

Professional Development & Appraisal System
Education 5338

Course Syllabus

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Course Description:

An investigation of the PDAS Training for appraisers in the Professional Development and Appraisal System (PDAS) instrument developed by the Texas Education Agency. Included in the content are statutory requirements, historical development, domains, criteria indicators, and exceptional quality.

Text:

Texas Education Agency (2011). *PDAS Appraiser Training*. Austin, TX: TEA.

Class Sessions:

Summer Session II 2014, Tuesday/Thursday 5:00-8:45, Eagle Pass D110

Course Calendar:

July 10	Introduction	July 31	Appraisal Process
July 15	Goals of PDAS	Aug 5	Case Studies
July 17	Commissioner's Rules	Aug 7	Enrichment Case Studies
July 22	Understanding PDAS	Aug 12	Enrichment Case Studies
July 24	Understanding PDAS	Aug 14	Conclusion
July 29	Appraisal Process		

Student Expectations:

Attendance and participation: Because this is a course with State of Texas requirements, clock hours are monitored strictly. Attendance for this class must be considered a priority. **Students must attend each session.** Missed classes must be made up at the instructor's convenience. **Phones:** Please let everyone know you are attending class during this time each week, turn off your phones, and give yourself the freedom to address your full attention to this course.

State curriculum: Students are further exposed to the current orientation of Texas public school education, with particular focus on appraising teacher performance, keeping in mind the primary educational tenets of supervision, curriculum development, professional development, organizational management, communication, and community involvement. Students will develop a proficiency in accurately appraising teachers and learner-centered instruction.

Fees: Because this is a state certification course, ESC Region 13 requires a **\$75 fee** to process your PDAS certificate. This certificate is required with the ILD certificate to conduct teacher appraisals in the state of Texas. Checks or money orders should be made out to "ESC Region 13" (not to your instructor, who would cash them and spend them frivolously); these will not be submitted until August after the PDAS class.

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