



Sul Ross State University
Department of Education

ED 5323, Appraisal of Educational Disabilities

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Course Description:

Required for educational diagnostician certification. Students will administer, score, and interpret major academic achievement tests used to identify educational disabilities, and design appropriate instruction and services. Students will examine current trends in programs designed for early identification and intervention of possible educational disabilities. Factors involved in multicultural assessment will be addressed. (This is a prerequisite to 5306).

Required Text:

Sattler, J. M. (2014). *Foundations of behavioral, social and clinical assessment of children (6th ed)*. La Mesa, CA: Jerome M. Sattler, Publisher, Incorporated.

Sattler, J. M. (2014). *Resource guide to accompany foundations of behavioral, social and clinical assessment of children (6th ed)*. La Mesa, CA: Jerome M. Sattler, Publisher, Incorporated.

*Purchased together ISBN: 97802671-2-2

Protocol Packets

Recommended Texts:

Mather, N., & Wendling, B. J. (2015). *Essentials of WJ IV tests of achievement*. John Wiley & Sons.

Breaux, K. C., & Lichtenberger, E. O. (2016). *Essentials of KTEA-3 and WIAT-III assessment*. John Wiley & Sons.

ED 5323 will contribute to the following Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

- Demonstrate the ability to critically evaluate assessments and understand the implications of chosen assessments
- Analyze the ethical and professional responsibility to the field of special education.
- Effectively collaborate with all parties involved with the identification placement and ongoing support of students with disabilities

Course Objectives:

- Complete an achievement evaluation report
- Analyze tests for adequacy
- Describe eligibility criteria for disabilities within Texas Framework
- Describe Texas procedures for assessment
- Administer formal achievement tests
- Describe cultural and linguistic factors that would influence testing
- Describe and utilize test batteries for achievement and adaptive behavior
- Describe the descriptive statistics used for formal assessment and eligibility determination
- Demonstrate proper administration of standardized tests

Professional Standards:

This course is part of the Sul Ross State University, Graduate school of Education, Masters in Special Education Program as well as certification as an Educational Diagnostician. This program complies with the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians (NCED) professional standards. These include:

General Course Policies

This course will be delivered online in an asynchronous format via Blackboard learning Management System. This course site will be available on August 12, 2019.

Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Monday, and finish on Sunday. You may work ahead.

Log-in Frequency: Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their SRSU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3 times per week.

Participation: Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the length of the course which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities, completing assignments, and participating in course discussions.

Technical Competence: Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.

Technical Issues: Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.

Workload: Please be aware that this course is not self-paced. Students are expected to meet specific deadlines and due dates listed in the Class Schedule section of this syllabus. It is the student's responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.

Instructor Support: Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

Writing Expectations: A large component of an Educational Diagnostician's workload is professional writing and synthesis of information. Therefore, a large part of the preparation and participation with this course will involve writing. Students will use APA format when writing. Writing should be free from jargon, grammar errors and written mechanics errors. References should be properly cited.

Professional Portfolio: Cumulative projects as part of this course are recommended to be saved as evidence of proficiency to be used as part of the student's professional portfolio (e.g. FIE). Books recommended and required should be added as part of the examiner's library for reference.

Netiquette: The course environment is a collaborative space. Innocent remarks typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words. Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.

Accommodations: Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with SRSU Disability Services.

Grading Policy: All assignments should be submitted via Blackboard by midnight on the due date. Late work will not be accepted unless arrangements with the instructor have been approved before the original due date. Approval will only be granted under extremely unusual circumstances (e.g. major medical event, bereavement).

Certification Practice: Every student enrolled in courses for certification through Sul Ross State University will be required to purchase and pass an online practice exam. The exam is available through CertifyTeacher.com and scores must be submitted to your major advisor before approval to take the state exam (TExES) is granted. Please see your advisor for more information.

University Policies

Attendance policy: Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes. Students in web classes are expected to login several times each week to the Blackboard course site on the Internet site.

Distance Education Statement: Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, such as Smarthinking, library resources, such as online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should correspond using SRSU email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires secure login information to verify students' identities and to protect students' information. The procedures for filing a student complaint are included in the student handbook. Students enrolled in distance education courses at SRSU are expected to adhere to all policies pertaining to academic honesty and appropriate student conduct, as described in the student handbook. Students in web-based courses must maintain appropriate equipment and software, according to the needs and requirements of the course, as outlined on the SRSU website.

ADA Accommodations: The University is committed to equal access compliance with the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The Disability Services Coordinator in Counseling and Student Support Services has the responsibility to ensure students with disabilities the opportunities for full participation in programs, services and activities. Students seeking disability services need to contact the Disability Services Coordinator (432-837-8203).

Academic Integrity: Students in this class 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 whole or part for another course or professor, turning in another person's work as one's own, copying from professional works or internet sites without citation. For examples on citing works, please refer to: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/589/02/>

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is only a guide for the course and can change with advance notice.

Technical Requirements

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements: High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see:

https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supportedbrowsers

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see:

https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#testeddevices-and-operating-systems

Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their Sul Ross University email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.

Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements. The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:

Adobe Acrobat Reader: <https://get.adobe.com/reader/>

Windows Media Player: <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player>

Apple Quick Time Player: www.apple.com/quicktime/download/

Specific Course Requirements

Meeting days: We will have approximately 2-3 online meetings; Sunday 2-4 pm. Those dates will be announced in Blackboard.

Assigned Readings

Discussion board (10 x 3 = 30 points) (see discussion board rubric). Please use proper citation when referring to any study etc. This should be responses to two different colleagues within the same thread. Responses should reflect a thoughtful conversation. Students should consult the rubric for grading criteria.

Case Studies (6): Assessment Plan for students. For this assignment, you will create an assessment plan for a suspected disability. A case study will be provided to you. Given the information, construct an assessment plan or rationale for the tests that would be administered. Upload your assignment for submission The assessment plan will include:

- Provide a student summary
- Identify disability concern
- Use Region 18 framework definition for the disability that is possibly considered
- Identify formal achievement testing to be used
- Identify informal assessments if chosen
- List any additional information to consider for testing
- List additional considerations that may be missing in case study referral that would help with your assessment (follow up questions)

Remember to refer to the rubric before you begin this assignment. By not consulting the rubric you may be missing vital information in your plan that will lower your grade.

Notice of Proposal to Evaluate. You will have one testing subject this semester that will satisfy a number of requirements for the course. Complete a Notice of Proposal to Evaluate on the student that you plan on testing. Every area in this form needs to be addressed by the diagnostician and it should be reflected in the report. You are not meant to collaborate with other specialists for purposes of the assignment. "Parent and teacher information" will be used in most areas (e.g. communication, socio-economic, health, adaptive) with the exception of achievement (formal testing). Students will list adaptive section as formal and informal. Signed parent notice of consent must be uploaded by week three.

Observation of student (in class or during academic tasks): You will complete a 45 minute observation of your testing student. It is an informal assessment to gain information on how the child is performing on academic tasks that are weak. A qualitative narrative should be completed. Observation may be during homework time or a classroom observation. The observation will be added to the final report.

Calculate Age Activity (50 points)

This activity is an introduction into how to calculate age for a standardized test. Read through the PowerPoint. Then complete and submit the activity.

Adaptive Behavior Assessment Administration (20 points)*:**

The purpose of the assignment is to become familiar with formal adaptive behavior assessments,

- Rate the student's adaptive skills using the questionnaire
- Score the test providing scaled scores (ScS) and Standard Scores (SS)
- Scan the Score Summary Page
- Upload for submission in Blackboard

ABAS-III teacher protocols are available at the University's Bookstore. The manual will be available at University for scoring but may not be checked out. If it is difficult to reach the campus, contact your instructor as soon as possible. Rate and score your subject using the manual. The Vineland (if available and allowed for your use by your district) may be used in place of ABAS III. The adaptive behavior assessment will be included in your final report known as "Screening Assessment Part two". Scan the ABAS or Vineland Score Summary Sheet which includes the Composites (GAC, Conceptual, Practical, Social). The student's name should be redacted (inked out) from the scanned protocol.

***This portion of the course may be adapted to only create raw scores. Consult Blackboard submission guidelines for this assignment

Adaptive Behavior Case Study (10 points):

The purpose of this assignment is to review and interpret a-typical performance in adaptive behavior. Review the Adaptive Behavior ABAS sample reports Power Point for reference in Module 6. Two Case studies will be presented. In each case, find the cognitive and adaptive scores. Provide a rationale as to why the case study would or would not meet the state definition for intellectual disability (ID). This will be a discussion board activity.

Achievement Assessment (Part One) Testing: The purpose of the assignment is to administer a formal achievement test for the completion an academic screening report. Choose a test within the "Test Options" explained in Blackboard.

1A. Testing

- Review manual and testing procedures of chosen test
- Review Rubric for conducting an assessment
- Review reference materials (e.g. power point, videos) if applicable to chosen test
- Administer test
- Record the first three subtests of your chosen test for submission

When recording please do the following:

- Pan the area you are testing at the beginning of testing
- Give a brief description of the test you will be administering
- Make sure testing materials can be seen

- Do not record your test subject. You, as the examinee are being evaluated and recorded
- Both you and the test subject should be heard

1B. Video Submission and Self Analysis (100 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate proper administration of a standardized test.

- Video record your administration of the achievement test as stated above
- Upload the video in an unlisted YouTube Account (explanation in Blackboard)
- Use the provided rubric (in Blackboard) to review your recorded administration.
- Complete a **1 page reflection** (see below) using the rubric as a guide for areas of growth and success
- Upload the reflection and YouTube link for submission.
- The instructor will also review your submission and provide and additional feedback.

1C. Screening Achievement Assessment (Part Two) Report Writing (200 points): The purpose of the assignment is to score a formal standardized test and write an interpretive report.

- **Score subtests and determine standard scores for subtests and composites**
- **Write testing observations of the student tested**
- **Add academic observation previously submitted**
- **Add pertinent data gathered from parent interview and records review**

Based upon the data collected (formal testing in Part I) you will complete a report. You will be given a modified evaluation shell for completion of a screening. Guidance is highlighted in yellow within the shell to help the student examiner with content. Extraneous information should be deleted and should look like a professional report when submitted. Secondly, the first and last name of participant should be redacted from your evaluation when submitted. This can be done by highlighting the name and making it black (e.g. Name = ██████, Name=XXXXXX) Consult rubric and shell for more information.

Report Writing Review for Part Two: A 10% deduction will be made for reports that have overt spelling, grammar and written mechanics errors (e.g. using “he” for “she”). In order to accommodate concerns regarding writing, please schedule a consultation with the University Writing Lab to review your report by WEEK 14 or before. If necessary after meeting with the Lab and no later than WEEK 15, submit the reviewed report to the instructor for review. All reports must be in Final Draft for review. This will allow time for editing and feedback regarding report-writing skills. The final report is due week 16, no exceptions. If editing of your report is a concern, please budget time for these reviews.

Chapter Quizzes (10 x 25 = 250 points)

Final Exam – Consult Blackboard announcements as we get closer to the end of the semester.

Test Check Out on Campus: Tests must be signed out with the Education Office. Protocols will also be available to students for purchase at the desk. Students will have 3 days per check out for each assessment battery. Multiple assessment batteries may not be checked out at one time. Tests may be checked out multiple times but not in succession (e.g. 3 days and keep, sign out for another 3 days). A 3 day wait time must occur between any returned test. The

university has a limited number of tests that are used for multiple classes. It is highly recommended that students check out tests as early as possible. Any test may be reviewed at the testing materials area at the University without check out. In those instances, the tests must remain in the Department of Education Testing Area. Should your test not be available, you may substitute your test battery for another. It is highly recommended that you have a backup plan in the event that you cannot secure your testing battery of choice. High demand Test Batteries include: WJ-IV Tests of Achievement; WIAT and KTEA. It is highly recommended that you consider other batteries. Late work is not accepted due to inability of securing testing materials.

It is critical that the student understand the responsibility that comes with checking out each kit. Students will replace kits, at current expense, if they are lost, stolen, or damaged. Many students opt to borrow their district's testing materials. The use of a district's kits and materials is an agreement solely between the student and the district. Sul Ross State University assumes no responsibility in the agreement. There may be a minimal fee associated with the use the consumable items associated with administering and interpreting assessments. Fees will be discussed at the time of checkout. All materials must be returned to Sul Ross State University before any grade will be given to the student.

Grading rubrics

Rubrics are created for all assignments and can be found under the "My Grades" tab of the Blackboard Course. It is recommended that you review the rubrics before beginning any assignments to understand expectations.

Discussion Board Rubric (10 points)

- Student presented pertinent/meaningful ideas for discussion
- Student responded meaningfully to classmates; presented a different perspective or added to classmates original concept
- Student demonstrates understanding of material; material is re-stated in students own words rather than directly from text
- Student demonstrates past experience or projects future experience with material; student has identified ways material could improve or impact current or future work environment
- APA citation used

Notice of Proposal to Evaluate Rubric (25 points)

- Each area is addressed and checked (e.g. communication, health, motor)
- Formal adaptive behavior is checked
- Academic Assessment is checked
- All other areas will rely on parent and teacher information
- Signature is completed
- Date of completion is within state timeline requirements

Observation Rubric (22 points) Rubric serves as guideline

Environment

- Description of the environment (type of class; student to teacher ratio; disabilities present)

- Instructional methods (whole group; small group; learning center, one-on-one; hands on; independent seatwork, other)
- Instructional materials (worksheets; manipulatives; books; AT; Board; technology; other)
- Environmental arrangement of the class
- Adaptations
- Behavior management strategies
- Questioning and response strategies

Description of Student

- Academic skills
- Communication skills
- Response to task and directions
- Motor skills
- transition
- Interactions (with peers or adults)
- Attention level
- Response to difficult tasks
- Activity level

Video Submission and Uploaded reflection

- See rubric attached to assignment

Case Study Rubric (6-7 @ 35 points each)

- Student summarized and reason for referral given
- Identified disability concern and rationale (one of 13 disabilities)
- Cite Region 18 framework for criteria for eligibility
- Exclusionary factors to consider
- Cognitive battery will not be used for purposes of this class
- Identified formal achievement battery
Identify the ages that the test is normed for
Identify the year that the test is published
Identify the subtest numbers, names and description of subtest used in the battery
- Identified informal assessment
Identify name and description of any informal assessment
- Identified use of formal or informal adaptive battery
If formal measure is used state which one, ages of norming and year
- Additional information to consider for testing
- Additional considerations that may be missing in referral if applicable
- Consideration of age, ability and demographics in selection of testing material

Achievement Screening Report (1 @ 200 points)

- Shell will be used as a guide. An FIE checklist will be provided in blackboard.
- Report will be deducted 10% for writing errors (grammar, spelling, etc.)

Grading

Grading criteria are:

A	90.0 to 100%	932-838	C	70.0 to 79.9%	744-652
B	80.0 to 89.9%	831-745	D	60.0 to 69.9%	651-559

Course Schedule

		Due Dates
<p>WEEK ONE Introduction to the Behavioral, Social, and Clinical Assessment of Children</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 1 • Power Point Educational Diagnostician : Region 18 procedural safeguards & Guide to the ARD process • Video: Request for Testing • Timeline PDF • PWN <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write up Notice and Consent for Evaluation • Discussion Board: Introduce yourself • Quiz Chapter 1 • Review syllabus • Review documents under student assessment submission • Upload your contact information 	<p>Signed Notice due by 9/22/19 Due 9/2: DB: introduce yourself Chapter one Quiz</p>
<p>WEEK TWO Statistics and Psychometrics</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 2 • Bell Curve • T score percentile Standard Scores Conversion • There's an App for that • Scoring Terminology used in Assessment • Power Point Assessment and Descriptive Statistics <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz Chapter 2 • Obtain signature for Notice and Consent 	<p>Due 9/9 Chapter 2</p>
<p>WEEK THREE Conducting the Assessment</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 3 <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quiz Chapter 3 • Case Study Assessment Plan • Upload Notice and consent due 	<p>Due 9/16 CASE STUDY NOTICE OF CONSENT FOR TESTING Chapter 3 quiz</p>

<p>WEEK Four General Interviewing Techniques</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 5 • Appendix A. Questionnaires • Appendix B. Semi-structured Interviews • Video talking with parents about testing <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent Interview for Student Subject should take place • Case Study Assessment Plan • Calculate Age Activity 	<p>Due 9/23 Case Study Calculate Age Activity</p>
<p>WEEK Five Observational Methods</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 8 • Chapter 9 • Appendix C. Observation Forms • Appendix D. Self-Monitoring Forms • Appendix E. <i>DSM-5</i> Disorders That May Be Evident in Childhood and Early Adulthood • Supplemental Observation Form <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observation of Your Student should be Occurring • Case Study Assessment Plan 	<p>Due 9/30 Case Study</p>
<p>WEEK SIX Visual Motor Assessment Adaptive Behavior</p>	<p>Required Readings: Chapter 11& 12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assigned provided readings • Fine Motor Power point • Video Vineland Adaptive • ABAS3 video <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the Adaptive Behavior ABAS sample reports • Review any school records available for your final report • Quiz 11 &12 • Observation Due 	<p>Due 10/7 Quiz 11 & 12 Observation Due</p>
<p>WEEK SEVEN Adaptive Behavior Intellectual Disability</p>	<p>Required Readings: Chapter 18 ID legal framework definition</p> <p>Required Activities: Begin Rating student for ABAS SCORING Assignment Quiz: Chapter 18 Discussion Board ABAS Case study for ID</p>	<p>Due 10/14 DB: Case Study ID Quiz Ch. 18 ABAS scoring due</p>

<p>WEEK EIGHT SLD</p>	<p>Required Readings: Chapter 16 & 17 Resource: Appendix H. Specific Learning Disabilities</p> <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion board activity WJ and WIAT • Quiz 16 and 17 • TESTING should be starting 	<p>Due 10/21 Case Study Quiz 16/17; Discussion Board</p>
<p>WEEK NINE ASD IHPT</p>	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 22 • Appendix K. Instructional and Behavioral Support Strategies for Parents and Teachers <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study Assessment Plan • Test your student • Quiz Chapter 22 • Discussion Board: Addressing the AU Supplement 	<p>Due 10/28 Case Study Quiz Chapter 22 DB: Autism Supplement</p>
<p>WEEK TEN ADHD/OHI/Executive Processing</p>	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 15 • Appendix M. Executive Functions • Appendix F. Functional Behavioral Assessment • Appendix G. Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder • Resource checklist executive functioning <p>Required Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study Assessment Plan • Test your student • Quiz Chapter 15 	<p>Due 11/4 Case Study Quiz Chapter 15</p>
<p>WEEK ELEVEN Report Writing</p>	<p>Required Reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 25 <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement Testing Score video due with self analysis reflection • Quiz Chapter 25 • Score assessment 	<p>Due 11/11 Achievement Testing: Video and reflection Quiz 25</p>
<p>WEEK TWELVE Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students</p>	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 4 <p>Required Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Study Assessment Plan – Prior Written Notice Refusal 	<p>Due 11/18 Case Study - PWN activity Chapter Four Quiz</p>

ADD CHILDFIND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Writing • Quiz Chapter 4 	
WEEK THIRTEEN TBI identification and assessment	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter 24 Chapter 23 <p>Required Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report Writing • Quiz 24 and 25 • Schedule time with University Lab to review writing if necessary 	Due 11/25 Ch. 23/24 quiz
WEEK FOURTEEN	HOLIDAY BREAK	
WEEK FIFTEEN Sensory Impairments and testing	<p>Required Readings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapters 20 & 21 <p>Required Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion Board • Continue with report writing 	Due !2/3 Discussion Board VI/HH
WEEK SIXTEEN	<p>Required Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement Report Due • Final 	Report Due 12/6 Final TBD