



CISE 4377/4379: Differentiated Pedagogy Fall, 2017

CISE 4377/4379 is a required course for Secondary Education Minor and Secondary Certification
College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

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Class Format: The class format includes readings from the text and other print and digital sources, class discussions, small group activities, preparation of reading activities, analyzing the state standards, and teaching lessons.

Class day and time: Monday & Wednesday 7:30 am to end of Madisonville, Texas school hours

Class location: Madisonville High School and/or Junior High School

Course Description: In this course, teacher candidates focus on differentiation of curriculum and pedagogy, which address students' differences to promote academic rigor for all learners.

Textbook: Heacox, D. (2012). *Differentiating instruction in the regular classroom: how to reach and teach all learners*. Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing. (Required)

Course Objectives: The following objectives will be met during this course:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of instructional planning by providing differentiated instruction that engages students and promotes success.
2. Identify instructional strategies that align methods and techniques to diverse learners.
3. Develop technology-rich instruction, which provides for students' learning styles and needs.
4. Plan instruction that motivates students to meet learning goals.
5. Demonstrate a use and adaptation of technologies to promote student success.
6. Construct lessons that use differentiated instruction in a way that accommodates diversity among learners (i.e., cognitive abilities, learning styles, socioeconomic and family factors, readiness, learning pace, gender, cultural influences, and confidence).
7. Adhere to expectations for attendance, professional appearances, decorum, procedural, ethical, legal and statutory responsibilities including following policies and procedures at his/her specific school placement.

A matrix aligning course objectives, activities, assessments, and standards can be viewed on request.

IDEA Objectives: The instruction in this course will address the following major objectives (as assessed by the IDEA course evaluation system):

Essential: Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions).

Important: Developing specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course

Course/Instructor Requirements: *Community Engagement: In this course, you will not only learn knowledge and skills, but also actively use them to make a difference in our community to improve the quality of life. This experience, it is hoped, will help you see yourself as a positive force in this world and deepen your understanding of your role as a citizen.*

Tk20 Account statement: *Tk20 Account is required for this course.* Tk20 is an electronic toolkit used by candidates to provide evidence that they have mastered state and professional standards for the profession. Additional information regarding Tk20 is available at: <https://tk20.shsu.edu/>

Requirements:

1. Check Blackboard and your E-Mail account often.
2. Field Experience is designed to give you the opportunity to observe teachers and students in a public-school setting and to apply information learned in your education courses in a practical setting. There are specific assignments related to Field Experience. Successful completion of Field Experience and Field Experience assignments are required to receive credit for this course. You must complete these hours in a K-12 Title 1 public school as assigned.
3. Assignments are to be submitted on dates due at the beginning of class or as assigned. Electronically submitted assignments will be considered on time if submitted by the end of the day (11:59 pm) on the due date, unless otherwise noted (Note: All due dates/times are based on Central Standard Time). Late assignments will be addressed on an individual basis.
4. The opportunity to revise an assignment and resubmit for re-evaluation is left to the discretion of the instructor. Assignments that are hastily completed and of very poor quality will not be given this consideration.
5. Time requirement for this course is from 7:30 am to the end of Madisonville School Day on assigned course days. Enrollment in Methods (CISE 4364 & CISE 4379/4377), you agree to this time requirement. No considerations for other courses, employment, and additional commitments will be made.

6. Program Requirements must be met to receive your final grade for Methods courses (CISE 4364 & CISE 4379/4377). The program requirements include but are not limited to:

- ☐ Monthly Mentor Feedback forms
- ☐ Lesson Plans
- ☐ Field Experience Documentation
- ☐ Emerging Dispositions and Diversity Proficiencies (DDPs)

7. The (DDP) are administered and evaluated in prescribed courses to all educator preparation students in initial and advanced programs. Throughout your field experience, you will be required to reflect on these dispositions.

	DDP	CF	CAEP	NCATE
1.	Demonstrates an attitude of reflection and thoughtfulness about professional growth and instruction.	2	1 & 2	4a.3., 4c.1., & 4c.2.
2.	Demonstrates a commitment to using technology to create an authentic learning environment that promotes problem-solving and decision making for diverse learners.	2		4a.3.
3.	Practices ethical behavior and intellectual honesty.	3	1 & 2	4a.3.
4.	Demonstrates thoughtfulness in communication and an awareness and appreciation of varying voices.	3	1, 2, & 3	4a.2 & 4a.3.
5.	Demonstrates knowledge of second language acquisition and a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse learners.	3 & 5	1, 2, 3	4a.1., 4a.3., & 4d.1.
6.	Demonstrates ability to be understanding, respectful and inclusive of diverse populations.	3 & 5	1, 2, 3	4a.1., 4a.2 4a.3. 4d.1.
7.	Uses assessment as a tool to evaluate learning and improve instruction for all learners	4		4a.3.
8.	Demonstrates a commitment to literacy, inquiry, and reflection.	1 & 4	1 & 2	4a.3.
9.	Leads diverse learners to higher level thinking in cognitive, affective, and/or psychomotor domains.	5		4a.3.
10.	Demonstrates a commitment to adapting instruction or programs to meet the needs of diverse learners.	5	1, 2, & 3	4a.2., 4a.3., & 4d.1.

Course Evaluation

Assignment	Points
Professionalism and In-Class Participation	400
Menu Assignments (4 x 50)	200
Special Education Analysis	150
Differentiation Unit (Plan plus Menu)	200
DDPs	50
Total Points Possible	1000

Most assignments are due through submission in Blackboard per instructor directions. Some assignments will be delivered during class.

Grading Scale

A = 900-1000

B = 800-899

C = 700-799

699 and below must repeat Methods

Student Guidelines

University Policies

- SHSU Academic Policy Manual-Students
 - o [Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty #810213](#)
 - o [Disabled Student Policy #811006](#)
 - o [Student Absences on Religious Holy Days #861001](#)
 - o [Academic Grievance Procedures for Students](#) [#900823](#)
- SHSU Academic Policy Manual-Curriculum and Instruction
 - o [Use of Cell Phones in Academic Classrooms and Facilities](#) [#100728](#)
- Technology: As a courtesy to other participants and to your instructor, please refrain from text messaging, checking email, or answering your cell phone during class, which can be distracting, disrupting instruction, communication, and collaboration.
- Visitors in the Classroom- Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is required for class, seminars, and field experiences. The three hours of absence provided by university policy should be used carefully for illness and emergencies. It is important that candidates notify the professor and mentor(s) via email, text message, or phone call as soon as possible.

Attendance (absences, tardiness, early exits) will be documented each day. Each absence above one will negatively impact your grade in this course. Students should discuss each absence with the instructor. A letter will be sent to the Professional Concerns Committee should attendance become an issue.

Recurring instances of tardiness and early exits will be dealt with on an individual basis and may be grounds for contacting the Professional Concerns committee.

Course Expectations

Professionalism: The instructor reserves the right to refer any unprofessional behavior to the Professional Concerns Committee, which could impact my completion of the Educator Preparation Program. This includes excessive cellphone use during class.

Professional behavior indicators:

Communication

- Teacher candidate emails to professors, instructors, mentors, etc. should be written using professional greeting, language, and writing conventions.
- All conversations including those with your colleagues, your professors, your mentor(s), and the students at the school should be professional, respectful, and contain no information that is not fully true.
- Under no circumstances should you contact a student from your field experience even if you have parent permission. This includes any type of texting or on social media.

Colleagues

Your colleagues are your peers. Treat them as such. They deserve your support and attention in class, conversation, assignments, and field experience.

Attire

The way you present yourself as a teacher candidate is critical to your success as a future educator. You are a representative of Sam Houston State University as well as the entire teaching profession. It is expected you will dress professionally following the district's dress code.

Bibliography

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College of Education Information

Accreditation: The programs within the SHSU College of Education have the distinction of receiving accreditation and national recognition from multiple accrediting bodies. All educator certification programs, including teaching and professional certifications, have received ongoing accreditation from the Texas Education Agency ([TEA](#)). Additionally, the educator preparation program has been accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation ([CAEP](#)-formerly NCATE) since 1954. Many of the educator preparation concentration areas have also chosen to pursue national recognition from their respective Specialized Professional Associations ([SPA](#)), signifying the program is among the best in the nation. The programs within the Department of Counselor Education have also received accreditation from the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs ([CACREP](#)).

Course and Program Evaluation: Near the end of the semester, students are asked to take part in the University's adopted course evaluation system, IDEA. The assessments are completed online and instructions are emailed to each student. Students' assessments of courses are taken are systematically reviewed by the Dean, Associate Deans, Department Chairs, and individual faculty members. Only after the semester has completed are faculty members allowed to view aggregated results of non-personally-identifiable student responses.

The College of Education conducts ongoing research regarding the effectiveness of the programs. Students receive one survey in the final semester prior to graduation regarding the operations of the unit during their time here. A second survey occurs within one year following completion of a program, and is sent to students and their employers. This survey requests information related to students' quality of preparation while at SHSU. Students' responses to these surveys are critical to maintaining SHSU's programs' excellence.

Field Experience for Secondary Methods Block

This part of the syllabus is common to all of the courses in the Secondary Education Program. Therefore, each course incorporates the Field Experience points as part of your final grade (see specific course requirements). The successful completion of assignments and requirements described in this document are required for the completion of the Secondary Education Program.

- **What is Field Experience?** This course is a field-based course. This means you will spend at least 60 hours of time allotted for the Secondary Methods Block in a public secondary classroom. In working in these classrooms, you will be applying knowledge and skills learned in all Methods' courses including your previous Secondary Education courses. There are specific assignments related to Field Experience. Successful completion of Field Experience and Field Experience assignments is required to receive credit for this course.
- **How many hours of Field Experience will be obtained?** For this class, you can expect to log at least 60 hours in the field, at least 10 of which will be in classrooms with English Language Learners (ELL) and 10 will be in classrooms with Special Education students. In addition, you will need to attend a total of 10 hours of outside-of-the-classroom activities, 5 working directly with students and 5 in professional development activities.
- **What is the purpose of Field Experience?**
Field Experience is designed to give you the opportunity to work with students, apply learned knowledge and skills, and teach lessons in secondary public-school classrooms.
- **How do I get started in Field Experience?** The first day of field experience may include an orientation and tour of the assigned school, during which you will meet your mentor(s), administrators, counselors, and support staff. You are required to have your Level II Field Experience Badge issued by SHSU prominently displayed whenever you are on any Texas Public School campus. The district may have additional requirements.

- **What will I be required to do during Field Experience?** As a teacher candidate, you should be assist your mentor by tutoring students, working with small groups, participating in duty assignments, grading papers, organizing materials, preparing for upcoming lessons, and teaching lessons whenever possible. Actively engage. It is your responsibility to ask how you can be of assistance. You are required to teach a minimum of two lessons. Your mentor teacher will evaluate these lessons. The evaluation instrument for these lessons will be provided to you.