more than planning; it is all of these working together... and when it works, it may feel like an incredible dance or a beautiful poem. Classroom management is offered in tandem with the SKC Teacher Education Program methods courses so candidates will have opportunities to practice developing skills with children during field experiences, practica, and finally Student Teaching.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Candidates are required to attend all class sessions, and attendance will be part of the grading procedure for this course (see below). There will be many activities that you will not be able to make up due to their interactive, classroom-based nature. This is a professional education course and you are training to be a teacher. By attending regularly, and committing to this course, you are beginning to act and think like a teacher. This is a key component of professional responsibility.

Candidates are expected to be **on time** for class and to stay until the designated time set for dismissal. If a candidate will be late, or must leave early, he/she must inform the instructor prior to the beginning of class. In the event that this is not possible, it is very important to communicate the circumstances to the instructor immediately or as soon as is possible. Missed classes will result in a loss of points for attendance, and therefore will affect your grade for the course. Being late or leaving early also results in a decrease of attendance points, so always make it your plan to be on time and in class as scheduled.

In the event of emergency medical / health problems or extended absences for other reasons, students will be expected to meet the requirements of the course using outside-of-class methods such as phone/email/internet resources. *It is the **student's responsibility to communicate with the instructor to make sure that class assignments/requirements are completed if absences occur.*** If an absence is unavoidable, students need to arrange for someone in the class to pick up handouts and other materials and information that was presented.

CELL PHONES

Candidates **must** keep cell phones **off** during class. If a candidate wishes to leave a phone on "vibrate" mode **in case of emergency situations**, they must notify the instructor ahead of time and then take the call outside of the room.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGIES

The methodologies of instruction in this course will follow a constructivist format and use techniques of inquiry, development of knowledge, discussions, lecture, individual and group project work, and independent practice. Guest speakers, videos, film clips, email, internet, hands-on devices, Smartboards, and other resources may be utilized. The instructor will employ aspects of active learning principles wherever and whenever possible.

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CULTURAL RELEVANCY

Candidates must be prepared to join a global community, including within their local schools. Sensitivity to all diversity will be the key to developing positive attitudes and dispositions within the course. Salish Kootenai College defines culture as the awareness of one's own system of values, beliefs, traditions and history, and knowledge and respect for the systems of others, particularly those of American Indian Tribes, and specifically the Salish, Pend d'Oreille and Kootenai People.

Candidate Objectives:

1. Candidates will examine bias in the treatment of children from minority populations from teacher attention to discipline severity;
2. Candidates will participate in discussions, activities and reflective writings about cultural relevancy in course topics;
3. Candidates will apply information from the course in their work with individuals from similar and diverse cultures in order to enhance communication, relationship building, and teaching strategies.

CRITICAL THINKING

At SKC, critical thinking describes a structured process for refining thought and making decisions. It engages context, multiple perspectives, and the individual mind/heart balance (Spu'us). Critical thinkers strive for clarity, accuracy, articulation, thoroughness, relevance, and fairness.

Candidate Objectives:

1. Candidates will reflect upon their past experiences as an elementary student with classroom management;
2. Candidates will analyze their ideas of classroom management;
3. Candidates will apply information learned in class to improve their work with parents, children and other professionals;
4. Candidates will participate in group activities and discussions that utilize critical thinking skills such as problem solving skills, self-evaluation techniques and cultural issues.

CITIZENSHIP

Salish Kootenai College defines citizenship as informed and committed participation in the life of one's community at the local, national, and global level. We believe citizens recognize and address community issues, respect the rights of others, and work toward community improvement.

Candidate Objectives:

1. The candidate develops a disposition of inclusion of families in the classroom settings, both formally and informally.
2. The candidate has a well-grounded framework for understanding cultural and community diversity and knows how to learn about and incorporate students' experiences, cultures, and community resources into instruction.

COMMUNICATION

Salish Kootenai College defines communication as an exchange and interpretation of information through a variety of context appropriate modalities to enhance understanding and build respectful human connections.

Candidate Objectives:

1. The candidate examines and applies different modes of communication in their work with children and families, including: visual prompts, physical proximity, verbal cues, and print media.
2. The candidate appreciates the cultural dimensions of communication, responds appropriately, and seeks to foster culturally sensitive communication by and among students, peers, and teachers.
3. The candidate communicates in ways that demonstrate sensitivity to cultural and gender differences (e.g. appropriate use of eye contact, interpretation of body language and verbal statements, acknowledgment of and responsiveness to different modes of communication and participation).

INTASC AND PEPP STANDARDS MET IN THIS COURSE

Assessments in **bold** are to be included in student portfolios

Indicators:	Type	PEPPS	Assessments
InTASC Principle/Outcome 5 a. The candidate understands the principles of effective classroom management.	Knowledge	10.58.501.1.g 10.58.508.1.c.iii	Course Notebook Classroom Management Plan Reflective Written Analysis, Princ. #5
InTASC Principle/Outcome 5 b. The candidate can use knowledge about human motivation and behavior to develop strategies for organizing and supporting individual and group work.	Knowledge	10.58.501.1.g 10.58.508.1.c.iii	Classroom Management Plan RWA, Princ. #5
InTASC Principle/Outcome 5 c. The candidate analyzes the classroom environment and makes decisions and adjustments to enhance social relationships, student motivation and engagement, and productive work.	Skills	10.58.501.1.g 10.58.508.1.c.iii	Classroom Notebook Innovative Practice paper Classroom Management Plan Cooperative Learning Lesson Plan
InTASC Principle/Outcome 5 d. The candidate shows that s/he values the role of students in promoting each other's learning and recognizes the importance of peer relationships in establishing a climate of learning.	Dispositions	10.58.501.1.g 10.58.508.1.c.iii	Cooperative Learning Lesson Plan Classroom Management Plan

COURSE OBJECTIVES

Assessment indicators: *Classroom Management Plan (CMP), Cooperative Learning Lesson Plan (CLLP), Innovative Practice Paper/Presentation (IP), Reflective Written Analysis (RWA), Course Notebook (CN)*

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Candidates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationships among self-esteem, sense of security, and school achievement and the necessity for elementary school children to develop a realistic sense of self; *assessed by CMP, CLLP.*
2. Observe behavior of elementary school children, discriminate among behaviors manifested, and identify patterns of growth and development; *assessed by CMP, CLLP, IP, RWA, CN.*
3. Demonstrate an understanding of guidance principles as they relate to patterns of development and behavior among elementary school children; *assessed by CMP, CLLP, RWA.*
4. Demonstrate an awareness of and sensitivity to children from diverse backgrounds (e.g., race, gender, socioeconomic status, cultural heritage, special needs, disabling conditions); *assessed by CMP, CLLP, RWA, CN.*

[Managing the Classroom]

Candidates will be able to:

1. Implement effective classroom and behavior management techniques to meet the learning needs of students; *assessed by CMP, CLLP, IP, RWA, CN.*
2. Identify traditional and alternative instructional management systems; *assessed by CMP, CN.*
3. Identify various techniques for student behavior management; *assessed by CMP, CLLP, IP, RWA, CN.*
4. Establish collaborative group structures appropriate to pupil learning needs and objectives. *assessed by CMP, CLLP, IP, RWA.*
5. Understand the importance of the teacher as a role model; *assessed by CMP.*
6. Identify the importance of fostering respectful and beneficial relationships between families and professionals; *assessed by CMP, RWA, CN.*

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

1. Classroom Management Plan (for your TEP Portfolio) 150 points

Each candidate will develop a formal plan for managing their future classroom. Complete details regarding this assignment and its assessment will be provided. Usually this is assigned near the end of the course. The CMP addresses several important ideas, including:

- a. **Management Philosophy:** What do you believe about how students learn best? What kind of classroom atmosphere do you want? Refer to researchers and practitioners (those you have read, observed, or interviewed) who have helped shape your philosophy. What should your role as teacher be? What core ideas will drive your classroom?
- b. **Classroom Arrangement:** How will you arrange your physical resources in a way that is consistent with your philosophy and management plan? Include a diagram.
- c. **Rules/Procedures:** How will you reward and reinforce good behavior? What will you do if students don't do what you expect? What will be the consequences? How will you solve problems? What kinds of core activities and routines will promote the best learning environment for your students?
- d. **Encouragement and Positive Action:** How will you help build and maintain a positive, productive classroom environment? How will you strive to acknowledge each child's unique contributions and abilities?

2. Cooperative Learning Lesson Plan (for your TEP Portfolio) 50 points

You will create a cooperative learning lesson plan according to the SKC TEP Lesson Plan Format. Details and requirements regarding this assignment will be provided in class. This is usually assigned in Week 5 and turned in about Week 6.

3. Innovative Practice 25 points

You will write up a creative management practice that you have researched, observed or practiced (i.e. star of the day, specialized bulletin boards, devices, physical layout, etc.). This should be about 1 page long, and will include a short class presentation. This assignment is usually given and turned in around Week 4.

4. Attendance / Participation 100 points

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5. Reflective Written Analysis for Principle #5 (for your TEP Portfolio) 25 points

One of the assignments for EDUC 309 will be to construct a 1 to 2 page reflective paper on Motivation and Classroom Management, for inclusion in your TEP Portfolio Section Five. Assistance and guidelines will be provided in class. This is usually assigned and turned in near the end of the course, around Week 8, so that ideas gleaned from the class can be represented in the assignment.

6. EDUC 309 Notebook 50 points

For this course you will keep an organized notebook (binder) that includes your course documents, personal notes, handouts and other information. You will be graded on the completeness, organization and professionalism of the notebook. The instructor will provide a scoring rubric for this requirement, which is ongoing but turned in and evaluated at the end of the course.

GRADING

Classroom Management Plan
Cooperative Learning Lesson Plan
Innovative Classroom Practice
Attendance
RWA for Principle 5
Course Notebook

= 150 pts
= 50 pts
= 25 pts
= 100 pts
= 25 pts
= 50 pts

400-360 = A
359-320 = B
319-280 = C
279-240 = D
Below 240 = F

Total points: 400

COURSE CONTENT *(includes but not limited to)*

1. Building Community
 - a. Ways to Get Learner Attention
 - b. Being Proactive / Making personal connections with kids
 - c. Sensing the “forest”, not just the “trees”: The classroom as a system
2. Classroom organization *(Kronowitz, Units 2-3)*
 - a. Creating Positive Learning Environments
 - b. Strategies for teaching
3. Planning as a Tool of Management
 - a. Organization
 - b. Giving Directions
 - c. Laws and Legislation
 - d. Requirements
4. Pro-Social Development
 - a. Proactive
 - b. Giving Children Choices
5. Behavior *(Kronowitz, Unit 4)*
 - a. Mistaken vs. Misbehavior
 - b. Discipline vs. Punishment
 - c. Consequences and Rewards
6. Managing Conflicts and School-wide Behavior Systems
 - a. Expectations
 - b. Bullying
 - c. Conflict Resolution
 - d. Problem Solving
7. Professionalism
 - a. Professional organizations
 - b. Confident Managing