



DEPARTMENT OF ARTS AND EDUCATION

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2017

ED2530 (A2 & B2): Orientation to Teaching - 3 (3-0-6)

135 Hours for 15 Weeks

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

An introductory investigation of the school context from the vantage point of students, teachers and others involved education. The course includes 3 hours of on-campus work each week and 60 - 80 hours of field experience in both elementary and secondary classrooms over the term.

Note: Students are advised to free one full day or two half days a week in order to complete the field experience requirement. This course is restricted to Education students transferring to University of Alberta.

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE: None

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Police Information Check **AND** Child Intervention Record Check (prior to beginning your classroom observation);

Handouts and Website resources as assigned;

Access to the GPRC Moodle site and GPRC email; and

A Journal and/or an e-portfolio.

DELIVERY MODE(S): The course work includes lectures, class discussions, group work, in-class exercises, take-home exercises and individual and/or group student presentations, both written and oral.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

Classroom Discussions

The primary objective of the **Classroom Seminar** in the course ED2530 is to assist pre-service teachers with:

1. assessing their motivation for entering the teaching profession,
2. thinking about how students learn and what the teacher's role is in assisting with learning,
3. thinking about classrooms as places of learning, not places of teaching,
4. creating conditions whereby students are able to interpret instances of learning and teaching in ways that assist with the beginning phases of learning to teach,
5. developing a critical awareness of issues that pertain to teaching, including those of equity, cultural awareness and student ability, within the historical and sociological legacy of the province and country,
6. creating a beginning understanding of theory and research, philosophy, and pedagogy related to learning and teaching,
7. becoming initiated into the duties and responsibilities and work of teachers, and
8. creating a beginning understanding of the interdependency of schools and community, and the possibilities of equalizing opportunities through educational practices and reforms.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Explain the difference between classrooms as places for “teaching” versus places of “learning”
- Discuss multiple instructional strategies to support student intellectual, social, and personal development.
- Describe how to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self- motivation.
- Compare the roles of the Alberta Teachers’ Association and the Alberta Ministry of Education.
- Identify and describe how the historical and sociological legacy of education impacts current student learning.
- For a given instructional situation, give examples of formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the learner.

Field Experience

The Field Experience Observation opportunities consist of **TWO five-week rounds** of school visits, one in an elementary school setting and one in a secondary school setting. During **each round**:

- **ED2530 students** will spend a **minimum of 30 hours** at an assigned school;

Notes: Observation hours are based on Instructional Hours.

Mentor teachers **must be contacted** by the student in the first week of each practicum.

School observation hours must be successfully completed to pass the course.

TRANSFERABILITY: UA, UC, UL, AU, MU, KUC

Warning: Although we strive to make the transferability information in this document up-to-date and accurate, **the student has the final responsibility for ensuring the transferability of this course to Alberta Colleges and Universities.** Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check to ensure the transferability of this course at Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferralberta.ca> or, if you do not want to navigate through few links, at <http://alis.alberta.ca/ps/tsp/ta/tbi/onlineSearch.html?SearchMode=S&step=2>

Grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. **Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

Personal Philosophy (Paper)	10%
Professional Teacher (Paper)	10%
Round One Journal/Report	20%
In-Class Presentation and Lesson Plan	20%
Final Exam: Professional Portfolio including the Round Two Journal/Report	40%
Total	100%

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a Credit/No Credit course.

In order to receive Credit in ED2530:

1. Students must successfully complete both placements of the field experience, as evidenced by:
 - a. handing in a timesheet signed by each mentor teacher attesting to the successful completion of practicum hours,
 - b. achieving a grade of at least 75% (B) on the observation journals,
2. Attending a minimum of 22 of the 26 (A2) or 25 of the 29 (B2) class lectures. It is the student's responsibility to sign the attendance sheet at each lecture AND monitor their attendance (the attendance sheet will not be available after 8:40 each morning), and
3. Achieving an overall grade of at least 75% (B).

Important: ED2530 consists of three hours of in-class instructional seminar time each week and appropriate completion of field experience. Failure to complete both the classroom and field experience portions will result in no credit.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Please note that most universities will not accept your course for transfer credit **IF** your grade is **less than C-**.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	66-69
A	4.0	90-94		C	2.0	63-65
A-	3.7	85-89		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	80-84		D+	1.3	54-59
B	3.0	75-79		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-74		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE* TIMELINE**Please keep this course information sheet for future reference.**

	Topic	Additional Information
Week 1/2	Introduction to Course	
Week 3	What is a Teacher?	
Week 3/4	Professional Portfolio, Report Writing and Reflection	
Week 4	Sociological and Historical Importance of Schooling	
Week 4	The School Act	
Sept. 20 (A2) Sept. 21 (B2)		Personal Philosophy Due
Week 5	The Alberta Teachers' Association, Professionalism, TQS, and Code of Ethics	
Sept. 25		Round One Begins
Week 6	The Role of Alberta Education	
Oct. 4 (A2) Oct. 5 (B2)		What is a Professional Teacher? Paper Due
Week 7/8	Teacher Professional Growth Plans and Competency	
Oct. 9		Thanksgiving. No Classes.
Week 8/9	Planning (long range, unit, daily) and Management	
Oct. 27		Round One Ends
Week 10	Assessment of/for/as Learning	
Oct. 30		Round Two Begins
Nov. 6 (A2) Nov. 7 (B2)		Round One Journal, Mentor Teacher Review and Timesheet Due
Week 11 & 12	Inclusive Education, Diversity, CPS and NM	
Week 13 & 14	Student Presentations	Presentations
Dec. 1		Round Two Ends
Week 15	Maximizing Impact on Learning	
Week 15	Where do we go from here...	
Dec. 6 (A2) Dec. 7 (B2)		Last Class
TBA	Final Exam (Portfolio) Schedule TBA	Portfolio Due (Including Round Two Documents)

***Note: These discussion topics/dates may be modified and/or other topics may be added.**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES (on campus):

The assigned readings and exercises for each class should be completed before attending that class, except for the first class. As this course does not have a textbook and depends heavily on in-class discussion and activities, attendance at all sessions is required and is critical to the student's success in the course. A student who misses more than 15% of classes will not receive credit for the class. In case of illness or emergency, notify me as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend a particular class, it is your responsibility to find out what was missed. If you find yourself having difficulty in this course, please contact me immediately for assistance. If you simply want more discussion with me about any aspect of the course, please visit my office during office hours or at a more convenient pre-arranged time.

If a student foresees that he/she will be unable to complete an assignment for the scheduled time due to illness or emergency, he/she should notify me immediately, preferably one day in advance. A message may be left on my voice mail (780-539-2792) or e-mail (dnowicki@gprc.ab.ca) together with a phone number where the student may be reached to arrange for an alternative date to hand-in/present the assignment, if feasible. Failure to notify me will result in a grade of zero for the assignment that was missed, unless proof is presented that the student was physically or mentally unable to do so due to a sudden illness or emergency or to unavoidable circumstances beyond the student's control.

It is expected that all students will display a professional attitude and behaviour in the classroom. This includes reliability, respect for and cooperation with your fellow students and the instructor, attention to fellow student questions and instructor's response, determination to achieve first-class work while meeting deadlines, constructive response to criticism, and arriving on time.

All assignments (with the exception of the Final Portfolio) **must be submitted electronically (Moodle preferred)** following the APA format. A support document for APA is available in the Learning Resource Centre within the Library or on-line. It is particularly important to **save a copy** of any and **all work** submitted for credit or grading.

STATEMENT ON PLAGIARISM AND CHEATING:

Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated and there will be penalties. For a more precise definition of plagiarism and its consequences, refer to the Student Conduct section of the College Calendar at <http://www.gprc.ab.ca/programs/calendar/> or the College Policy on Student Misconduct: Plagiarism and Cheating at <https://www.gprc.ab.ca/about/administration/policies>

Instructors reserve the right to use electronic plagiarism detection services on written assignments. **Instructors also reserve the right to ban the use of any form of electronics (cell phones, Blackberries, iPods, tablets, scanning pens, electronic dictionaries, etc.) during class and during exams.**

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.