TLLSC 360: Developing Rigorous and Relevant Instruction and Assessment
Sequence 7: Putting it Together: Developing and Implementing Rigorous and Relevant Instruction and Assessment

Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities
School of Education, Loyola University Chicago
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On-line Course:
Dates: August 24, 2020 – November 9, 2020
Synchronous class meeting time: Monday 5:30pm-6:30pm via Zoom
*Asynchronous work, including weekly small group meetings, will take place outside of this 5:30-6:30pm block to account for the course contact hours indicated in LOCUS of 5:30pm-8:00pm.

Module Description
During this rigorous module, candidates continue to learn while also applying their accumulated knowledge and skills. The experiences in this sequence are designed to allow candidates to measure their growth in the areas of planning, instruction, and assessment while reflecting on what teacher candidates should know and be able to do prior to student teaching and prior to certification, including work with parents, families, and communities. Candidates will work with their mentor teacher while being supervised by a University Coach. Brief Monday night seminars will be held virtually and lead by Loyola faculty. This sequence will better prepare candidates for independent work by discussing components of the Teacher Performance Assessment (edTPA). Candidates will compose a practice edTPA project during this semester. Candidates will administer, analyze, and reflect upon an assessment. This sequence addresses TLLSC Enduring Understandings 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9.

Module Goals
Essential Questions:
● How does knowledge and understanding of my students impact my instructional planning, assessment choices, and delivery?
● How do educators draw on their understanding of education theories when making decisions concerning instructional planning, assessment, and delivery?
● How do educators collaborate with others to support student learning?
● How do educators balance relevance and rigor when choosing content and pedagogy?
● How should planning, assessment and instruction be modified for culturally and linguistically diverse students?

As a part of this module, candidates will understand that effective educators:
● Use research and evidence-based practices to design instruction that includes the alignment of goals, objectives, assessments and instructional strategies to meet the individual needs of students.
● Use data to drive instruction and assess teaching and learning effectiveness.
Apply deep understanding of both content and pedagogy to provide developmentally appropriate instruction to all students.

As a part of this module, candidates will:

- Incorporate research and evidence-based practices into the design of instruction (e.g. UbD, IB, SIOP and UDL). (5S; 9A) (IB)
- Design a standards-based instructional unit that uses backward design (e.g. UbD) to align objectives with assessments and instructional practices based on high expectations for each student's learning and behavior. (3H; 3I) (IB)
- Select relevant instructional content, materials, resources and strategies for differentiated and universally designed instruction. (3Q; 5O) (IB)
- Use assessment strategies and devices that are nondiscriminatory, and take into consideration the impact of disabilities, methods of communication, cultural background, and primary language on measuring knowledge and performance of students. (7R) (IB)
- Use data to differentiate assessments to meet the needs of diverse learners. (1H; 3J; 5P) (IB)
- Analyze and use student information to design instruction that meets the diverse needs of students and leads to ongoing growth and achievement (1H) (IB)
- Use data to plan for differentiated instruction to allow for variations in individual learning needs (3J) (IB)
- Use assessment data, student work samples, and observations from continuous monitoring of student progress to plan and evaluate effective content area reading, writing, and oral communication instruction (IB)
- Demonstrates understanding of the benefits of multilingualism and incorporates ELs’ cultural and linguistic assets into their practice in order to help ELs be socially and academically successful. (Part 27 Standard 5.C.i)
- Demonstrates understanding of how to work collaboratively with families of ELs and communities to improve the learning environment, provide support, and advocate for ELs and their families. (Part 27 Standard 5.C.ii)

**Conceptual Framework and Conceptual Framework Standards**

Each syllabus is required to have a statement explaining how the SOE's Conceptual Framework (CF)—Social Action through Education—is exemplified within the context of the particular course. As a part of this statement, faculty need to attend to how the course addresses diversity and the social justice mission of the School of Education.

If the course(s) you are teaching houses a Core Assessment for one or more of the CF standards for your program area, it is critical that you include the CF standard(s) and describe how it weaves through the course and is assessed. For your reference: our conceptual framework is described here - www.luc.edu/education/mission/

**SOE Conceptual Framework Standards (CFS)**

- CFS1: Candidates critically evaluate current bodies of knowledge in their field.
- CFS2: Candidates apply culturally responsive practices that engage diverse communities.
- CFS3: Candidates demonstrate knowledge of ethics and social justice.
- CFS4: Candidates engage with local and/or global communities in ethical and socially just practices.

**Dispositions**

All courses in the SOE assess student dispositions: **Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice**. Disposition data is reviewed by program faculty on a regular basis. This allows faculty to work
with students to develop throughout their program and address any issues as they arise. Dispositions assessed in this course are listed below and will be assessed using the rubric provided in LiveText.

**Dispositions Assessed in this course:**
- **D3** value diversity and advocate for all students, particularly those from populations that are historically disenfranchised, underserved and/or overrepresented (including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, language, SES, immigration status, exceptionality, ability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity). (a1A, i1F, i2J) (IB)
- **D6** collect and analyze community, school, family, and student data to guide educational decision making. (a2E) (IB)
- **D7** value the unique identities and backgrounds of all students, families and communities as essential assets in learning environments. (i2D, i2F) (IB)
- **D14** demonstrate high levels of personal engagement and investment in all students’ learning while remaining persistent in seeking strategies for reaching students who are not initially successful.

**Smart Evaluation**
Towards the end of the course, students will receive an email from the Office of Institutional Effectiveness as a reminder to provide feedback on the course. Students will receive consistent reminders throughout the period when the evaluation is open, and the reminders will stop once the evaluation is completed.

- The evaluation is completely anonymous. When the results are released, instructors and departments will not be able to tell which student provided the individual feedback.
- Because it is anonymous and the results are not released to faculty or departments until after grades have been submitted, the feedback will not impact a student’s grade.
- The feedback is important so that the instructor can gain insight into how to improve their teaching and the department can learn how best to shape the curriculum.

**Writing Intensive Designation**

TLSC 360 is designated “writing intensive” because the core assessments for this course are writing assignments that require candidates to produce multiple pieces of professional writing. These are the three tasks that comprise the “mock” edTPA: Task I Planning for Instruction & Assessment; Task II Instructing & Engaging Students in Learning; and Task III Assessing Student Learning. Each of these tasks require extended narrative writing responses that incorporate relevant research, theories, and data in alignment with the professional expectations for educators. As part of this course, candidates will draft and revise task responses with feedback from the instructor as well as their peers.

**Grading Policy & Scale:**
The final grade is based upon the completion of course requirements, as weighted above and following this scale:

- 93% - 100% A
- 90% - 92% A-
- 87% - 89% B+
- 83% - 86% B
- 80% - 82% B-
- 77% - 79% C+
- 73% - 76% C
- 70% - 72% C-
- 67% - 69% D+
Attendance:
- Arrive promptly and maintain excellent attendance records. (see Addendum 1) Candidates are expected to attend every module session for the scheduled duration as to maintain consistency for students and school professionals. Ask your professor and classroom teacher(s) how they wish to be contacted regarding any special circumstances. Make arrangements and notify everyone involved before a scheduled absence.

- Inform your professor and classroom teacher(s) ahead of time – by phone message (please use the cell phone number provided) or university email if you must be absent. If there is an emergency, contact your professor as soon as reasonably possible afterward. After missing a day of the module, it is necessary to contact your professor.

- Assignments are due on the dates listed in Sakai unless permission to hand them in late is given. Given the cumulative nature of this course, the maximum extension given for any assignment will be 48 hours. An assignment will be considered late if it is turned in after the established due date without express permission of the instructor. Late assignments will receive a maximum of 50% credit.

- In some circumstances, the instructor may offer a student the opportunity to revise an assignment. In such cases, revisions must be completed using the format specified by the instructor and must be resubmitted by the date established by the instructor.

Module Assignments
- **Attendance and Participation: 15% of final grade**
  - Candidates are expected to consistently and actively participate in all class activities and discussions that occur both synchronously and asynchronously. They must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class session. It is expected that students will come to class sessions and small group discussions and work sessions prepared, having completed any assigned readings or preparatory work necessary for the session to be productive. Candidates are expected to engage in timely, respectful dialogue with the instructor and their peers in an effort to foster a supportive, critical learning environment. Participation will comprise 15% of the final course grade and will be assessed weekly using the following criteria:

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Student engages in timely, respectful dialogue with the instructor.

Student engages in timely, respectful dialogue with peers in partnered, small group and large group settings.

**Content Specific, Standards-Aligned Practice edTPA Unit: 40% of final grade**

- Candidates, with the support of their cooperating teacher, will plan, instruct, assess and analyze a 3-5 day unit in the edTPA format. The edTPA handbooks and response templates will guide the design of this unit. The lesson plans must be submitted using the template provided by the instructor. Candidates must also provide evidence of the effective use of WIDA standards, suitable to instructional goals and to enhance teaching and learning. The completed assessment serves as the summative assessment for this sequence and should be submitted to LiveText and Sakai by the deadline established by the instructor.

- The edTPA unit will be submitted in three parts:
  - Planning Task #1: Draft due October 9, 2020 by 11:55pm in Sakai
  - Instruction Task #2: Draft due October 23, 2020 by 11:55pm in Sakai
  - Assessment Task #3: Draft due November 13, 2020 by 11:55pm in Sakai

Each of these parts should be submitted in Sakai by the due dates established above. **The FINAL VERSION of your practice edTPA is due Friday, December 4, 2020 by 11:55pm and should be submitted to both Sakai and LiveText.**

- The minimum passing score for edTPA is 39 out of 75 possible points. Candidates must receive a score of at least 41 points on the practice edTPA to receive a passing grade in this course. **Students may not begin their Sequence 8 coursework without a passing grade in this course.**

**Content Specific Assignments: 45% of final grade**

- These assignments are specific to elementary level educators and are designed to deepen students’ knowledge of elementary curricula, learning activities development, and pedagogy. These assignments should be submitted to Sakai.
  - Lessons in a series (15%) (Due 9/25/2020)
  - Theory/research to practice connections (10%) (Due 9/11/2020)
  - Draft of Context for Learning (5%) (Due 9/18/2020)
  - Drafts of Tasks 1-3 (5% per task) (See due dates above)

**Module Required Materials**

**LiveText**

All students, except those who are non-degree, must have access to LiveText to complete the benchmark assessments aligned to the Conceptual Framework Standards and all other accreditation,
school-wide and/or program-wide related assessments. You can access more information on LiveText here: LiveText.

**Required Texts:**
- *Using Understanding by Design in the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Classroom* by Heineke & McTighe
- *Choice Words* by Peter Johnson

**Module Reference Books:**
- Previous texts from Sequence 6
- Articles shared via Sakai by instructor

**Suggested Texts for Reference:**
*Instructor will address these during the first weeks of class; please do not purchase prior to that time.

For those choosing the elementary literacy edTPA option:
- *The Reading Strategies Book* by Jennifer Serravallo
- *The Writing Strategies Book* by Jennifer Serravallo

For those choosing the elementary math edTPA option:
- *Mathematical Mindsets* by Jo Boaler
### Tentative Module Seminar Schedule

Below is a tentative schedule for this module. This schedule is subject to change at the instructor’s discretion based on scheduling, pacing, and student needs.

#### Tentative Course Schedule

**TLSC 360 FALL 2020**

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<th>Week</th>
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| **Week I**  
August 24, 2020  
(Session 1) | Welcome to the EdTPA  
Introductions/norms  
Course outline  
Context for Learning Introduction  
Meet your 370 coaches | - Welcome survey  
- Choose your content area concentration: ELA/Math  
- Begin work on Context for Learning form  
- Read Heineke & McTighe pp. 1, 21-32 |
| **Week 2**  
August 31, 2020  
(Session 2) | edTPA: Task 1 overview  
Theory/research to practice connections  
Lesson planning: Selecting standards and writing meaningful objectives  
Context for Learning: Content-specific considerations  
Academic Language | *Read your selected edTPA handbook  
*Literacy: Read Understanding Progressions Appendix A (pp. 48-54)  
*Math: Read Understanding Progressions pp. 1-8  
*Read Heineke & McTighe pp. 46-51, 74-84, 85-88 (if using Math handbook), 93-98 (if using ELA handbook)  
Due: Theory to Practice Connection FlipGrid by 9/11/2020 at 11:55pm |
| **Week 3**  
September 7, 2020  
(No Class) | Labor Day Holiday- No synchronous class session  
(Continue to work on readings/assignments from previous week) |
| **Week 4**  
September 14, 2020  
(Session 3) | edTPA: Task 1 (continued)  
Theory/research to practice connections  
Lesson Planning: Purposeful inclusion of high-impact strategies | *Read Making Good Choices document  
*Read Heineke & McTighe pp. 171-174, 203-227  
*Distribute video consent forms to teachers  
Due: Draft Context for Learning to Sakai by 9/18/2020 at 11:55pm |
| **Week 5**  
September 21, 2020  
(Session 4) | edTPA: Lesson Planning and Differentiation  
Understanding Rubrics 1-5 | Due: Lessons in a Series submit to Sakai by 9/25/2020 at 11:55pm |
| Week 6  | September 28, 2020 (Session 5) | edTPA: Topic: Overview of Task 2  
Theory/research to practice  
Assessment of learning and for learning  | Read Heineke & McTighe pp. 111-155  
Read: Johnson Ch. 1-2  
Due: Consent Forms  |
|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Week 7  | October 5, 2020 (Session 6)  | Videotaping for Task 2: Combined session across sections (details TBD) | Reading: Johnson Ch. 3  
Due: Draft Task 1 to Sakai by 10/9/2020 at 11:55pm  |
| Week 8  | October 12, 2020 (Session 7) | Understanding Rubrics 6-10 | Reading: Johnson Ch. 4-5  |
| Week 9  | October 19, 2020 (Session 8) | edTPA: Overview of Task 3  
Understanding Rubrics 11-15  | Reading: Johnson Ch. 6-7  
Due: Draft of Task 2 to Sakai by 10/23/2020 at 11:55pm  |
| Week 10 | October 26, 2020 (Session 9) | edTPA: Task 3  
Analysis of evidence of student learning  
Providing and analyzing feedback that promotes learning  | Reading: Johnson Ch. 8  
Have access to 2-3 samples of student work AND the rubrics used to assess them; we will review how to give feedback for task 3.  |
| Week 11 | November 9, 2020 (Session 10) | edTPA: Task 3  
University coach visits  
Next steps  | Due: Draft of Task 3 to Sakai by 11/13/2020 at 11:55pm  
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School of Education: Syllabus Addendum

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Dispositions All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our programs: Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice. The instructor in your course will identify the dispositions assessed in this course and you can find the rubrics related to these dispositions in LiveText. For those students in non-degree programs, the rubric for dispositions may be available through Sakai, TaskStream or another platform. Disposition data is reviewed by program faculty on a regular basis. This allows faculty to work with students to develop throughout their program and address any issues as they arise.

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Syllabus Addendum Link www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/

Center for Student Access and Assistance (CSAA)
Should you encounter an unexpected crisis during the semester (e.g., securing food or housing, addressing mental health concerns, managing a financial crisis, and/or dealing with a family emergency, etc.), I strongly encourage you to contact the Office of the Dean of Students by submitting a CARE Referral for yourself or a peer in need of support: www.LUC.edu/csaa. If you are uncomfortable doing so on your own, please know that I can submit a referral on your behalf.

This link directs students to statements on essential policies regarding academic honesty, accessibility, ethics line reporting and electronic communication policies and guidelines. We ask that you read each policy carefully.

This link will also bring you to the full text of our conceptual framework that guides the work of the School of Education – Social Action through Education.

Additional ONLINE Course Policies

Privacy Statement: Assuring privacy among faculty and students engaged in online and face-to-face instructional activities helps promote open and robust conversations and mitigates concerns that comments made within the context of the class will be shared beyond the classroom. As such, recordings of instructional activities occurring in online or face-to-face classes may be used solely for internal class purposes by the faculty member and students registered for the course, and only during the period in which the course is offered. Students will be informed of such recordings by a statement
in the syllabus for the course in which they will be recorded. Instructors who wish to make subsequent use of recordings that include student activity may do so only with informed written consent of the students involved or if all student activity is removed from the recording. Recordings including student activity that have been initiated by the instructor may be retained by the instructor only for individual use.

**Class Conduct:** One important aspect of a Jesuit education is learning to respect the rights and opinions of others. Please respect others by (1) allowing all classmates the right to voice their opinions without fear of ridicule, and (2) not using profanity or making objectionable (gendered, racial or ethnic) comments, especially comments directed at a classmate.

**Special Circumstances--Receiving Assistance:** Students are urged to contact me should they have questions concerning course materials and procedures. If you have any special circumstance that may have some impact on your course work, please let me know so we can establish a plan for assignment completion. If you require assignment accommodations, please contact me early in the semester so that arrangements can be made with Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) ([http://www.luc.edu/sswd/](http://www.luc.edu/sswd/)).

### Addendum 1

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- Special Education
- ECSE

Please keep an accurate tally of your daily attendance. Both you and the cooperating teacher must sign this record at the end of each week. Please enter the times you attended your site on the appropriate lines. The undated line is for the cooperating teacher and student teacher’s initials. This calendar is your proof of attendance during your Sequence 7 experience. It must be given to your University Coach at the final seminar.

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- A ½ Absent ½ Day – State AM or PM
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- LUC Candidate ___________________________