COURSE NUMBER: MAS 8800
COURSE TITLE: Applied Assessment
COURSE CREDIT: 3 Credit

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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.

The INTEASC Standards

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Activities/Assignments may vary due to edition changes and/or faculty recommendation.
2. The teacher understands how children learn and develop, and can provide learning opportunities that support their intellectual, social, and personal development.

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 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

This course gives the candidate the necessary skills to understand assessment techniques and information, to effectively assess student learning, and to analyze assessment data to evaluate and reflect upon student learning and his/her teaching in the classroom. Candidates will learn approaches used to evaluate learning and will learn how to develop classroom assessments that align with instruction. Candidates will also learn how to use assessment data to make informed decisions about teaching and learning in the classroom. In addition, candidates will develop skills for conducting action research in school and classroom settings and will learn how to use such research for solving problems in those settings.

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.)

**Numbers 1-12 are based on the Delaware Professional Teaching Standards (1998). Numbers 13-14 were developed by the College of Education faculty. All relate to the College of Education Conceptual Framework**

**Competency 1:**
Create learning experiences that make content meaningful to students and reflect an understanding of the core concepts and structure of education.

INTASC #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.

**Goal 1:** Master the core concepts of assessment and measurement theory for the purpose of choosing, developing, administering, scoring, and interpreting the results of both standardized and teacher-designed assessment procedures and methods.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:**

1.2 Create learning experiences that demonstrate the alignment between standards-based curriculum, instruction and assessment.

1.3 Create learning experiences that make connections to other content areas and to life experiences.

**Competency 2:**
Provide learning opportunities that support the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of students based on an understanding of childhood development and learning.

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

**Goal 2:** Draw upon well-established human development/learning theories and practices that provide information about various evaluation methods.
Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:

2.1 Create developmentally appropriate assessments that are fair and bias-free (i.e., validity and reliability).
2.2 Reflect on appropriately developed assessments administered.

Competency 3:
Adapt instruction for diverse learners based on an 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.

Goal 3: Identify cultural, linguistic, and developmental differences (social, emotional, or academic) of individuals to provide appropriate accommodations.

Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:

3.1 Review characteristics and accommodations for students with exceptional needs.
3.2 Identify and record appropriate adaptations for selected populations.
3.3 Record an adapted lesson for students who have unique learning styles.

Competency 4:
Demonstrate proficiency in oral and written communication

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

Goal 4: Use appropriate oral and written communication to document and report assessment results.

Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:

4.1 Use appropriate assessment terms to discuss assessment processes with peers (i.e., diagnostic, placement, formative, summative, criterion-referenced and norm-referenced).
4.2 Write a report for a class data set, describing individual/whole group student instructional needs, academic progress, or lack of academic progress, and learning outcomes.
4.3 Interpret an individualized standardized test results and prepare a report to communicate the results to a guardian.

4.4 Model accurate and grammatically correct language.

**Competency 5:**
Create a learning environment that fosters active engagement, self-motivation, and positive 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.

**Goal 5:** Create or identify teacher-designed assessments (formative and summative assessment strategies) for observing student’s developmental patterns (i.e., academic, social, emotional, physical, or language)

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:**

5.1 Review terms and assessment strategies.
5.2 Share and discuss in small groups different assessment strategies.
5.3 Identify the purpose and characteristics of six different types of assessment strategies (e.g., criterion referenced, norm referenced, structured item types, constructed item types , performance-based assessments, informal records, and observations.

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

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.

**Goal 6:** Use principles of cognitive learning theory, instructional design theory, and principles of assessment for designing valid and reliable assessment activities.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:**

6.1 Write specific learning outcomes/objectives based on Bloom’s taxonomy for a specific subject/topic (performance indicator and content standard).
6.2 Analyze assessment activities for content validity.
6.3 Analyze content standards for identifying prerequisite skills and knowledge and preparing instructional objectives

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

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

**Goal 7:** Use validity procedures to accurately assess the appropriate use and consequences of an assessment activity to make sound, fair, and unbiased decisions about instruction for promoting student growth towards achieving standards.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:**

7.1 Analyze assessment activities for complex thinking.
7.2 Create a rubric for a performance-task activity to measure complex thinking.

**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.

**Goal 8:** Use a systematic approach to designing instruction based on formative and summative assessments.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities:**

8.1 Understand how the core concepts of curriculum inform instructional and assessment procedures
8.2 Use assessment to diagnose student learning needs as a basis for designing instruction.
8.3 Design appropriate assessment items and scoring keys for measuring specific learning outcomes. These items include short answer, matching, completion, multiple-choice and interpretative items.
8.4 Create a rubric to measure a performance-based assessment activity.
8.5 Modify instruction based on assessment results.
8.7 Create an informal assessment for the purpose of recording and monitoring student progress.

**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.

**Goal 9:** Skillfully participate in evaluation of standard achievement

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities**

9.1 Group discussion about essential knowledge and skills students need to perform well on state mandated tests.
9.2 Analyze a specific standard for the following items: vocabulary, principles, ideas, content, and skills that students should know and be able to do.

**Competency 10:**
Collaborate with colleagues, parents/guardians, and other members of the community to support student learning and demonstrate knowledge of the school in the community.

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

**Goal 10:** Skillfully participate in discussions about a standards-based practice that promotes student success.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities**

10.1 Define a standard-based practice.
10.2 Collect evidences of a standards-based practice.
10.3 Collaborate with other professionals to solve problems and make decisions to promote student success.
10.4 Participate in role plays to simulate parent conferences on student grades

**Competency 11:**
Use educational technology as an instructional and management tool.

**Goal 11:** Use technology to create assessments and report student progress.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities**

1.1 Investigate technology-based reporting systems.
1.2 Use technology as an information-literacy tool.
1.3 Use technology to create teacher-designed assessment activities.
1.4 Use technology to create charts and tables to graphically represent student data.

**Competency 12:**
Understand and maintain standards of professional conduct guided by legal and ethical principles.

**Goal 12:** Draw upon sets of standards that guide professional and ethical behaviors.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities**

1.1 Collaborate with colleagues to rate student work based on sound educational practices.
1.2 Discuss the importance and timeliness of corrective and reinforcement feedback to students to foster motivation, and improve learning.

**Competency 13:**
Demonstrate dispositions expected of beginning teachers as specified in the Model Standards for Beginning Teachers developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) and in the Wilmington University College of Education Conceptual Framework.

**Goal 13:** Showing a disposition to acquire the knowledge and skills in the field of assessment to be an effective teacher.

**Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities**

1.1 Realize that assessment is complex and ever-evolving and shows enthusiasm for the subject matter.
1.2 Demonstrate a belief that all students can learn to high levels and works to meet the learning needs of a diverse population of students.
13.3 Value development of students’ critical thinking and problem solving skills and adapting of assessment to student responses, ideas, and needs while applying assessment strategies in the classroom.

13.4 Believe in the value of long and short term planning, in the importance of adjusting and/or revising plans to meet student needs, and in assessment planning as a collegial activity.

13.5 Value on-going and varied assessment as essential to the instructional process and is committed to using assessment to identify student strengths and promote student growth and to evaluate and improve his/her teaching.

13.6 Demonstrate the value of continuous learning and of using reflective practice and help from others to facilitate his/her professional growth.

13.7 Appreciate the importance of professional relationships with students, parents, colleagues and members of the community in promoting the learning and well-being of students.

13.8 Attend class promptly and regularly, and submit assignments on time.

13.9 Skillfully participate in group work.

13.10 Demonstrate a positive disposition toward learning and a caring attitude toward peers.

Competency 14:
Obtain and retain successful employment in the profession of education.

Goal 14: Acquire a professional demeanor.

Learning Outcomes/Learning Activities

14.1 Demonstrate knowledge and skills expected of an effective teacher

14.2 Communicate effectively with administrators about assessment techniques during an interview.

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).

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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

The teacher candidate will provide credible evidence for facilitating student learning. The teacher candidate will complete a report that demonstrates knowledge of how to accurately assess and analyze student learning, make appropriate adjustments to instruction, monitor student learning, and have a positive effect on student learning. The SEA is a project in which students are asked to select a unit; analyze a pre-test, develop and implement lessons to address deficiencies identified by the pre-test; analyze a post-test; and reflect on the process of using test data to inform instruction. Students are to use the Wilmington University Lesson Plan Format or the appropriate state/district approved lesson plan format.

Each student will write a report that discusses their pre-and post-tests, the analysis of the results, how and why instruction was modified after the pre-test and the implications for instruction and/or curriculum after the post-test. Students are expected to demonstrate understanding of the philosophical and educational assumptions that support the modifications in instruction.
PROGRAM COMPETENCY: Use multiple assessment strategies for the continuous development of students.

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL TEACHING STANDARD: The teacher understands multiple assessment strategies and uses them for the continuous development of students.

NCATE STANDARD: 1.g “Student Learning for Teacher Candidates.”

EVALUATED ASSIGNMENT: The teacher candidate will provide credible evidence for facilitating student learning. The teacher candidate will complete a report that demonstrates knowledge of how to accurately assess and analyze student learning, make appropriate adjustments to instruction, monitor student learning, and have a positive effect on student learning (NCATE Language). Along with the report, the credible evidence includes: (a) instructional artifacts, (b) assessment activities, (c) data reports/results, and (d) sample student work: to demonstrate the teacher candidate's knowledge and skill of each of the elements of this competency/standard.

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### 8.4 The candidate demonstrates knowledge of how to use the results of assessment to reflect on and modify teaching

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