


**EDUA 4314.001 – [Reading Skills for Content Subjects]
Spring 2025
Course Syllabus**

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Required Texts:	 <p>Zwiers, J. (2014). <i>Building academic language: Meeting common core standards across disciplines, grades 5-12</i>. John Wiley & Sons. ISBN: 978-1-118-74485</p>
Required State Curriculum Resources:	<p>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS): Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills Texas Education Agency</p> <p>English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS): ELPS.pdf (utexas.edu)</p> <p>Study Manual specific to your content area and grade levels: Prepare (nesinc.com)</p>
Required Software:	240 Tutoring. Please contact Alejandra Maldonado at Alejandra.Maldonado@sulross.edu
10 Hours Observation	More information will be provided.

Section I. Introduction

This course will focus on methods and materials for teaching skills needed for locating, interpreting, and organizing reading materials used in science, social studies, mathematics, and other content subjects. The core subject that the student will focus upon will align to the content area and/or grade levels sought for initial certification. A variety of instructional approaches will be integrated in the course that include writing, discussion, cooperative groups, media presentations, student presentations, lectures, and observations in K-12 classrooms through the **Educational Impact** platform.

Section II. Course Objectives

The student will be able to:

- Define the role of content literacy instruction/instructor.
- Explain the responsibilities of the content area teacher.
- Through observation, examine literacy skills that are used in core content area classrooms.
- Discern literacy practices, which students can transfer to each content area.
- Describe the role of motivation in promoting literate behaviors and success in content classrooms.

Section III. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course,

1. Students will demonstrate effective lesson planning.
2. Students will demonstrate written and oral proficiency through a variety of instructional strategies.
3. Students will demonstrate effective evaluative processes for assessing student learning.

Section IV. Marketable Skills

Marketable Skills SLOs:

1. Students have the ability to teach diverse learners in an inclusive learning environment.
2. Students have the ability to assess student learning.
3. Students have the ability to critically think and creatively adapt instructional strategies to an instructional setting.
4. Students have the ability to construct a classroom management plan.
5. Student have the ability to effectively use technology to communicate.

PPR Standards:

Domain I — Designing Instruction and Assessment to Promote Student Learning

1.001.B Recognizes the wide range of individual developmental differences that characterizes students in early childhood through grade 12 and the implications of this developmental variation for instructional planning.

1.001.C Analyzes ways in which developmental characteristics of students in early childhood through grade 12 impact learning and performance and applies knowledge of students' developmental characteristics and needs to plan effective learning experiences and assessments.

1.001.F Uses knowledge of cognitive changes in students in early childhood through adolescence (e.g., from an emphasis on concrete thinking to the emergence and refinement of abstract thinking and reasoning, increased ability to engage in reflective thinking, increased focus on the world beyond the school setting) to plan developmentally appropriate instruction and assessment that promote learning and development.

1.002.A Demonstrates knowledge of students with diverse personal and social characteristics (e.g., those related to ethnicity, gender, language background, exceptionality) and the significance of student diversity for teaching, learning and assessment.

1.002.D Knows strategies for enhancing one's own understanding of students' diverse backgrounds and needs. (Differentiated Instruction; ELPS Lesson Plan)

1.002.E Knows how to plan and adapt lessons to address students' varied backgrounds, skills, interests and learning needs, including the needs of English-language learners and students with disabilities. (Differentiated Instruction; ELPS Lesson Plan)

1.002.G Understands the instructional significance of varied student learning needs and preferences.

1.002.H Knows the ELPS in the domains of listening and speaking in accordance with the proficiency-level descriptors for the beginning, intermediate, advanced and advanced- high levels.

1.002.I Knows the ELPS in the domains of reading and writing in accordance with the proficiency-level descriptors for beginning, intermediate, advanced and advanced- high levels.

1.003.A Understands the significance of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and of prerequisite knowledge and skills in determining instructional goals and objectives. (Lesson Plan alignment practice)

1.003.B. Uses appropriate criteria to evaluate the appropriateness of learning goals and objectives (e.g., clarity; relevance; significance; age-appropriateness; ability to be assessed; responsiveness to students' current skills and knowledge, background, needs and interests; alignment with campus and district goals.

1.003.C. Uses assessment to analyze students' strengths and needs, evaluate teacher effectiveness and guide instructional planning for individuals and groups.

1.003.D. Understands the connection between various components of the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS and instruction and analyzes data from state and other assessments using common statistical measures to help identify students' strengths and needs. (Analyzes mock data to write lesson plan)

1.003.F. Plans lessons ~~and structures units~~ so that activities progress in a logical sequence and support stated instructional goals.

1.004.A. Understands the role of learning theory in the instructional process and uses instructional strategies and appropriate technologies to facilitate student learning (e.g., connecting new information and ideas to prior knowledge, making learning meaningful and relevant to students).

1.004.K. Understands the importance of self-directed learning and plans instruction and assessment that promote students' motivation and their sense of ownership of and responsibility for their own learning.

1.004.N. Provides instruction to ensure that students can apply various learning strategies (e.g., using prior knowledge, metacognition, graphic organizers) across content areas, in accordance with the ELPS.

1.004.O. Provides instruction in a manner that is linguistically accommodated (communicated, sequenced and scaffolded) to the student's level of English language proficiency to ensure that the student learns the knowledge and skills across content areas, in accordance with the ELPS.

Domain II — Creating a Positive, Productive Classroom Environment

2.006.I. Demonstrates awareness of appropriate behavior standards and expectations for students at various developmental levels.

Domain III — Implementing Effective, Responsive Instruction and Assessment

3.007.A. Demonstrates clear, accurate communication in the teaching and learning process and uses language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests and backgrounds.

3.008.C. Presents content to students in ways that are relevant and meaningful and that link with students' prior knowledge and experience.

3.008.D. Applies criteria for evaluating the appropriateness of instructional activities, materials, resources and technologies for students with varied characteristics and needs.

3.008.J. Develops the foundation of English language vocabulary, grammar, syntax and mechanics necessary to understand content-based instruction and accelerated learning of English in accordance with the ELPS.

3.009.F. Knows how to plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction that incorporates the effective use of current technology; knows how to use developmentally appropriate instructional practices, activities, and materials to integrate the Technology Applications TEKS into the curriculum.

3.009.G. Knows how to promote creative thinking and innovative process to construct knowledge, generate new ideas, and create products (e.g., design multimedia presentations, explore complex systems or issues, and develop steps for the creation of products).

3.10 B. Creates assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives and communicates assessment criteria and standards to students based on high expectations for learning.

Domain IV — Fulfilling Professional Roles and Responsibilities

4.012.I. Engages in reflection and self-assessment to identify strengths, challenges and potential problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve professional goals.

Section V. Course Requirements and Grading

Requirement	Points Possible	Due Date	Grading Scale
Weekly Modules & Activities (e.g. Pyramid assignments)	130	Ongoing each week	Entire Course A = 900-1000-Exceeds B = 800-899- Proficient C = 700-799- Acceptable D = 600-699- Emerging F = < 600- Unacceptable
Lesson Plan (Include ELPS)	150	Sunday/WK 12 Bb	
Internalization: Research & Analysis	200	Sunday/WK 13 Bb	
Internalization: LP Justification & Explanation	100	Friday/WK 15 Bb	
Field Experience Reports (5 @ 20 pts/ea.)	100	Review Calendar for due dates	
Field Experience Log	20	Sunday/ WK 13	
Content Study Notebook	100	Wednesday/WK 15/Bb	
240 Tutoring Study Plan Completed	100	Wednesday/WK 15 midnight	
240 Tutoring Practice Test #1/Final	100	Monday/WK 16 by 2:00 PM	
Possible Points	1000		

Section VI. Course Assignments

- **Attendance Policy:**

You are free to work at your convenience each week. However, you must meet the assignment deadlines. You are expected to login to the Bb site three times each week. The University policy for attendance in web-delivered courses states that non- participation (not logging in) for more than 3 weeks in a long session, or for 1 week during a summer session, or 3 days for a midwinter session, may result in the student being dropped from the course by the professor.

240 Tutoring Study Requirement

- To enhance your knowledge and preparation for the TExES Content Exam, you are required to engage with 240 Tutoring throughout the semester. This requirement is essential for your success in the TExES Content Exam and to ensure you are well-prepared for the content and ready to begin your internship in the next academic year. The goal is to ensure regular engagement with 240 Tutoring, tracking your progress leading up to the Mid-Term, and achieving official Test Approval on the Content TExES exam.

Access and Setup

- **Sign Up:** Register for 240 Tutoring using the unique link provided by Alejandra Maldonado. Be sure to use your Sul Ross email address when setting up your account. Sign up must be completed by Week 1.
- **Contact Information:** For access issues or questions, contact Alejandra Maldonado at alejandra.maldonado@sulross.edu.

Study Plan

1. Step One: Diagnostic Test (Orange Score Report)

- **Purpose:** This test provides a benchmark of your current knowledge.
- **Due:** Week 2.
- **Note:** The Diagnostic Test scores are not indicative of how well you will perform on the Practice Test or the actual TExES exam. They serve as a starting point for your preparation.

2. Step Two: Study Guide Progress Report (Purple) (Due Week 15)

- **Content:** Includes study guide modules with instructional materials (written and video), flashcards, and quizzes.
- **Requirement:** Complete the content modules to unlock the course-ending practice test.
- **Minimum Score:** Achieve a minimum of 85% in each competency to advance.

- **Focus:** Emphasis is placed on content knowledge rather than memorizing questions and answers.

3. **Step Three: Practice Test (Green Score Report) (Due Monday, Week 16)**

- **Requirement:** Complete the practice test after finishing the content modules.
- **Attempts:** You are allowed three attempts.
- **Score Requirement:** Achieve 90% or better in all domain areas for formal test approval.

Important Notes

- **No Shortcuts:** You must complete the first two steps thoroughly to succeed in the Practice Test.
- **Resetting the Plan:** If you do not achieve the required 90% or better, after 3 practice test attempts, contact Madison Owen to request a reset of your 240 Tutoring plan.
- **Monitoring:** Faculty and staff at Sul Ross State University will have access to monitor your progress throughout the semester.

Course Assignments Continued...

- **Participate in Bb class activities and upload your classwork to Blackboard each week.**
- **Use a student planner to organize responsibilities, manage time and meet course deadlines. Required.**
- Read, examine, reflect on, and evaluate a variety of resources.
- Demonstrate correct usage of English grammar, reading fluency, and written and oral language. Teachers must be able to communicate effectively in writing. Use this course to sharpen your writing skills.
- Demonstrate correct usage of American Psychological Association (APA) documentation. Get help from the Tutoring Lab.
- There are **no incompletes** given in this course. See *grading* section.
- Email is the best way to contact me. Please contact me for help with course content issues, as my goal is to help you have a successful learning experience.
- Download/Save/Print your Pearson content study guide the first week of class. You will be working with the study guide throughout the course.

Required Content Study Notebook: Due: WK 15

- **Content Study Notebook (100 pts)**
You will need to create a content TExES Study Notebook for this course. I will not micro-manage the organization of this notebook. However, it must represent 10 hours of study time for your content exam. These 10 hours are additional to the 240 Tutoring Study Plan. Log your start time on the top right of the first page (digital or composition notebook) each time you begin a study session. Log your end time on the top right of the last page each time you conclude a study session. Each hour is worth 10 points.

Field Experience Requirements 10 Hours of Observation/Via Educational Impact:

Educational Impact (5 Field Reports Due throughout term; view course calendar)

For this semester you will conduct the required 10 hours of field observation on the Educational Impact platform. You will complete the field observation hours by purchasing the Educational Impact platform. This platform will give you access to un-narrated classroom footage. Below is the payment URL for you to sign up for access to the Educational Impact video library. More about required videos to observe is coming.

1. [Educational Impact: Online Staff Development for Educators](#)
2. Enter your name and email -- click submit.
3. Complete payment through PayPal - \$60.
4. Receive an email from Educational Impact with your own personal ID and password

www.ei-onlinecourses.com

Once you have paid, the Educational Impact team will create the user ID and reach out with a Getting Started email. You do not have to pay twice if you are also enrolled in EDUA 3302. Pay once and use the same account to observe in both courses. At that point students will be set to begin observations.

You will still be required to fill in the Field Log for each observation hour you complete (10 hours). The instructor will initial the Field Log and the student will sign the log at the end of the term when all observation hours have been completed. This document is required prior to beginning student teaching in Block III.

Homework, participation, Coursework Share: (Ongoing each week in Bb).

- Students are expected to participate each week in Blackboard. Modules will be assigned weekly, and assignments include answering guided questions, designing instruction, developing graphic representations of text and vocabulary written reflections, reading response activities, and other appropriate assignments. Students will lead and/or participate in weekly assignments graded with assignment rubrics.

Pyramid of a Professional: Due Sunday, WK 5

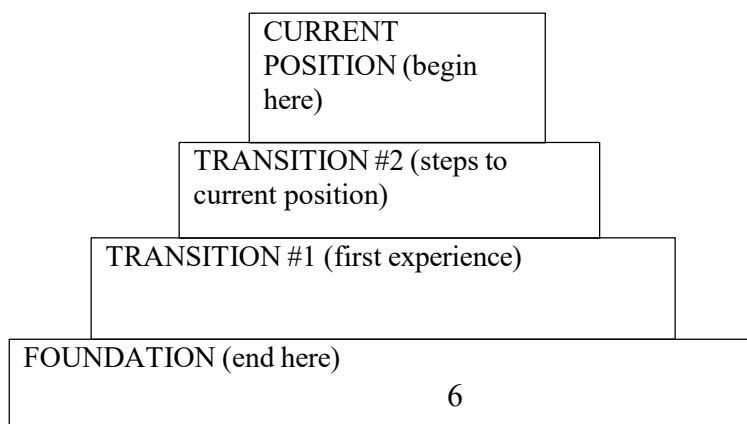
The objective of this assignment is to help you gain some insight from a professional presently involved in teaching. You will interview a teacher and write a report based on what you learn from him or her. Your report will be submitted through Blackboard/ WK 5. Instructions below:

1. In the Letter of Introduction, requested permission to interview the teacher.

If permission is granted, schedule a time for the interview, and interview him/her. Conduct your interview, however is most convenient for the teacher: phone, email, face-to-face, etc.

2. Although you will write this report in paragraph form, conceptualize a step pyramid as a way of building a career. Visualize a step pyramid as you write the four paragraphs for your report. The apex of the step pyramid is the individual's current position; the base of the step pyramid is the foundation upon which the individual built his/her career; the transitions are the steps leading from the foundation to the apex.

3. Begin at the apex and take the two steps down to the foundation.



- Current Position -- Describe the in-service teacher's current position, then complete this paragraph with his/her responses to questions concerning:
 - 1) the qualities he/she expects in an effective teacher,
 - 2) the components of teaching he/she finds most rewarding,
 - 3) the components of teaching he/she finds most challenging, and
 - 4) the advice he/she can give a pre-service teacher.
- Transition 2 – Complete this paragraph with the in-service teacher's responses to questions describing the situation that resulted in achieving his/her current position. In other words, what lead them to their current position?
- Transition 1 – Complete this paragraph with the in-service teacher's responses to questions concerning:
 - 1) his/her first teaching experience, and
 - 2) the advice he/she can give a first-year teacher.
- Foundation – Complete this paragraph with the in-service teacher's responses to questions concerning:
 - 1) the decision to pursue a career in teaching,
 - 2) the manner in which the in-service teacher prepared for his/her career, and
 - 3) the advice he/she can give for building the foundation for a successful career in education.

Use this course as an opportunity to fine-tune your writing skills.

Field Experience Reports (APA Format): 5 @ 20 points each= 100 points 5 Field Experience Reports = 10 hours of observation

- Download the document from Blackboard under the *Course Resources* link to help guide your observations. Write your report using Times New Roman; 12-point Font; Single Space.
- The objective of the field experience activity is to provide you with opportunities for observing and reflecting on authentic situations in academic settings. The course goals, objectives, content, and your specific areas of interest will guide the focus for the field observations. The goal of the experience is to provide you with the essentials for becoming a reflective practitioner.
- During the observations, you will use the observation guidelines to help you focus your observations.
- You will also document student reactions to instructional techniques, classroom management strategies, your personal thoughts, and other generalities about the learning environment you are observing.
- The focus of the field experience is about student engagement and classrooms being “learner centered.” Questions to think about as you observe include: What effects do different aspects such as activating prior knowledge or beginning class promptly – have on learners? What effects do things like having set procedures for entering the classroom, getting the teacher’s attention, sharpening pencils, collecting papers, and dismissing at the end of the period have on the learners? What effects do such things as connecting the lesson to the students’ interests and beginning the lesson by stating its purpose or objective have on the learners? What effects do things like seating arrangements, posted rules, classroom ambience, number of students in a group, and time of day have on the learners? How do students respond to various situations that occur during the observation? How would you

describe the learners? What surprised you? What inspired you? What was significant? What did you learn from the observation that you can take with you?

- Review the Observation Guidelines document prior to beginning the observations hours in the Educational Impact platform. Utilize what you are learning in EDUA 3302 and EDUA 4314 to engage actively in observations and field experience reports.
- Reflect on what you observed. Complete your Field Reports and submit them to Blackboard.
- Use Times New Roman/12 pt. font.; 1-1/2 pages single spaced.
- Recommended: Organize your reports by Educational Impact Video Segments. Video segment 1 & 2 = Report 1 and so on...

Due Dates: (All Field Reports Essays are due on Sunday by midnight). Use the report headers to complete your Reports/Essays in APA Format. More information will be provided.

- Field Report #1: WK 3 by Sunday
- Field Report #2: WK 4 by Sunday
- Field Report #3: WK 8 by Sunday
- Field Report #4: WK 9 by Sunday
- Field Report #5: WK 12 by Sunday Schedule accordingly and plan wisely.

Field Experience Log: Due: WK 13/Sunday

- **FYI:** Scan your Field Log and save it as a PDF. Then submit a copy in Blackboard. No images/JPEGS will be credited.
- The Field Experience Log is a **TEA requirement** that will be filed in your permanent SRSU folder as proof of your classroom observations. **To receive a grade for this course, the Field Observation Log must be completed and turned into Blackboard by WK 13. The log must include a description of observations and student signature.**

240 Tutoring: Ongoing...Plan Accordingly.

- **You will take the 240 Tutoring Practice Exam on Monday/WK 16 (subject to change if necessary)**
- The objective of 240 Tutoring is to help you prepare for the TExES Test in your content area. You will use this program in Block I and again in Block II if you do not pass the test at the end of Block I. During Block I, you are to work in 240 Tutoring. You must supplement it with the Pearson Study Manual (required) and passthetexas.com workbook (optional). FYI: You must complete the assigned study plan in 240 Tutoring before the system will let you take the Practice Test at the end of the term.
- Consider setting and following a regular weekly practice schedule. Such a routine will build your content knowledge as well as boost your confidence for the eventual exam.

Sul Ross Lesson Plan (integrate the ELPS): Due: Sunday/WK 12

- Let's give you some context about this assignment below. Read information below and get familiar with various resources you will need.
- You will need to read the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Template instructions. It is not discipline specific, but a template you will use within your area of certification.
- The Sul Ross Lesson Plan template is in Blackboard under Course Resources.
- Throughout this course, we will discuss the importance of knowing whom your students are to provide effective instruction for them.
- You will write a lesson plan that delineates how you would teach and support students' content learning in your

discipline.

- Use your content areas and language standards found in the TEKS. You may access the TEKS here [Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills | Texas Education Agency](#); select your subject according to the TEKS Chapter. Then select your grade level by subchapter. Then select a Knowledge and Skill Statement (K&S) represented by a number in parenthesis. The K&S represents what a student must “know”.
- Under the K&S you will locate the Student Expectations (SEs). The SEs are represented by a Capital Letter in parenthesis. The SE represents what students must be able to do. The SE identifies the VERB(S), Content, and Context. You will learn more about this in the TEKS Breakdown module in Bb.
- Another good resource to locate important “vocabulary” for your selected TEKS is Lead4ward.com. Go to the “Resources” tab, locate your grade, locate your subject under the “Academic Vocab” tab. Click on your subject to access the “Academic Vocabulary” provided by Lead4ward. Here is the link: [lead4ward – lead learning | change the world](#).
- Your lesson plan must take into account the students’ needs and accommodations. Consider the variety of learners in public education who may require different supports and strategies including English Language Learners (ELLs), students with IEP or 504 plans, struggling readers, underperforming students, students with gaps in academic knowledge and gifted students.
- Again, this course is meant to help you learn how to integrate literacy (reading, writing, listening, speaking, researching) in your discipline. Therefore, your Lesson Plan must also include an English Language Proficiency Standard (ELPS) along with the selected TEKS for the unit. You may access a PDF version of the ELPS here [ELPS.pdf \(utexas.edu\)](#).
- Your Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric.
- In addition, my evaluation of your lessons will look for:
 - Establishing and maintaining high expectations for learners.
 - Using instructional strategies to facilitate conceptual learning and literacy (internalization).
 - Providing content for learners.

Guidelines to Writing the Lesson Plan

In the following section, you will read about what you will do for each section of the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Template. Time management is critical to the successful completion of the student learning outcomes. Begin planning for your Sul Ross Lesson Plan as soon as possible. Work steadily and regularly. Saving time for revisions and edits will allow you to represent your best thinking in your lesson plan internalization assignments.

On the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Template: Please pay attention to due dates for each section of the Lesson Plan Template.
Lesson Plan: “Name, Grade/Subject, Date, TEKS, ELPS”

- Due Sunday/WK 3; Complete the WK 3 Module.
- Fill in your full name, grade and subject, and the date.
- Next, copy and paste into the appropriate space on the lesson plan template the TEKS and ELPS that you have chosen to teach.
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK 3.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan Activity: “Deconstructing/Unpacking the TEKS & Objective

- Due Sunday/WK 4
- **Deconstructing/Unpacking the TEKS:** Complete the WK4 module in Blackboard. Review the module titled: “Unpacking the TEKS”.
- Next, you will “*Deconstruct/Unpack the TEKS*” you have selected to target in the Lesson Plan. You are required to unpack the TEKS in this section before you continue with the lesson plan. The purpose for this is to stay in alignment with the selected TEKS for the Lesson Plan. Please follow the same steps as in the video.
- Identify and **bold** key terms within the standard.
- Submit the Deconstructing/Unpacking the TEKS activity under WK 4.
- Now you are ready to develop your Lesson Objectives. Use the four-part formula found below on pages 13-15 and in the WK 4 module. Include the WHO? WHAT? HOW? And HOW MUCH? In your objective.
- Lesson Plan Objective: Add the Lesson Plan Objective to your Lesson Plan.
- Submit under WK 4.

Lesson Plan: Essential Question

- Due Sunday/WK 5
- **Essential Question:** Complete the Week 5 Module
- In this section, please draft an "Essential Question". The Essential Question should encompass the important understandings and core concepts that you want students to develop after the lesson has been taught. The essential question should go beyond listing of skills and facts. *Clearly show alignment with TEKS and the subject-specific competencies.*
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK5.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Academic Language & Academic Supports for Students & Materials.

- Due Sunday/ WK 6
- **Academic Language:** Complete the WK6 module in Bb. Review “Academic Language”.
- **Academic Supports for Students:** Complete the WK6 module in Bb. Review "Academic Supports".
- **Materials:** Complete the WK 6 module in Bb. Review "Materials".
- Submit all three sections for WK 6 within the Lesson Plan Template.
- All three sections of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Differentiation

- Due Sunday/ WK 7
- **Differentiation:** Complete Module 7 in Bb. Review the concept of "Differentiation" as it relates to instruction.
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK 7.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Assessment/Evaluation (Summative & Formative)

- Due Sunday/WK8
- Assessment/Evaluation: Complete Module 8 in Bb. Review Summative and Formative assessment.
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK 8.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Introduction of Lesson/Activating Thinking

- Due Sunday/ WK 9
- **Introduction of Lesson/Activating Thinking:** Complete module 9 in Bb. Review “Introduction of Lesson.”
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan Unit under Coursework Share WK 9.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Body of Lesson

- Due Sunday/ WK 10
- **Body of Lesson:** Teaching Strategies and Learning Task(s): Complete Module 10 in Bb. Review the module for Body of Lessons/Teaching Strategies and Learning Task(s).
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK 10.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Lesson Plan: Closure

- Due Sunday/ WK 11
- **Closure:** Complete Module 11 in Bb. Review the “Closure”.
- Submit this section of the Lesson Plan under WK 11.
- This section of the Lesson Plan will be graded with the Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric using the appropriate section.

Final Lesson Plan

- Due Sunday/ WK 12

TIPS: What to AVOID in the Lesson Plan.

- Instruction or assessment that focuses primarily on memorization or rote application of facts, skills, or procedures.
- NO WORKSHEETS
- Vague or incomplete planning procedures.
- Lack of alignment between standards, objectives, learning tasks, and/or assessments and the central focus.

Internalization: Research and Analysis (Due Sunday/ WK 13):

Explore the concept of internalization in education by engaging with scholarly articles. The assignment aims to deepen your understanding of how internalization contributes to meaningful learning by moving beyond rote memorization to fostering a deep, personal grasp of new knowledge. Students critically analyze key theories and practical applications discussed in the readings, reflecting on how these ideas can be integrated into effective teaching practices. Through this exploration, you will develop a foundational comprehension of internalization, setting the stage for further application in instructional design and classroom strategies.

Internalization: Lesson Plan Justification & Explanation Due: Friday /WK 15

Regarding your complete lesson plan, you will write a 4-5 page justification for the strategies you have chosen. This justification should articulate how the selected activities and instructional approaches facilitate internalization. You are expected to draw on theoretical insights from the course readings and your observations of effective teaching practices. Provide concrete examples from these sources to support your rationale.

Topic 1: Learning Environment.

Topic 2 Engaging Students in Learning

Topic 3: Deepening Student Learning

Topic 4: Subject-Specific Pedagogy

Topic 5: Analyzing Teaching Effectiveness

- **Topic 1: Promoting a Positive Learning Environment:** Answer the following question. How do you demonstrate respect and provide opportunity for students with varied backgrounds and needs to engage in the lesson?
 - **Topic 2: Engaging Students Learning:**
 - Explain how your instruction has potential to engage students in developing related skills in your discipline.
 - Describe how your instruction connects students' prior academic knowledge with new knowledge.
 - **Topic 3: Deepening Student Learning during Instruction:** Answer the following questions.
 - Discuss how your chosen strategies align with the principles of internalization, such as fostering deep understanding, promoting meaningful engagement, and encouraging reflective thinking. This component of the assignment will demonstrate your ability to critically evaluate and apply educational theories to practical teaching scenarios.
 - **Topic 4: Analyze Teaching:** Answer the following questions. For the questions below consider the diversity of learners that you will one day teach.
 - Who will require different strategies/supports?
 - What changes would you make to your instruction for the whole class to better support students' conceptual learning.
 - What changes would you make to your instruction for students who are English Language Learners to better support students' learning?
 - What changes would you make to your instruction for students who are struggling with the content?
 - What changes would you make to your instruction for students who have learning gaps with academic knowledge to better support student learning?
 - What changes would you make to your instruction for students who are gifted students?

- **Topic 5: Analyze Teaching Part 2:** Answer the following question.
 - Why do you think these changes would improve student learning?
 - Support your explanation with principles from research and theory. You may reference articles and your textbook. Use APA format.

Final Exam: 240 Tutoring Practice Test #1; Monday/ WK 16/2 p.m.

Section VII. Policies

Attendance. Students are expected to attend all classes and be on time. Students must notify the instructor in advance if unable to attend a class or immediately after missing a class. Students are to make themselves aware of the SRSU policies on Absences and Class Attendance posted in the SRSU Student Handbook. Make-up work is at the discretion of the instructor as it relates to “explained and excused” absences. The Absences/Class Attendance policy includes all absences excused or unexcused. In this course you are expected to attend all classes (as scheduled on campus or electronically on Blackboard), to be punctual, and to complete all assignments on time.

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. Examples of academic dishonesty include but not limited to: Turning in work as original that was used in whole or part of another course and/or professor; turning in another person’s work as one’s own; copying from professional works or internet sites or generative A.I. without citation.

AI Integrity Policy. This policy outlines the acceptable use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools in this course. The goal is to ensure that students understand the ethical considerations, responsibilities, and academic integrity expectations related to AI usage.

Acceptable Use of AI Tools

1. Students may use AI tools to enhance their understanding of course material. This includes utilizing AI for study aids, language translation, and practice exercises, provided these tools are not used in ways that violate the integrity of assessments or assignments.
2. AI tools can be used for grammar checking, citation generation, and research organization. However, students must properly attribute all sources and avoid over-reliance on AI-generated content. Original thought and critical analysis should be the primary focus.
3. AI can facilitate collaborative learning and discussion, but students must disclose when AI tools are used in collaborative settings. The use of AI should not replace human interaction and critical thinking.

Prohibited Uses

1. Using AI tools to generate answers for quizzes, exams, or other assessments is strictly prohibited. This includes using AI to write essays, solve problems, or complete assignments without proper attribution.
2. Presenting AI-generated content as one's own work without proper attribution is considered plagiarism. Students must clearly distinguish between their own work and any AI-generated assistance.
3. AI tools should not be used to engage in unethical or inappropriate behavior, such as generating harmful, offensive, or misleading content.

Consequences of Violations

Violations of this policy will be treated as breaches of academic integrity and may result in disciplinary action, including but not limited to:

- A failing grade on the assignment
- A failing grade for the course
- Referral to the institution's academic integrity board

Best Practices for Using AI Tools

1. Always disclose the use of AI tools when submitting assignments or participating in discussions.
2. Evaluate AI-generated content critically and ensure that it aligns with course objectives and academic standards.
3. Use AI as a supplementary tool rather than a replacement for original analysis and creative thinking.

Seeking Guidance

If you are uncertain about the appropriate use of AI tools in a specific context, please consult with me before proceeding. As the instructor of this course, I am available to clarify the policy and provide guidance on acceptable practices.

Grading. Rubrics are provided for many of the assignments completed in this course. While these can help guide you toward successfully completing each assignment, *it is not enough* to read the rubrics and ignore the assignment descriptions. Reading **both** the criteria listed in the rubrics and the details provided in the assignment descriptions (and bringing questions to class *prior* to the due dates) will best prepare you for successful completion of this course. Use the rubrics for your benefit – become accustomed to using them and they will guide you toward completing assignments that are more effective. Get familiar with the course rubrics listed below:

- Sul Ross Lesson Plan Rubric
- Your assignment descriptions provide you with identifying which rubrics to use to complete assignments.

Written Assignments. (Please do not overlook the 2nd bullet).

- All written assignments are expected to exhibit professional quality. You should demonstrate mastery of organizing, structuring, and editing in your writing. Grammar, spelling, and vocabulary errors will result in a reduction of your score. Letters and materials written by you as a professional and sent to parents/administrators must be virtually perfect. Begin that practice now.
- ~~If you do not demonstrate/exhibit written professional quality with your assignments, then you will be put on a required growth plan to continue in this course.~~
- There will be no pre-grading of assignments, as this gives some students an unfair advantage. All assignments will be graded and returned at the same time.
 - All assignments are to be turned in on the due date. Since all assignments will require you to submit via Blackboard, you will have until midnight of the same day to submit. No assignments will be accepted after the due date.
 - Technology problems are NOT acceptable reasons for an assignment to be late! Prepare your assignments enough in advance to accommodate untimely problems with your computer, Internet provider, printer, Blackboard, etc.
 - No assignments or parts of assignments will be accepted via email. ALL assignments should be submitted through Blackboard.
 - Please make a copy of everything you turn in to me. In the highly unlikely event that an assignment is lost or misplaced, the burden of proof rests with you.
 - All assignments must be typed. No handwritten assignments will be accepted, unless noted (e.g., Content Study Notebook can be handwritten). **Times New Roman/ 12 pt. font/ 1-inch margins/ double spaced/APA format, unless otherwise noted. ALWAYS submit your assignments using the assignment guidelines.**

Late Work. It is anticipated that all of your work will be turned in on time; please review the syllabus for assignment due dates and scheduled time slots for quizzes, exams, and presentations. If an emergency arises, please contact me to make arrangements. Otherwise: * **Meet due dates for all assignments.** *Most* assignments are due on Blackboard by midnight.

Section VIII. Notes on University Programs and Services

Required by American with Disabilities Act SRSU Disability Services. SRSU Accessibility Services. Sul Ross State University (SRSU) is committed to equal access in compliance with the 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. Students seeking accessibility/accommodations services

must contact Mrs. Mary Schwartze Grisham, LPC, SRSU's Accessibility Services Director or Ronnie Harris, LPC, Counselor, at 432-837-8203 or email mschwartze@sulross.edu or ronnie.harris@sulross.edu. RGC students can also contact Alejandra Valdez, at 830-758-5006 or email alejandra.valdez@sulross.edu. Our office is located on the first floor of Ferguson Hall, room 112, and our mailing address is P.O. Box C122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine. Texas, 79832.

Required Student Responsibilities Statement

All full-time and part-time students are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the [Student Handbook](#) and the [Undergraduate & Graduate Catalog](#) and for abiding by the [University rules and regulations](#). Additionally, students are responsible for checking their Sul Ross email as an official form of communication from the university. Every student is expected to obey all federal, state and local laws and is expected to familiarize themselves with the requirements of such laws.

Distance Education Statement. Students enrolled in distance education courses have equal 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 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.

Technical Support. If you find yourself having technical difficulties, you can contact SRSU 24/7 Blackboard Technical Support at Toll Free: 888.837.6055.

Content Support. If you find yourself having content-difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact the instructor of the course at drodriguez5@sulross.edu.

Section IX. Texas Administrative Code

§228.57. 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 (EPP) shall rely on scientifically based research to ensure educator effectiveness and include opportunities for candidate practice in increasingly more authentic and developmentally rigorous ways, including analysis, representations, and enactments of instructional pedagogies and opportunities to receive feedback and adjust practice during coursework, training and field-based and clinical experiences.
- (c) The following subject matter shall be included in the curriculum for candidates seeking initial certification in any certification class:
 - (1) the code of ethics and standard practices for Texas educators, pursuant to Chapter 247 of this title (relating to Educators' Code of Ethics) as well as Chapter 249, Subchapter B, of this title (relating to Enforcement Actions and Guidelines), which include:
 - (A) professional ethical conduct, practices, and performance;
 - (B) ethical conduct toward professional colleagues; and
 - (C) ethical conduct toward students;
 - (2) instruction in detection and education of students with dyslexia by an approved provider as indicated in Texas Education Code (TEC), §21.044(b);
 - (3) instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide, as indicated in TEC,

§21.044(c-1). Instruction acquired from the list of recommended best practice-based programs or from an accredited institution of higher education or an alternative certification program as part of a degree plan shall be implemented as required by the provider of

the best practice-based program or research-based practice;

(4) the skills that educators are required to possess, the responsibilities that educators are required to accept, and the high expectations for all students in this state, including students with disabilities;

(5) the importance of building strong classroom management skills;

(6) the framework in this state for teacher and principal evaluation;

(7) appropriate relationships, boundaries, and communications between educators and students;

(8) instruction in digital learning, virtual instruction, and virtual learning, as defined in TEC, §21.001, including a digital literacy evaluation followed by a prescribed digital learning curriculum. The instruction required must:

(A) be aligned with the latest version of the International Society for Technology in Education's (ISTE) standards as appears on the ISTE website;

(B) provide effective, evidence-based strategies to determine a person's degree of digital literacy;

(C) cover best practices in:

(i) assessing students receiving virtual instruction, based on academic progress; and

(ii) developing a virtual learning curriculum; and

(D) include resources to address any deficiencies identified by the digital literacy evaluation;

(9) instruction regarding students with disabilities, the use of proactive instructional planning techniques, and evidence-based inclusive instructional practices, as required under TEC

§21.044(a-1)(1)-(3); and

(10) instruction in the open

education resources instructional materials included on the list of approved instructional materials maintained by the State Board for Education under TEC, §31.022, in each subject area and grade level covered by the candidate's certification category, as required under TEC, §21.044(a-1)(4). A preparation program may not include instruction on the use of instructional materials that incorporate the method of three-cueing, as defined by TEC,

§28.0062(a-1), into foundational skills reading instruction, as required under TEC, §21.044(h).

(d) The following subject matter shall be included in the curriculum for candidates seeking initial certification in the classroom teacher certification class:

(1) the relevant TEKS, including the English Language Proficiency Standards;

(2) reading instruction, including instruction that improves students' content-area literacy;

(3) for certificates that include early childhood and prekindergarten, the Prekindergarten Guidelines; and

(4) the skills and competencies as prescribed in Chapter 235 of this title (relating to Classroom Teacher Certification Standards) and captured in the Texas teacher standards in Chapter 149, Subchapter AA, of Part 2 of this title (relating to Teacher Standards).

(e) The following educator content standards from Chapter 235 of this title shall be included in the curriculum for candidates who hold a valid standard, provisional, or one-year classroom teacher certificate specified in

§230.31 of this title (relating to Types of Certificates) in a certificate category that allows the candidates who are seeking the Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 certificate to teach all subjects in Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 2, or Grade 3:

(1) child development provisions of the Early Childhood: Prekindergarten-Grade 3 Content Standards;

(2) Early Childhood-Grade 3 Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards; and

(3) Science of Teaching Reading Standards.

(f) For candidates seeking certification in the Principal certification class, the curriculum shall also include the skills and competencies

captured in the Texas administrator standards, as indicated in Chapter 149, Subchapter BB, of Part 2 of this title (relating to Administrator Standards).

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