WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY
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BASIC COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE TITLE: Strategies for Effective Teaching
COURSE NUMBER: MAS 7603
COURSE CREDIT: 3 Credit

MINIMUM TIME REQUIREMENTS (in clock hours):

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The College of Education conceptual framework includes an emphasis on adjusting and adapting teaching methodologies in a contextually appropriate and sensitive manner and subsequent reflection upon teaching and learning. All courses reflect the conceptual framework.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PROGRAM ATTRIBUTES

This course is critical to your training and preparation as a professional educator. To that end, Wilmington University staff will attend to the eight essential attributes as described in the College of Education Conceptual Framework. As a result, you, as candidates, are expected to:

1. Master knowledge-based course content.
2. View yourself as a teacher and learner, deconstructing inappropriate past experiences as learners in coursework and during field experiences, while developing appropriate knowledge of the content and discourse of this discipline;
3. Remain attentive to contextual and cultural sensitivity;
4. Embrace inquiry, analysis and reflection, including critical reflection and taking action on one’s daily work;
5. Engage in authentic participation, collegiality, and collaboration;
6. Participate in an ongoing, developmental sequence of learning activities that support continuous improvement, experimentation and professional growth;
7. Become involved in learning experiences that are standards driven, and;
8. Utilize technology effectively.

INTASC Standards

1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) s/he teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for students.

2. The teacher understands how children learn and develop, and can provide learning opportunities that support their intellectual, social, and personal development.

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3. The teacher understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners.

4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students’ development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

6. The teacher understands knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques that foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

7. The teacher plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, and curriculum goals.

8. The teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

9. The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of h/her choices and actions on others (students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community) and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents, and agencies in the larger community to support students’ learning and well-being.

I. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Students review research and strategies for maximizing learning time in the classroom. Effective teacher/student interaction, classroom management and lesson design and delivery are studied. Fundamentals of test theory and test design are included as well as an overview of the uses and interpretation of standardized tests. Requirements include field observation and a related project.

II. PROGRAM COMPETENCIES

As a candidate in this course, you will be expected to demonstrate mastery of the following program competencies: (Note: Program Competencies, Learning Outcomes, and Activities/Assignments included in this syllabus comprise the minimum to be covered in this course. However, additional Program Competencies, Learning Outcomes, and Activities/Assignments may be added at the discretion of the faculty member.)
Competency #3: Adapt instruction for diverse learners based upon and understanding of how students differ.

INTASC #3 - The teacher understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners.

Learning Outcomes: Candidates will:
3.1 Know, understand, and use knowledge of different learning styles.
3.2 Know, understand, and use knowledge of differentiated instruction.
3.3 Know and understand knowledge of various special education categories.
3.4 Know, understand, and use knowledge of how visual, auditory and tactile learners differ.

Activities/Assignments: Candidates will:
3.1 Complete and analyze questionnaires dealing with learning styles.
3.2 Develop a strategy for implementing differentiated instruction for one subject area.
3.3 Based upon field observations, list how boys and girls learn differently at various developmental stages.
3.4 Based upon field observations, create modifications and adaptations for observed learners with special needs.
3.5 Based upon field observations, discuss how you would focus lesson plans on the needs of students with varied learning styles.
3.6 Review the literature on adapting instruction for diverse learners and present information to colleagues.

Competency #4: Demonstrate proficiency in oral and written communication.

INTASC #6 - The teacher understands knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques that foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

Learning Outcomes: Candidates will:
4.1 Demonstrate proficiency in oral communication through classroom activities.
4.2 Demonstrate proficiency and clarity in written communication appropriate to the expectations of the teaching profession.

Activities/Assignments: Candidates will:
4.1 Participate in debates, oral presentations and role playing activities involving strategies for effective teaching and which model effective oral communication.
4.2 Complete written reflections of classroom activities, guest speakers, and videos.

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4.3 Display minimal grammatical errors on book reports, research papers, and the final examination.

**Competency #5:** Create a learning environment that fosters active engagement, self-motivation and social interaction by understanding individual and group behavior.

**INTASC #5** - The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

**Learning Outcomes:** Candidates will:

5.1 Know, understand, and use knowledge of classroom procedures, expectations and rules.
5.2 Know, understand, and use knowledge of classroom structure and consistency of schedule.
5.3 Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts of Cognitive Behavior Modification.
5.4 Create academic lesson plans that include social/behavioral goals.

**Activities/Assignments:** Candidates will:

5.1 List the differences of procedures, expectations, and rules.
5.2 Plan a schedule for a typical school day.
5.3 Visit a school and experience a ‘day in the life’ of a teacher.
5.4 Create interventions for students with behavioral concerns based on a CBM model.
5.5 Create academic lesson plans that include social/behavioral grades.

**Competency #6:** Design instruction based upon knowledge of the disciplines, students, the community and Common Core State Standards to demonstrate knowledge of instructional planning.

**INTASC #7** - The teacher plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, and curriculum goals.

**Learning Outcomes:** Candidates will:

6.1 Demonstrate knowledge of one performance indicator for one of the Common Core State Standards in reading/language arts, mathematics, science or social studies.
6.2 Include materials focused upon Delaware student demographics in projects presented.

**Activities/Assignments:** Candidates will:

6.1 Create lesson plans that align with Common Core State Standards.
6.2 Using a standard lesson plan, develop a lesson which teaches one of your procedures within a core subject area. Take into consideration the variable make-up of the class.

Competency #7: Apply a variety of instructional approaches that promote student thinking, understanding and application of knowledge.

INTASC #4 - The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students’ development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.

Learning Outcomes: Candidates will:
7.1 Know, understand, and use knowledge of the contextual nature of teaching and learning as it applies to thinking, understanding and application of knowledge.
7.1 Demonstrate an understanding of the use of language arts to promote social skills.
7.2 Demonstrate knowledge of the use of mathematics to facilitate problem solving.

Activities/Assignments: Candidates will:
7.1 Provide varied opportunities for the application of knowledge as dictated by student experience and knowledge as they complete Performance Skills 6.1 and 6.2.
7.2 List a variety of writing projects that would allow students to explore social skills.
7.3 Review materials that parallel math word problems and life related problem solving.

Competency #8: Use multiple assessment strategies for the continuous development of students.

INTASC #8 - The teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

Learning Outcomes: Candidates will:
8.1 Demonstrate knowledge of formative and summative written and oral assessments.
8.2 Demonstrate knowledge of various formal and informal assessment tools.
8.3 Know, understand, and use knowledge of alternative forms of student assessment.

Activities/Assignments: Candidates will:
8.1 Develop different assessment strategies which take into account a diverse student population.
8.2 Identify various assessment tools used with various levels of student populations.
8.3 Participate in a discussion concerning alternative student assessment.

**Competency #9:** Pursue opportunities to improve teaching and thereby enhance professional growth.

**INTASC #9** - The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of h/her choices and actions on others (students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community) and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

**Learning Outcomes:** Candidates will:

9.1 Know and understand knowledge of research-based staff development delivery systems.

9.2 Know and understand knowledge of available professional development opportunities.

9.3 Know and understand knowledge of research-based curricula with supportive data for use.

9.4 Know and understand knowledge of the Delaware Lesson Analysis form and process.

9.5 Know and understand knowledge of the Common Core State Standards and Delaware Teaching Standards.

**Activities/Assignments:** Candidates will:

9.1 List opportunities for staff development.

9.2 Compile a list of web sites which address curricular and methodological practices.

9.3 Participate in role playing activities involving lesson evaluation.

9.4 Review the Common Core State Standards and the Delaware Teaching Standards for Teachers in classroom discussion.

**Competency #13:** Exhibit enthusiasm, vigor, strength of inner self, humor, fairness, and concern for students.

**Learning Outcomes:** Candidates will:

13.1 Know, understand, and use knowledge of ways in which to interact in a positive, resourceful and productive manner with classmates, colleagues, and associates.

13.2 Display knowledge of the importance of generating enthusiasm, vigor, strength, fairness, concern for others, and a sense of humor in daily professional life and practice.

**Activities/Assignments:** Candidates will:

13.1 Interact in class with colleagues and display a positive, resourceful and productive demeanor.

13.2 Show enthusiasm toward education and those within the field.

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13.3 Incorporate various informal approaches in classroom management projects
13.4 Compile a list of activities that would effectively motivate elementary students

III. ATTENDANCE POLICY

**Wilmington University Policy:**
Regular and prompt class attendance is an essential part of the educational experience. Wilmington University expects students to exercise good judgment regarding attendance. Students accept full responsibility for ensuring that work does not suffer from absences. All students are expected to attend every scheduled meeting of each class on time. Exceptions may be made for Wilmington University-sponsored or work-related activities, illness, or valid emergencies.

**College of Education Policy:**
“*The educational process is a delicate one about which we know little, but it Surely thrives on participation, enthusiasm, and responsibility.*” Barker, R. (1964). *Big School, Small School.* (p. 202).

**College of Education Policy:**
In the College of Education, faculty *must* approve all requests for absences that are exceptions to the University policy. Vacations are not considered to be legitimate reasons for missing classes. Faculty must be contacted prior to class in all cases except valid emergencies. Failure to obtain approval for exceptions may result in lowering the final passing grade or assigning a FA (failure due to absence).

Students who have registered for a course and never attended the class at all will receive a grade of NA (never attended). Early departures and late arrivals will be cumulative toward class absences. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and complete assignments on the due dates. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and complete assignments on the due dates. Candidates who register and enter the course on the drop/add date have four days to complete the first week’s assignment.

IV. STRUCTURED EXTERNAL ASSIGNMENT

Teacher candidates will present, in writing, a description, analysis and reflection of the research-based evidence of understanding regarding principles of effective classroom management and factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups. A scoring rubric will be used to assess the candidate’s understanding of this competency based upon the specific knowledge components of PC #5.
**STRUCTURED EXTERNAL ASSIGNMENT**

**COURSE:** MAS/MEE 7603  
**TITLE:** Strategies for Effective Teaching

**PROGRAM COMPETENCY 5:** Create a learning environment that fosters active engagement, self-motivation, and positive social interaction by understanding individual and group behavior

**PROGRAM COMPETENCY 7:** Apply a variety of instructional approaches that promote student thinking, understanding, and application of knowledge

**CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK PROGRAM ATTRIBUTE 1:** Programs are knowledge-based; 6: Programs are on-going and developmentally based on best practice; 7: Programs are standards-driven

**DELAWARE TEACHER PERFORMANCE STANDARD 7:** The teacher understands a variety of instructional approaches and uses them to promote student thinking, understanding, and application of knowledge

**NCATE STANDARD 1:** Candidate knowledge, skills, and dispositions

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<td>5.1 Understanding of the principles of effective classroom management.</td>
<td>The candidate was able to clearly describe and give examples of fewer than three of the following six principles of classroom management: (1) establishing clear expectations for student behavior, (2) fostering active student engagement, (3) using time efficiently, (4) helping students to become motivated to</td>
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IDEA Objectives: E=2; I=4

become motivated to learn, (5) arranging physical space, (6) promoting positive relationships

learn, (5) arranging physical space, (6) promoting positive relationships

learn, (5) arranging physical space, (6) promoting positive relationships

learn, (5) arranging physical space, (6) promoting positive relationships

5.2 Understanding of the factors that influence motivation and engagement.

The candidate did not, or was not able to clearly describe and give examples of the following four factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom: (1) positive relationships, (2) cooperation, (3) respect for students’ thoughts and ideas, and (4) high, but reasonable expectations.

The candidate was able to clearly describe and give examples of one of the following four factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom: (1) positive relationships, (2) cooperation, (3) respect for students’ thoughts and ideas, and (4) high, but reasonable expectations.

The candidate was able to clearly describe and give examples of two of the following four factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom: (1) positive relationships, (2) cooperation, (3) respect for students’ thoughts and ideas, and (4) high, but reasonable expectations.

The candidate was able to clearly describe and give examples of three of the following four factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom: (1) positive relationships, (2) cooperation, (3) respect for students’ thoughts and ideas, and (4) high, but reasonable expectations.

The candidate was able to clearly describe and give examples of all four factors that influence motivation and engagement in the classroom: (1) positive relationships, (2) cooperation, (3) respect for students’ thoughts and ideas, and (4) high, but reasonable expectations.

5.3 Understanding of individual student behavior

The candidate did not demonstrate an understanding of the individual student behavior in the classroom.

The candidate’s description, analysis, and reflections demonstrated a limited understanding of the individual student behavior in the classroom.

The candidate’s description, analysis, and reflections demonstrated an appropriate understanding of the individual student behavior in the classroom.

The candidate’s description, analysis, and reflections demonstrated a strong understanding of the individual student behavior in the classroom.

The candidate’s description, analysis, and reflections demonstrated a superior understanding of the individual student behavior in the classroom.

5.4 Understanding of how to help students learn to participate effectively in groups and as a community of learners

The candidate did not demonstrate an understanding of how to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups.

The candidate did not demonstrated a marginal understanding of how to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups.

The candidate did not demonstrated an acceptable understanding of how to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups.

The candidate did not demonstrated a high quality understanding of how to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups.

The candidate did not demonstrated an excellent understanding of how to create a classroom learning community where students work well independently and in groups.

AVERAGE SCORE = WEIGHT FACTOR = TOTAL POINTS =
### Graduation Competencies

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<th>1.0 Students will be able to frame a research question.</th>
<th>Did not develop a research question. No identification of key concepts, synonyms, or related terms that describe the information needed.</th>
<th>Develops a vague research question or thesis statement. Identifies few key concepts, synonyms, or related terms that describe the information needed.</th>
<th>Develops a general research question or thesis statement. Identifies obvious key concepts, synonyms, or related terms that describe the information needed.</th>
<th>Develops a clear research question or thesis statement. Identifies key concepts, synonyms, or related terms that describe the information needed.</th>
<th>Develops a focused research question or thesis statement. Thoroughly identifies relevant key concepts, synonyms, or related terms that describe the information needed.</th>
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<td>2.0 Students will be able to access needed information effectively and efficiently.</td>
<td>Develops an ineffective research plan. Searches inappropriate sources. Search is incomplete and retrieves well below the minimal requirement for number and types of sources.</td>
<td>Develops a substantiated research plan using few key words, synonyms, subject headings, or discipline specific vocabulary. Searches some inappropriate sources. Completes a search but retrieves below the minimal requirement for number and types of sources.</td>
<td>Develops a research plan using basic key words, synonyms, subject headings, or discipline specific vocabulary. Searches inappropriate resources. Completes a search, meeting the requirement for number and types of sources.</td>
<td>Develops an effective research plan using key words, synonyms, subject headings, and discipline specific vocabulary. Searches a variety of appropriate resources. Completes an effective search the requirement for number and types of sources.</td>
<td>Develops a highly effective research plan using key words, synonyms, subject headings, and discipline specific vocabulary. Searches a wide variety of appropriate resources. Completes a thorough, far exceeding the requirement for number and types of sources.</td>
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<td>3.0 Students will be able to evaluate information sources and content</td>
<td>No attempt is made to evaluate information and its sources. Does not identify different viewpoints among sources. As required, does not differentiate between primary and secondary sources, using all secondary sources. Journals not used and/or none are peer reviewed.</td>
<td>Ineffective evaluation of information and its sources. Minimal and/or incorrect consideration for authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency, context, and coverage of information and its sources. Weakly identifies different viewpoints among sources. As required, differentiates incorrectly between primary and secondary sources, using all secondary sources. Few journals used are peer reviewed.</td>
<td>Basic evaluation of information and its sources. Some consideration for authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency, context, and coverage of information and its sources. Identifies different viewpoints among sources. As required, differentiates between primary and secondary sources, using primary and secondary sources equally. Some journals used are peer reviewed.</td>
<td>Effective evaluation of information and its sources. Considers the authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency, context, and coverage of information and its sources. Identifies different viewpoints and makes an attempt to analyze the differences. As required, differentiates between primary and secondary sources, using mostly primary sources. Few journals used are peer reviewed.</td>
<td>Highly effective evaluation of information and its sources. Fully considers the authority, accuracy, objectivity, currency, context, and coverage of information and its sources. Identifies and analyzes differences in viewpoints. As required, differentiates between primary and secondary sources, using almost all primary sources. Journals used are peer reviewed.</td>
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<td>4.0 Students will be able to use information for a specific purpose</td>
<td>Lacks organization of information. No synthesis of ideas or use</td>
<td>Ineffective organization of information. Minimal synthesis of ideas with</td>
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<th>5.0 Students will be able to use technology to communicate information</th>
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<td>Paper formatting indicates little skill in word processing applications. Many errors in formatting title page, headers, pagination, margins, headings, and/or spacing. No use of spell or grammar check, excessive errors found.</td>
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<th>6.0 The teacher candidate demonstrates knowledge of written communication using appropriate writing mechanics</th>
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<td>The candidate demonstrated an unsatisfactory level of knowledge of written communication by having at least four mechanical writing errors.</td>
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<th>7.0 Use of multiple research-based sources</th>
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<th>8.0 The candidate demonstrates knowledge of parenthetical citation by using</th>
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| the American Psychological Association (APA) format | knowledge for parenthetical citation by accurately using the American Psychological (APA) format that has more than three factual inaccuracies. | knowledge for parenthetical citation by accurately using the American Psychological (APA) format that has only three factual inaccuracies. | parenthetical citation by accurately using the American Psychological (APA) format that has only two factual inaccuracies. | knowledge for parenthetical citation by consistently and accurately using the American Psychological (APA) format. |

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# DELAWARE STANDARDS FOR TEACHERS

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<th>The teacher understands the central concepts and structures of the discipline and creates learning experiences that make the content meaningful to the students.</th>
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<td>#2 – Human Development and Learning</td>
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<td>#3 – Diverse Learners</td>
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<td>#4 – Communication</td>
<td>The teacher understands and uses effective verbal and non-verbal communication.</td>
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<td>#5 – Learning Environment</td>
<td>The teacher understands individual and group behavior and creates a learning environment that fosters active engagement, self-motivation, and positive social interaction.</td>
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<td>#6 – Planning for Instruction</td>
<td>The teacher understands instructional planning and designs instruction based upon knowledge of the disciplines, students, the community, and curriculum goals.</td>
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<td>#7 – Instructional Strategies</td>
<td>The teacher understands a variety of instructional approaches and uses them to promote student thinking, understanding and application of knowledge.</td>
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<td>#8 – Assessment</td>
<td>The teacher understands multiple assessment strategies and uses them to support the continuous development of the learner.</td>
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<td>#9 – Reflection and Professional Growth</td>
<td>The teacher understands the importance of reflection on practice and actively seeks opportunities to grow professionally.</td>
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<td>#10 – Professional Relationships</td>
<td>The teacher understands the role of the community in education and develops and maintains relationships with colleagues, parents/guardians, and the community to support student learning and well-being.</td>
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<td>#11 – Technology</td>
<td>The teacher understands the role of technology in education and uses technology as an instructional and administrative tool.</td>
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<td>#12 – Professional Conduct</td>
<td>The teacher understands and maintains standards of professional conduct guided by legal and ethical principles.</td>
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