

Syllabus | ED5333 Educational Research II

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Course Description

This course provides students the opportunity to apply the techniques of educational research that promote data-driven decision-making on their campuses by completing a statistically-sound, data-driven educational research project on an identified need of their school campus related to student achievement. Students who successfully complete this course will be prepared to submit their Performance Assessment for School Leaders (PASL) tasks for principal certification in Texas, as well as defend their Portfolio for program completion.

Performance Standards, Goals, and Learning Objectives

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

1. Students will interpret and evaluate research to become successful readers and consumers of research.
2. Students should be able to determine and operationally define the basic aspects of the research process including collecting data, analyzing data, reviewing literature, developing an action plan, writing an action research report and sharing and reflecting.
3. Students will write a data analysis report and problem statements based on campus data. At the end of this process, students will select one of the identified problems relating to instructional leadership to improve in their ensuing projects.
4. Students will demonstrate proficiency using APA format.
5. Students will complete a Research Action Plan.

ED 5333 will address the following Marketable Skills:

- Students will be able to manage and lead diverse groups of people.
- Students will be able to communicate professionally through diverse written and in-person formats, including e-mail, memos, facilitating meetings, etc. to an array of audiences, including internal and external stakeholders.
- Student will be able to gather information and analyze data to define campus needs, set goals, to solve a diverse set of problems.
- Students will be able to exercise administrative leadership to ensure resource management, policy implementation, and coordination of organizational operations in an ethical manner.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)(TEXES Standards & TEXES Domains/Competencies:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to demonstrate mastery of the following Standards and Domains.

TEXES Standards:

STANDARD 1 - Instructional Leadership. You are responsible for ensuring every student receives high-quality instruction.

Indicators -Data-driven instruction and interventions

1c. By monitoring multiple forms of student data to inform instructional and intervention decisions, you contribute to maximizing student achievement.

STANDARD 2 – Human Capital: You are responsible for ensuring there are high-quality teachers and staff in every classroom throughout the school.

2d. You conduct rigorous evaluations of all staff using multiple data sources.

STANDARD 3 – Executive Leadership: You are responsible for modeling a consistent focus and personal responsibility for improving student outcomes.

Indicators-Resiliency and change management

3a. You remain solution-oriented, treat challenges as opportunities, and support staff through changes.

STANDARD 5 - Strategic Operations: You outline and track clear goals, targets, and strategies aligned to a school vision that continuously improves teacher effectiveness and student outcomes.

Indicators-Strategic Planning

5a. You outline and track clear goals, targets, and strategies aligned to a school vision that improves teacher effectiveness and student outcomes.

TEXES Principal Competencies:

DOMAIN I-SCHOOL CULTURE (School and Community Leadership)

Competency 001-The beginning principal knows how to establish and implement a shared vision and culture of high expectations for all stakeholders (Students, staff, parents, and community).

B. Uses emerging issues, recent research, knowledge of systems (e.g, school improvement process, strategic planning, etc.), and various types of data (e.g., demographic, perceptive, student learning, and processes) to collaboratively develop a shared campus vision and a plan for implementing the vision

DOMAIN II-LEADING LEARNING (Instructional Leadership/Teaching and Learning)

Competency 003-The beginning principal knows how to collaboratively develop and implement high-quality instruction.

*A. Prioritizes instruction and student achievement by understanding, sharing, and promoting a clear definition of high-quality instruction based on best practices from recent research

*B. Facilitates the use of sound, research-based practice in the development, implementation, coordinating and evaluation of campus curricular, cocurricular, and extracurricular programs to fulfill academic, development, social, and cultural needs

DOMAIN III-HUMAN CAPITAL (Human Resource Management)

Competency 005-The beginning principal knows how to provide feedback, coaching, and professional development to staff through evaluation and supervision, knows how to reflect on his/her own practice, and strives to grow professionally.

*A. Communicates expectations to staff and uses multiple data points (e.g., regular observations, walk-throughs, teacher and student data, and other sources) to complete evidence-based evaluations of all staff

DOMAIN IV-EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP (Communication and Organizational Management)

Competency 008-The beginning principal knows how to focus on improving student outcomes through organizational collaboration, resiliency, and change management.

A. Demonstrates awareness of social and economic issues that exist within the school and community that affect campus operations and student learning

B. Gathers and organizes information from a variety of sources to facilitate creative thinking, critical thinking, and problem solving to guide effective campus decision making

***C. Frames, analyzes, and creatively resolves campus problems using effective problem-solving techniques to make timely, high-quality decisions**

D. Develops, implements, and evaluates systems and processes for organizational effectiveness to keep staff inspired and focused on the campus vision

***E. Uses effective planning, time management, and organization of work to support attainment of school district and campus goals.**

DOMAIN V-STRATEGIC OPERATIONS (Alignment and Resource Allocation)

Competency 009-The beginning principal knows how to collaboratively determine goals and implement strategies aligned with the school vision that support teacher effectiveness and positive student outcomes.

***A. Assesses the current needs of the campus, analyzing a wide set of evidence to determine campus objectives, and sets measurable school goals, targets, and strategies that from the school's strategic plans**

***B. Establishes structures that outline and track the progress using multiple data points and makes adjustments as needed to improve teacher effectiveness and student outcomes**

INTEGRATION (Constructed Response Only) (These are included because they are the topics for which there will be constructed response questions (essay questions) on the TExES 268 Exam.)

C. Supports staff to effectively using instructional data, including formative and summative assessment data, to inform effective instructional practices and interventions (Domain II)

Required Texts

- Love, N., Stiles, K.E., Mundry, S., DiRanna, K. (2018). The data coach's guide to improving learning for all students (2018); Corwin: Thousand Oaks, CA. ISBN 978-1-4129-5001-5
- American Psychological Association (2010). Publication manual of the American psychological association (6th ed.). Washington, DC.
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Learning Environment & Grading Policy

Successful completion of an online course requires dedication and constant effort. Do not fall behind in your work! Begin your assignments as soon as possible and get at least one module ahead. This will help you avoid the penalty for late work because there are always unforeseen events that arise. Submit professional quality work. Have someone proofread your submittals and always use the grammar and spell check functions on your computer before submission.

Grading Policy

Students must complete all Practicum required hours, meetings, and paperwork.

1. No late assignment will be accepted after its due date without prior instructor consent. After 11:59 pm on the date for any assignment due is considered late. If submission is not included by due date, the instructor will assign a grade of "0". Student must contact instructor to submit the late assignment. 10 points will be deducted from the grade for each day late.
2. All citations should be formatted using the American Psychological Association (APA) manual. Papers with APA citation errors will receive a reduction in points or no credit.
3. Extra credit points are not available.

4. **There are no I's (incompletes) for this class unless there are unusual circumstances. No incompletes will be given without the approval of the field supervisor and program coordinator.**
5. There are no optional assignments in this course. All assignments must be completed in order to pass this class. Even if an assignment is so late that it will receive a "0", the student must turn in the assignment to pass the course (regardless of number of points accrued in the course.)
6. Students who fail to participate in Discussion Board or complete any assignment may not pass this course.

Grading Scale

100-90% equate to an A
89-80% equate to a B
79-70% equate to a C
69-60% equate to a D
59-50% or less receive an F

"Cs" are not accepted in this program. Students scoring below a "B" in this course will be required to repeat the course to remain in the Educational Leadership Program. Changing the rotation by repeating this course will likely delay completion of the program as the program is sequential and the rotation must be followed.

Format Requirements for Submission

All submittals must be professional papers. Do not submit your assignments in a "homework" or "school assignment" format. Each submittal should be written as if it were an actual professional paper ready for publication or for transmission to the addressed recipient using APA.

A title page is not necessary. Put a single-spaced heading in the top left corner of the first page only that provides: student name, date, assignment name and number. Also, put your name and the assignment number in the document's file name. (To do this, click on "Save as" and under "File name" put your name and assignment number. (Example: Lastname_Firstname_Assignment name_ED7100_Submission date). *****Please be advised that if you do not follow the correct naming protocol, your assignment will not be graded.**

Academic Integrity

Students in this class are expected to demonstrate scholarly behavior and academic honesty in the use of intellectual property. Students should submit work that is their own and avoid the temptation to engage in behaviors that violate academic integrity, such as turning in work as original that was used in whole or part for another course and/or professor; turning in another person's work as one's own; copying from professional works or internet sites without citation; collaborating on a course assignment, examination, or quiz when collaboration is forbidden. Students should also avoid using open AI sources unless permission is expressly given for an assignment or course. Violations of academic integrity can result in failing assignments, failing a class, and/or more serious university consequences. These behaviors also erode the value of college degrees and higher education overall.

Student and Instructor Expectations for Online Course

This class is taught online. Students will need an active Sul Ross account to access the course website through Blackboard. This site will have announcements, calendar, and learning modules, among other things. Students must have a microphone and camera.

Student Expectations of Instructor:

- Instructor will provide weekly communication with the class through announcements (video and text), email notifications, virtual office hours, and weekly Zoom group chats.

- Instructor will provide weekly email responses within 24-hours of receipt during the hours of 9:00AM-4:00PM, Monday-Friday (CST).
- Instructor will provide grades to assignments and projects within two weeks of the submissions date.
- Instructor will provide feedback to journals and discussion boards as needed, on a weekly basis.
- Instructor will provide clear and concise instructions on how to complete the online requirements.
- Instructor will provide a range of opportunities to engage in the course content in a meaningful way.

Instructor Expectations of Students:

- Successful students will familiarize themselves with the course syllabus, policies, assessments, evaluation, grading criteria, and course design.
- Successful students will complete all coursework on assigned due date.
- Successful students will engage in the course, with their peers, and the instructor and with open communication and active participation.
- Students should be diligent to use both oral and written communication that respects peers and instructor.
- Students should respond to instructor communication requests regarding course progress and for general inquiries in a timely manner.
- Successful students will not plagiarize the work of other or use the work of their peers and claim it as their own.
- Successful students will pre-plan for testing situations and ensure they are able to access the internet to complete the exam during its assigned date and time.
- Students will be proactive and resourceful to problem solve in case of internet or technical issues.

SRSU Distance Education Statement

Students enrolled in distance education courses have access to the university's academic support services, such as library resources, online databases, and instructional technology support. For more information about accessing these resources, visit the SRSU website.

Students should correspond using Sul Ross email accounts and submit online assignments through Blackboard, which requires a secure login. 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. Directions for filing a student complaint are located in the student handbook.

Course Withdrawal

The Last day to drop a course with a 'W' is **Friday, September 29, 2023**. Drops must be processed and in the University Registrar's office by 4 p.m. A "W" on your transcript has no negative effect on your overall GPA. Please understand that dropping a course means you must re-register and pay tuition to take the course for credit. Additionally, dropping a course may affect your financial aid eligibility or probationary status.

Counseling

Sul Ross has partnered with TimelyCare where all SR students will have access to nine free counseling sessions. You can learn more about this 24/7/356 support by visiting [Timelycare/SRSU](https://timelycare.com/sulross). The SR Counseling and Accessibility Services office will continue to offer in-person counseling in Ferguson Hall room 112 (Alpine campus), and telehealth Zoom sessions for remote students and RGC students.

Library Resources

The Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library in Alpine offers FREE resources and services to the entire SRSU community. Access and borrow books, articles, and more by visiting the library's website, library.sulross.edu/. Off-campus access requires logging in with your LoboID and password. Librarians are a tremendous resource for your coursework and can be reached in person, by email (srsulibrary@sulross.edu), or by phone (432-837-8123).

No matter where you are based, public libraries and many academic and special libraries welcome the general public into

their spaces for study. SRSU TexShare Cardholders can access additional services and resources at various libraries across Texas. Learn more about the TexShare program by visiting library.sulross.edu/find-and-borrow/texshare/ or ask a librarian by emailing srsulibrary@sulross.edu.

New for Fall 2023: Mike Fernandez, SRSU Librarian, is based in Eagle Pass (Building D-129) to offer specialized library services to students, faculty, and staff. Utilize free services such as InterLibrary Loan (ILL) and ScanIt to get materials delivered to you at home or via email.

Classroom Climate of Respect

Importantly, this class will foster free expression, critical investigation, and the open discussion of ideas. This means that all of us must help create and sustain an atmosphere of tolerance, civility, and respect for the viewpoints of others. Similarly, we must all learn how to probe, oppose and disagree without resorting to tactics of intimidation, harassment, or personal attack. No one is entitled to harass, belittle, or discriminate against another on the basis of race, religion, ethnicity, age, gender, national origin, or sexual preference. Still, we will not be silenced by the difficulty of fruitfully discussing politically sensitive issues.

Students With Special Needs

Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is SRSU policy to provide reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request each semester for each class. Alpine students seeking accessibility/accommodations services must contact Mary Schwartz Grisham, M.Ed., LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Coordinator at 432-837-8203 (please leave a message and we'll get back to you as soon as we can during working hours), or email mschwartz@sulross.edu

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Course Assignments

Module 0 Assignments	Due Date
Module 0 Assignment 1-Getting to know you (Quiz)	Monday 9/4
Module 1 Assignments	Due Date
Module 1 Assignment 1-Study using CertifyTeacher	Monday 9/11
Module 1 Assignment 2-Check your understanding	Monday 9/18
Module 1 Assignment 3-TEExES 268 multiple choice practice test	Monday 9/25
Module 1 Assignment 4-TEExES 268 constructed response (60-minute limit)	Monday 10/2
Module 1 Assignment 5-TEExES 268 Improving the constructed response	Monday 10/9
Module 2 Assignments	Due Date
Module 2 Assignment 1-Portfolio presentation	Monday 10/16
Module 3 Assignments	Due Date
Module 3 Assignment 1-Write about your action research (problem solving in the field)	Monday 10/23
Module 3 Assignment 2-Improve your submission (problem solving in the field)	Monday 10/30
Module 4 Assignments	Due Date
Module 4 Assignment 1-Write about your action research (Effective PD)	Monday 11/6
Module 4 Assignment 2-Improve your submission (Effective PD)	Monday 11/13
Portfolio Defense	Saturday 11/18 OR Sunday 11/19
Module 5 Assignments	Due Date
Module 5 Assignment 1-Write about your action research (Collaborative Culture)	Monday 11/27
Module 5 Assignment 2-Improve your submission (Collaborative Culture)	Monday 12/4

Edited: 08/23/2023 – Course instructors reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus and schedule and will provide timely notification if the need occurs.