

SPED 6310: ASSESSMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN AND LOW INCIDENCE POPULATIONS FALL, 2017

SPED 6310 is a required course for the M.Ed. in Special Education, Educational Diagnostician Certification

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Class Format: Instructor teaches this through face-to-face demonstration, return demonstration, video modeling, lecture with PowerPoint, videos, case studies, handouts, and class discussions. Blackboard is used an ancillary resource for instruction.

Class day and time: Wednesdays, 5:30-8:20 p.m.

Class location: The Woodlands Center (TWC), Room 236

Course Description: This course provides instruction and practice in administration, scoring, interpretation, and reporting results of individual tests and assessments for young children, individuals with intellectual disabilities and persons with low-incidence disabilities. Informal techniques such as play-based assessment, portfolio assessment, and contextual assessment are presented. **Prerequisite:** SPED 5302/SPED 6322 and SPED 5305/SPED 6319.

Textbooks:

Required:

Flanagan, D. P., Ortiz, S. O., & Alfonso, V. C. (2013). Essentials of cross-battery assessment (3rd ed.). Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing. ISBN 13: 978-0-471-75771-9

Flanagan, D. P., & Ortiz, S. O. (2017). Cross battery assessment software system 2.0 (X-BASS) access card March 13, 2017 (1st ed.) Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing.

Recommended:

Mather, N. & Jaffe, L. E. (2011). Comprehensive evaluations: Case reports for psychologists, diagnosticians, and special educators. New York, NY: John Wiley & Sons. ISBN 978-0-470-61791-5

Flanagan, D.P. (2011). Essentials of specific learning disability identification. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley Publishing. ISBN: 978-0-470-20632-4.

Course Objectives: The following objectives will be met during this course: Graduate students will learn to administer and interpret formal and informal evaluation instruments,



Standards Matrix:

Objectives/Learning Outcomes Accurately administers standardized	Activities (* indicates field- based activity) *Administer	Performance Assessment Portfolio with	Standards: • State Standards • CEC Standards • Conceptual Framework # • ISTE Technology • Dispositions/ Diversity Proficiencies Competency 4
tests of cognitive & academic ability	standardized tests of cognitive and academic abilities	standardized tests and rubric	CF 1,4 ISTE 1 D/DP 4, 6, 9
Writes assessment reports and make instructional recommendations based on data	Write reports and recommendations based on assessment	Portfolio with assessment reports and rubric	Competency 3 CF 3,4 D/DP 5, 6, 9
Writes a comprehensive evaluation report using CHC theory	Write a comprehensive evaluation report using CHC interpretive framework	Portfolio with CHC report and rubric	Competency 3 CF 3,4 D/DP 5, 6, 9 ISTE 1
Demonstrates positive regard for culture, gender, personal beliefs of individual students	Case study	Final exam case study	Competency 2, 4 2.2s CF 5 D/DP 6, 7, 8 ISTE 1
Uses copyrighted material in an ethical manner	Test use	Test protocol evaluations	Competency 3, 4 2.7s CF 4 D/DP 7
Accesses information on the cognitive, communicative, physical, social, and emotional characteristics of individuals with disabilities	Case study	Rubric for evaluation of comparative report	Competency 3 5.1s CF 4, 5 D/DP 6, 7, 8
Gathers background information regarding the academic, medical, and family history of individuals with disabilities	Case study	Rubric for evaluation of comparative report	Competency 4 5.2sCF 4,5 D/DP 6. 7. 8
Applies and interprets derived	Case study	Rubric for	Competency 3

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scores based on research		evaluation of	6.10k
		comparative	CF 1,4 D/DP 4, 9
		report	
Uses and limitations of various	Contextual	Rubric for	Competency 2
assessment data and instruments	assessment, play-	evaluation of	6.7k, 6.8k; <i>CF 1,4</i>
	oriented	assessment	D/DP 6, 7, 8
	assessment		
Assesses motor skills	Bayley-III,	Rubric for	Competency 4
	contextual	evaluation of	6.13k ED3k8
	assessment	assessment	CF 4 D/DP 9
Collaborates in assessment and	Contextual	Rubric for	Competency 3, 4
evaluation	assessment	evaluation of	6.1s
- Cvaraution	assessineire	assessment	CF 3,4
		assessificite	D/DP 1, 5
Scores assessment and evaluation	Bayley-III, KABC-	Rubric for	Competency 4
instruments accurately	II, DAS-II, WJ-	evaluation of	6.3s
instruments accurately	III/IV COG,	assessment	ED3s3
	DAYC-2	assessificit	
	DATC-2		CF1, 4
	C C 1	D 1 . C	D/DP 4, 9
Creates and maintains assessment	Case Study	Rubric for	Competency 1
reports		evaluation of Case	6.4s
		Study	ED3S2
			CF 3,4
			D/DP 5, 9
			ISTE 1
Selects or modifies assessment to	Final Exam Case	Final exam	Competency 2, 4
ensure nonbiased results	Study and Report	evaluation with	6.5s
		rubric	ED3S4;
			ED3s5
			CF 4
			D/DP 6, 7, 8
Assesses and interprets	Interpretation and	Rubric to evaluate	Competency 4
formal/informal assessment;	Recommendations	recommendations	6.7s; 6.8s;
determine need for further	in brief reports	and interpretations	6.10s6.11s
assessment; prepare assessment	1	1	ED3s12; ED3s13
reports			CF 1,4
-T			D/DP 9
			ISTE 1
Evaluates students considering	Final Exam Case	Final exam	Competency 2, 4
characteristics and effects of culture	Study and Report	evaluation with	7.2k; 7.4k; 7.1s
and environment; effects of	oracy and report	rubric	ED2K3
diversity		TUDIIC	D/DP 6, 7, 8
GIVELSILY			CF 4,5
Considers factors related to	Final Exam Case	Final exam	
			Competency 2, 4
overrepresentation in evaluation and	Study and Report	evaluation with	7.3k
report writing		rubric	ED2K2
			CF 4,5
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Uses strategies that are responsive	Final Exam Case	Evaluation Report	Competency 2, 3



to diverse backgrounds for	Study and Report	and Case Study	7.5k; 7.2s
programming and placement	, ,	with rubric	CF 5
			D/DP 6, 7, 8
			ISTE 1

Web link for State Board for Educator Certification Standards:

http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/standtest/edstancertfieldlevl.asp

Web link for CEC Educational Diagnostics Division: http://www.cec.sped.org/ps/diagnostician.doc

NCATE Unit Standards http://www.ncate.org/documents/standards/NCATE%20Standards%202008.pdf

http://www.ncate.org/public/unitStandardsRubrics.asp?ch=4

Web link on Educator Preparation Services site for <u>Conceptual Framework</u>: http://www.shsu.edu/~edu_edprep/

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

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

Important:

- 1. Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
- 2. Gaining factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)

Course/Instructor Requirements: Graduate students will find test subjects, obtain permissions to test, audio and/or video record (as indicated by instructor) testing sessions. Parent permission forms must be signed and submitted with each protocol along with the Video CD or flash drive.



Course Outline

Assignments by Projects LATE ASSIGNMENTS: 10 POINTS OFF FOR EACH DAY LATE

ASSIGNMENT	DESCRIPTION	DUE	
CASE STUDY	There will be 4 assignments. Scores and background		
CHC/XBA	information will be provided. Each candidate will	Weeks 5, 6, and 7	
	use the XBA approach using the X-BASS to analyze		
	the academic and cognitive profile of the student.	Upload on	
40 points each	Candidates will then interpret results to determine if	Blackboard	
assignment	the student fits the characteristics of a student with a		
	Specific Learning Disability. You will then interpret		
Total points: 120	the results using CHC theory and make specific		
	academic recommendations based on your findings.		
	Scores from the following instruments may be		
	included in the Case Studies:		
	BAT III ACH/BAT III COG		
	• WJ IV OL		
	WJ IV ACH/WJ III ACH		
	• WJ IV COG/WJ III COG		
	KABC-II		
	• DAS II		
	• WISC V		
I D	• SB V	W 1 0	
LDENITIEICATION	Students will describe in detail the process used in	Week 8	
IDENTIFICATION PROCESS	their district to identify learning disabilities. This assignment will consist of a written explanation,	Upload as pdf on Blackboard	
ASSIGNMENT	sample paperwork, sample FIE report, and a list of	OII DIACKDOAIU	
100 points	sample paperwork, sample 1111 report, and a list of		
YOUNG CHILD			
CASE STUDY	the tests typically used to identify LD.	Week 15	
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Assignments by Protocols

Each protocol MUST be turned in with the following:

- Signed parent permission
- Compuscore (if appropriate)
- Video/Audio CD (or uploaded on Private YouTube)
- Summary Score Report (uploaded to Blackboard)
- 10 points per protocol. If grade is less than 8, MUST redo

Names of Tests

- Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, 5th Edition (WISC V) and WISC V Spanish
- Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability (WNV)
- Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children-II (KABC-II)
- Differential Abilities Scale-II (DAS II)
- Bayley-III
- Developmental Assessment of Young Children–Second Edition (DAYC-2)

Class Demonstrations

Battelle-II
Leiter International Performance Scale- Revised
Universal Nonverbal Intelligence Test
Wechsler Nonverbal

Class Schedule

		READINGS/VIDEOS/PPs			Deliverable	
		Salvia et al.	Other		(Assignment/Prot	Quiz/Ex
Date	Topic			Test Kits	ocols)	am
Week 1	Introduction	Flanagan et al.	Handout:			Flanagan
	to Cross-	Chapter 1	Cross-			et al.
Week of:	Battery	Overview	Battery			Chapter 1
08/21/17	Assessment		Assessment			Quiz
			Guiding			
			Principles			
			Article:			
			Kevin			
			McGrew			
Week 2	Cross-Battery	Flanagan et al.	Handout:			
	Assessment	Chapter 2	How to			
Week of:	Organizing	How to Organize a	Organize a			
08/28/17		Cross-Battery	Cross			
		Assessment	Battery			
			Assessment			
Week 3	Cross-Battery	Flanagan et al.	Explanation:			Flanagan
	Assessment	Chapter 3	LD			et al.
Week of:	Data	How to Interpret	Identificatio			Chapter 3
09/04/17	Interpretation	Test Data	n Project			Quiz
	X-BASS		Explanation:			
			X-BASS 2.0			

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	LD Identification		Handout: XBA for SLD			
			Handout: LD Broad and Narrow Abilities			
Week 4 Week of: 09/11/17	Cross-Battery Assessment SLD Identification X-BASS 2.0	Flanagan et al. Chapter 4 Cross-Battery Assessment for SLD Identification: The Dual Discrepancy/Consistency Pattern of Strengths and Weaknesses Essentials of KABC-II	Handout: KABC-II	Pick-up: KABC-II		
Week 5 Week of: 09/18/17	Cross-Battery Assessment CLD Students C-LIM	Flanagan et al. Chapter 5 Cross-Battery Assessment of Individuals from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds Chapter Rhodes et al.	Handout: C- LIM	In-class Presentat ion Vineland -3 ABAS-3	X-BASS 2.0 Assignment #1 Due by class time today	Flanagan et al. Chapter 5 Quiz
Week 6 Week of: 09/25/17 ONLINE CLASS	Cross-Battery Assessment Strengths and Weaknesses	Flanagan et al. Chapter 6 Strengths and Weaknesses of the Cross-Battery Assessment Approach			X-BASS 2.0 Assignment #2 Due on BB by 10/02/2017 KABC-II Protocol #1 due to Partner	
Week 7 Week of: 10/02/17	Cross-Battery Assessment Case Report	Flanagan et al. Chapter 7 Cross-Battery Assessment Case Report	Handout: Bayley III Young Child Case Study: Explanation	Pick up: Bayley III	X-BASS 2.0 Assignment #3 Due by class time today KABC-II Protocol #2 due to Partner	
Week 8 Week of: 10/09/17 ONLINE CLASS	Intellectual Disability Assessment	Essentials Brue & Wilmshurt	Handout: Intellectual Disability Assessment Handout: Transdiscipli nary Platy Based		LD Identification Process Assignment Due on BB by 10/08/2017	

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			Assessment		
Week 9 Week of:	Intellectual Disability Assessment	Essentials Brue & Wilmshurt	(TPBA) PP Handout: DAYC 2	Pick up: DAYC 2	KABC-II Protocols #1 and #2 due to Dr. Cole
10/16/17	Assessment		Handout: Intellectual Disability Assessment LD Identificatio n Process Assignment In-class Presentation s	Return: KABC-II	KABC-II Summary Report of Protocol #2 Due in BB by 10/22/2017 at 11:59pm KABC-II Self-Reflection Due in BB 10/22/01/2017 at 11:59pm
Week 10 Week of: 10/23/17	Intellectual Disability Assessment	Essentials Brue & Wilmshurt	Handout: WISC V And WISC	Pick up:iPads	
10/23/17			V Spanish Handout: DAS II	Pick up: DAS II	
			Handout: Intellectual Disability Assessment		
			Document: Parent Handbook		
			Document: Best Practices Booklet		
Week 11 Week of: 10/30/17	Nonverbal Assessment	Essentials McCallum et al.	Handout: Nonverbal Assessment		Protocol #1 due to Partner
ONLINE CLASS			Document: Parent Handbook		Bayley III Protocol #1 due to Dr. Cole
			Document: Best Practices Booklet		
Week 12 Week of: 11/06/17	Nonverbal Assessment	Essentials McCallum et al.	Handout: Nonverbal Assessment		Partner
ONLINE CLASS					DAYC 2 Self-Reflection Due in BB 11/12/01/2017 at

		STATE	UNIVER		11:59pm
Week 13	Evaluations	Rhodes et al.		Return	DAYC 2
WCCK 13	of CLD	Chapter 3		DAS II	Protocol #1
Week of:	Students	Legal and Ethical		D/13 11	Due to Dr. Cole
	Students				Due to Di. Cole
11/13/17		Requirements for			DACH
		the Assessment of			DAS II
		CLD Students			Protocol #1
		Di i i i			Due to Dr. Cole
		Rhodes et al.			DAGA
		Chapters 5-6			DAS II
		Pre-referral			Summary Report
		Considerations for			Due on BB by
		CLD, Use of			11/19/2017
		Interpreters			DACH
		D1 1 . 1			DAS II
		Rhodes et al.			Self-Reflection
		Chapter 9			Due on BB by
		Language			11/19/2017
		Proficiency			
Week 14		Assessment			
Week 14					
Week of:					
11/20/17					
11/20/17					
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ING					
HOLIDAY					
NO CLASS					
THIS WEEK					
Week 15	Presenting			Return:	Young Child Case
	the FIE at an			Bayley	Study
Week of:	ARD/IEP			III	Due on BB
11/27/17	Meeting				Includes summary
, ,				Return:	of:
	Interview			DAYC 2	Bayley III
	Tips				DAYC 2
	r ·				Informal
	Explaining				Observations
	recommendat				
	ions to				Bayley III
	classroom				Self-Reflection
	teachers				Due on BB by
					12/03/2017
	Ed. Diag. on-				
	the-job tips				DAYC 2
					Self-Reflection
	FIE				Due on BB by
	Examples				12/03/2017
Week 16	FINALS				Assessment
	WEEK			Return:	Portfolio Due
Week of:				iPads	today
12/04/17					

Grades
Grading Scale:
92%-100% A
85%-91% B



Below 85% No credit for course

Student Guidelines

University Policies

- SHSU Academic Policy Manual-Students
 - o Procedures in Cases of Academic Dishonesty #810213
 - Students with Disabilities #811006
 - o Student Absences on Religious Holy Days #861001
 - o Academic Grievance Procedures for Students #900823
- SHSU Academic Policy Manual-Curriculum and Instruction
 - o <u>Use of Telephones and Text Messagers in Academic Classrooms and Facilities</u> #100728
 - Technology during instruction: Laptop computers, iPads, cell phones will be used in class only for instruction purposes.
 - o Technology during exams: As appropriate and as indicated by instructor.
 - o Technology in emergencies: Cell phones will be permitted for personal use only in case of emergencies.
- Visitors in the Classroom- Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis by the professor. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is expected. SHSU policy is that no student will be penalized for three or fewer hours of absence. However, a student may be penalized for more than three hours of absences. My policy: Attendance (absences, tardiness, early exits) will be documented each class period. This information will be used to decide borderline grades and to write letters of recommendation. If you have to be absent, be sure you have arranged for a colleague to obtain handouts. The three hours of absence provided by university policy should be used carefully for illness and emergencies.

Course Expectations

Expectations:

- 1. Attend class and demonstrate test administration procedures in class
- 2. Students must be more than marginally competent in assessment procedures; therefore, any grade less that a 'B' will not be acceptable for course completion.

 Please Note: All testing and handling of test material clients, and information obtained from
 - Please Note: All testing and handling of test material, clients, and information obtained from the clients must be in accordance with the American Psychological Association's Ethical Principles for Psychologists. Any violation of the above will result in failure of the course and possible dismissal from the program.
- 3. Submit tests by deadline dates; late assignments will not receive full credit; if you should receive an incomplete in the class, your grade will be reduced by one letter grade.
- 4. Use people-first language in class and in reports
- 5. Administer tests accurately
- 6. All testing must be conducted during Fall 2016
- 7. Submit your Case Study report, portfolio score sheet, and Dispositions/Diversity Evaluation



to Tk20 in order to receive course credit.

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Recommended Readings (Journals)

Assessment for Effective Intervention

Behavioral Disorders

The DiaLog

Education and Training in Developmental Disabilities

Exceptional Children Focus on Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Teaching Exceptional Children Young Exceptional Children

Journal of Learning Disabilities Research and Practice in Severe Disabilities

Learning Disabilities Quarterly Journal of Special Education

Remedial and Special Education Education and Treatment of Children

Useful Web Resources

Dumont Willis Home Page: http://alpha.fdu.edu/psychology/



CHC Cross-Battery Online: http://facpub.stjohns.edu/~ortizs/cross-battery/ WWW School Psychology Homepage: http://facpub.stjohns.edu/~ortizs/ Institute for Applied Psychometrics: http://www.iapsych.com/hornmod.htm Council for Exceptional Children: http://www.cec.sped.org/index.html

Council for Educational Diagnostic Services: http://www.unr.edu/educ/ceds/

Texas State Board for Educator Certification: http://www.sbec.state.tx.us/SBECOnline/default.asp

Assessment of 2nd Language Acquisition: http://home.earthlink.net/~psychron/

The Brain Connection: http://www.brainconnection.com/

School Psychology Resources Online: http://www.schoolpsychology.net/

Margaret Kay: http://www.margaretkay.com/

National Association of School Psychologists: http://www.nasponline.org/index2.html

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 the excellence of SHSU's programs.