

**SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**STUDENT/CLINICAL TEACHING COURSE SYLLABUS
*EDUC 4607***

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Requirements:

SRSU Student/Clinical Teaching Handbook
Blackboard access to EDUC 4607: Student Teaching

Course Description:

This course serves as a capstone experience for teacher candidates enrolled in the teacher education program. Students are required to work within their placement campuses and fulfill the responsibilities and obligations outlined in the student teaching handbook. Students are expected to serve in a teaching and leadership role in a public school classroom(s) under the supervision of an experienced cooperating teacher and university supervisor. Successful completion and evaluation of the student teaching experience do not ensure certification. Please see advisor for the complete list of requirements for certification.

Administrative Code Rule §228.30 Educator Preparation Curriculum:

- (a) The educator standards adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) shall be the curricular basis for all educator preparation and, for each certificate, address the relevant Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS).
- (b) The curriculum for each educator preparation program shall rely on scientifically-based research to ensure teacher effectiveness and align to the TEKS. The following subject matter shall be included in the curriculum for candidates seeking initial certification:
- (1) the specified requirements for reading instruction adopted by the SBEC for each certificate;
 - (2) the code of ethics and standard practices for Texas educators, pursuant to Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics);
 - (3) child development;
 - (4) motivation;
 - (5) learning theories;
 - (6) TEKS organization, structure, and skills;
 - (7) TEKS in the content areas;

- (8) state assessment of students;
- (9) curriculum development and lesson planning;
- (10) classroom assessment for instruction/diagnosing learning needs;
- (11) classroom management/developing a positive learning environment;
- (12) special populations;
- (13) parent conferences/communication skills;
- (14) instructional technology;
- (15) pedagogy/instructional strategies;
- (16) differentiated instruction; and
- (17) certification test preparation.

Approval for Student Teaching:

1. Must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program
2. Must have submitted an application to student teach by posted deadline.
3. Must have completed 90 semester hours or more toward degree.
4. Must have an overall grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Must demonstrate sound physical health, sound mental health, and acceptable moral character. (The Teacher Education Council may request a student to take a physical examination and/or psychological tests or inventories). Shall be of good moral character and emotionally suited for working with children.
6. State requirements include a criminal background inquiry before placement in public schools.
7. Must have completed 12 semester hours of professional education with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a C. Must be approved to student teach by the Director of Teacher Education.

Student Teaching Credits and Time Requirements:

Student/clinical teachers earn 6 SCH by satisfactorily completing 14-consecutive weeks of full-day assignments in one of the following courses: EDUC 4607

Course Requirements:

This course provides the student/clinical teacher with a comprehensive teaching and learning experience through the partnership with public schools in Texas. Students are responsible for the following course requirements:

- Complete and submit the application for student teaching by the required due date
- Complete the necessary paperwork and steps to clear criminal background check
- Have all early field experience observation hours and coursework completed prior to student teaching, with the exception of those hours allowed by the Director of Education.
- Complete and submit all required paperwork to the university supervisor related to placement, such as class schedule, cooperating teacher and administrator email addresses, etc.

- Attend all required days during the 14-week placement
- Document and make up any missed days during the 14-week placement
- Maintain and submit required documents to the university supervisor, such as journals, lesson plans, weekly contact, etc.

Additional Requirements for All Students Entering Education Block Courses:

In an effort to ensure proper preparation for the TExES PPR exam, students will be required to complete and pass a practice exam. The Certify Teacher practice exam will be administered to all students enrolled in the SRSU Teacher Education Program. Please see instructor for further information regarding the Certify Teacher Practice Exam-PPR. Students will not be allowed to student teach without successfully passing the TExES Content exam.

Attendance Policy:

Students are expected to attend all required days at the placement campus, following the district’s official calendar. If required, students are also responsible for attending any university scheduled events such as seminars and test prep sessions. Final grades will be affected if absences are not made up. In the event of emergency or illness, students must contact the school district immediately and email the university supervisor the same day the absence occurs.

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:

Student Learning Outcomes:

The graduating student will demonstrate that he/she will:

- Write a lesson plans that are developmentally appropriate for students
- Create a positive classroom environment
- Teach developmentally appropriate lessons

Tobacco Policy:

No smoking or tobacco allowed at any campus.

Electronic Equipment Policy:

Use of cell phones and/or pagers or any other electronic communication device is prohibited during time on campus. *Do not text or take phone calls in the classroom.* Check the district and campus policies on the use of cell phones on campus. **SEE ADDENDUM TO HANDBOOK**

FOR INFORMATION ON ACCEPTABLE USE OF ELECTRONICS DURING STUDENT TEACHING

Academic Integrity:

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. A scholar is expected to be punctual, prepared and focused. Meaningful and pertinent participation is required.

Examples of academic dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

- Turning in work as original that was used in whole for another course and/or professor;
- Turning in another's work as one's own;
- Copying from professional works as Internet sites without citation.

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

Distance Learning Policy:

- Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal access to the university's academic support services, library resources, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website. Students should submit online assignments through Blackboard or SRSU email, which require 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 Sul Ross 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.