

# Sul Ross State University

## 2015 Summer Session II

### ED 5316 Diversity in Public Education

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By Appointment

**ED 5316 Diversity in Public Education** is an overview of multicultural education. Students will gain an appreciation and understanding, from an educational leadership perspective, of considerations associated with educating the multicultural learner. Students will also gain an understanding of the need to design and support a curriculum that will benefit multicultural learners. Finally, by interacting with colleagues and professor, students will gain a practical knowledge of putting what one learns into practice.

#### **Required Textbooks:**

Koppelman, K.L. (2014). *Understanding Human Differences: Multicultural Education for a Diverse America* (4<sup>th</sup> Ed.). Boston: Pearson.

#### **Attendance:**

Policies in effect for on-campus, traditional classroom instruction courses apply to this course. The University allows a maximum of 20% absences in a course before an instructor may drop a student for excessive absences.

#### **Course Objectives: Primary**

1. Students will gain an understanding of the notion of multicultural education in today's public schools.

2. Students will become familiar with current texts and research on the subject of multicultural education.
3. Students will appreciate the inherent academic enhancement of a multicultural setting.
4. Students will learn strategies for leading a campus of multicultural learners.
5. Students will gain an awareness of the need for understanding the issues surrounding multicultural education in a pluralistic environment.

#### **Secondary**

6. Students will improve communication skills through writing and speaking.
7. Students will become actively engaged in reading current articles on education.
8. Students will practice synthesis: lessons learned in one topic applied to a related topic.

**Applicable Competencies:** In our pluralistic society, it is critical that educators understand multicultural learners and how to respond to their educational needs, so that they and our society as a whole can compete in the world market.

#### **Principals**

1. Principal Competency 002 states the principal knows how to respond to diverse interests and needs of all members of the school community in order to promote success.
2. Principal Competency 003 states that the principal will act with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical and legal manner. To be ethical and fair, a principal must, among other things, support a curriculum that is beneficial to all students.
3. Principal Competency 005 states that the principal knows how to advocate, nurture, and sustain an instructional program and a campus culture that are conducive to student learning and staff professional growth. The principal knows how to facilitate the development of a campus learning organization that supports instructional improvement and change through ongoing study of relevant research and best practice. The principal knows how to facilitate the implementation of sound, research-based instructional strategies, decisions, and programs in which multiple opportunities to learn and to be successful are available to all students.

#### **Counselors**

1. Counselor Competency 002 states that the counselor understands student diversity.
2. Counselor Competency 008 states that the counselor demonstrates collaboration, consultation, and professionalism and is able to collaborate with families.

**Course Assignments:** The primary assignment is to read the textbook and supplement your learning from Internet links provided with the course and from independent reading and demonstrate your application of the content through quizzes, discussion boards, culminating project, and the final exam. ***All assignments are due on the Saturday of the week assigned; with the exception of the final that will be posted on August 9<sup>th</sup> and must be completed by August 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.***

**There are 14 quizzes over the textbook chapters.** The items range from multiple choice to matching. Each quiz is worth 50 points. They may only be taken once, and the estimated time is 20 minutes.

**There are 7 Discussion Boards.** You will write a response to videos and articles. The textbook may be referenced to allow for pertinent quotes to be included in the response. Each Discussion Board is worth 25 points. The Discussion Board will be graded on the thought you put into your responses, and the evidence you provide to support your position. Assignments must be grammatically correct, and points will be deducted for poor grammar and for spelling errors.

**The final exam** is a series of essay questions that challenges you to demonstrate your ability to synthesize the entire content of the course. The final exam is worth 100 points.

**A culminating project** will be assigned for 100 points. Scenario: To demonstrate your leadership, create a power point for your school faculty that outlines your action plan to address this challenge:

This year, the demographics at your school have changed dramatically to include a large group of: Hispanics, African American, Asians, Special Needs students, Families in poverty, Native Americans (select any one group). Design a power point to present your plan for welcoming the new group into your school and include the following components. **Your project is due August 8<sup>th</sup>.**

- 1) Description of the group's values and cultural practices.
- 2) Plans for involving the families in the school culture.
- 3) Plans for providing academic support for the students to be successful.
- 4) Methods to evaluate the effectiveness of your plan.
- 5) Defined roles for all staff members to implement the plan.
- 6) On last slide, list three or more sources you used to prepare the plan.
- 7) For principal candidates, the culminating project should be added to your Electronic Portfolio that has been adopted by the Sul Ross State University Education Department's requirement for the Master of Education in the Principal Program. At the end of the program in your Internship course, you will submit a Final Portfolio that is a

comprehensive summative evaluation of the work you have done in each course in this Principal Program.

### Course Assignments

Date	Activity	Points	Due Date
July 9	Read chapters 1,2,3		
	Discussion Board 1 : Echoes of Brown video	25	Saturday, July 11th
	Quizzes chapter 1,2,3	150	July 11 <sup>th</sup> at midnight
July 12	Read chapters 4,5,6		
	Discussion Board 2: Would you protest anti-Muslim discrimination video	25	Saturday, July 18th
	Discussion Board 3: Watch the video clip from the movie, "The Only Good Indian" and respond to the questions posted on Blackboard.	25	Saturday, July 18th
	Quizzes 4,5,6,	150	July 18 <sup>th</sup> at midnight
July 19	Read chapters 7,8,9		
	Discussion Board 4: Respond to article, "How Poverty Affects Classroom Engagement"	25	Saturday, July 25 th
	Quizzes 7,8,9	150	July 26 <sup>h</sup> at midnight
July 26	Read chapters 10,11, 12		
	Discussion Board 5: "Would you defend gay parents?" video	25	Saturday, August 1st
	Discussion Board 6: View the "Bullied" video	25	Saturday, August 1st
July 26	Quizzes 10,11,12	150	August 1st
August 2	Read chapters 13,14		
	Culminating Project is	100	Saturday, August 8th

	due		
	Quizzes 13,14	100	August 8 <sup>th</sup> at midnight
	Discussion Board 7: View the Maya Angelou video and explain how the theme, "I will rise" applied to her life and applies to this course in diversity.	25 extra credit (this is optional)	August 8 <sup>th</sup> at midnight
August 9	Final will be posted from 8/9 – 8/13 closing at noon	100	August 13th at noon

**Grading: The total possible points are 1050.** The final course grade will be assigned according to this scale:

- A 90% - 100% 945 points or higher
- B 80 – 89% 840 - 944 points
- C 70 - 79% 735- 839 points
- D 60 – 69% 630-734 points
- F Below 60% 629 or lower

**Academic Integrity:**

All students are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Turning in work as original that was used in another course.
- Turning in another’s work as one’s own.
- Copying from professional works and internet sites without citation.

Any of the above offenses will result in a zero for the assignment with no option to redo for credit.

**SRSU Disabilities Services:**

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Students seeking disability services need to contact the Disabilities Services Coordinator located in the University Center, Room 211. The mailing address is Sul Ross State University, PO Box C-171, Alpine, TX 79832. The telephone number is 432-837-8178; the fax number is 432-837-8724.

