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TLLSC 340: Teaching and Learning in an Area of Specialization

Sequence 6: Integrating Content, Cultures and Communities

Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities

School of Education, Loyola University Chicago

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Module Information

Dates: January 19 – February 9, 2021

Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Times: 8:15-12:45pm

Online Course

Module Description

Teacher candidates further develop their understanding and application of designing instruction in an area of specialization. Candidates focus on connecting content to students' lives. Teacher candidates learn how teachers include reading, writing, listening, speaking, and viewing in their instruction of content and how they differentiate instruction using suggested strategies in the UDL Guidelines Checklist. Teacher candidates develop a three-lesson content area unit and pre-, formative, and post-assessments to assist in better understanding best practices in unit plan development.

Module Goals

Essential Questions:

- How does backward design facilitate deep learning of content and skills?
- How do students most effectively acquire skills within a specific content area?
- How can the use of data facilitate students' acquisition of content and skills?
- How do students utilize technology to support and deepen their learning in a particular content area?
- How do students use their literacy skills to acquire knowledge and skills within a content area?
- How do students become actively engaged in learning and self-assessment?

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.
- explicitly integrate the teaching of reading, writing, communication and technology across content areas.

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)
- Use standards-based curriculum maps (e.g. UbD) to design units and lessons to meet the needs of diverse learners. (3Q; 3I) (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)
- Monitor and adjust strategies in response to qualitative feedback from students and student performance. (3M; 5J; 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)
- make data-driven decisions using assessment results to adjust practices to meet the needs of each student (5P) (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 (6H)
 - Utilize a variety of technological tools and skills to support literacy instruction and personal communication skills, including but not limited to computers, cameras, interactive web sites, blogs, online research. (2F; 2L; 2O; 5N; 5O; 9S; 9T)
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Practices for Online Course

Personal Matters:

If you have a personal matter that you want to discuss confidentially, please e-mail me at kferguson@luc.edu. Every effort will be made to reply to e-mails received M-Th within 24 hours.

Intellectual Property of Materials:

All materials posted on our Sakai site and used in this course are protected intellectual property and cannot be used or disseminated outside of this course without explicit permission of the instructor or owner.

Privacy for Online Course:

Respecting Others:

As we are a learning community, it is important that we respect each other's ideas, thoughts and experiences. Please be aware that people in our learning community may share personal experiences during class or online that are relevant to the course discussion. As a member of this community please show respect for what is said in class sessions and online. Please maintain confidentiality regarding your classmates' personal experiences and do not share them outside our class.

Zoom Recordings:

Synchronous class sessions via Zoom video conferencing software may be recorded but only made available to this class through the course Sakai site. If a Zoom class session is recorded and shared with other courses, as in the case of a guest speaker, the instructor will gain permission from students so that the recording can be shared with other classes or sections.

Dispositions Assessment:

Each course in the School of Education focuses on one or more professional dispositions. Students are offered opportunities to receive feedback on their dispositional growth in the areas of professionalism, fairness and/or the belief that all students can learn. The specific

disposition or dispositions for each course are listed on this syllabus and the descriptions for the expected behaviors for the disposition(s) can be found on the rubric posted in LiveText for this course.

- participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to deepen their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills. (9O) (IB)
- valuing and utilizing the unique identities and backgrounds of all students, families and communities as essential assets in learning environments. (9L, 9N) (IB)
- implementing proactive and preventive practices that represents an understanding that student behavior is shaped by complex environmental factors. (4D)
- demonstrating that his/her personal and professional expectations and capacities influence the motivation, positive learning results and achievement of students. (4D)
- Demonstrating professionalism through personal responsibility and accountability related to attendance, participation and communication

	Target	Acceptable	Unacceptable
Demonstrating professionalism through personal responsibility and accountability related to attendance, participation and communication	<p>Candidates report to class or field sites early, are dressed in professional attire, and are prepared for course activities.</p> <p>Candidates proactively communicate to faculty and others directly impacted about potential issues of attendance, participation or assignments, and provide solutions to address the issue or attempt to resolve the issue independently.</p> <p>Candidates use appropriate tone, word</p>	<p>Candidates report to class or field sites on time, are dressed in professional attire, and are prepared for the activities of the course as described in the syllabus. Candidates initiate communication with faculty and others directly impacted when an issue of attendance, participation or assignments arises, accept constructive feedback and initiate changes to improve performance.</p>	<p>Candidates repeatedly report to class or field sites late, or fail to make up absences, are dressed unprofessionally, or are repeatedly unprepared for class activities. Candidates do not respond to faculty communication concerning issues of attendance, participation or assignments within 48 hours, and/or use inappropriate tone, word choice and etiquette when interacting with faculty, co-teachers, peers, or students.</p>

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Participating in ongoing professional development, reading, and research in order to deepen their knowledge and expand their repertoire of skills.	Candidates seek opportunities to participate in professional development during field experiences or through involvement in professional groups and organizations	Candidates read and critique professional literature and make connections between the literature and field experiences	Candidates read professional literature and communicate their understandings of the literature in writing or by actively participating in discussions
Valuing and utilizing the unique identities and backgrounds of all students, families and communities as essential assets in learning environments	Candidates draw upon the identified strengths of students, families and communities and use them in the classroom environment and encourage their incorporation at a school-wide level	Candidates draw upon the identified strengths of students, families and communities and use them in the classroom environment	Candidates recognize the importance of valuing the unique identities of students, families and communities but fail to utilize identified strengths
Implementing proactive and preventive practices that represents an understanding that student behavior is shaped by complex	Candidates adopt a functional perspective to understanding student behavior and participate in promoting a positive classroom environment	Candidates identify the factors that influence student behavior and utilize the information to make decisions that promote student learning	Candidates communicate through writing or orally an awareness of the range of factors that influence student behavior, but fail to take action

environmental factors			
Demonstrating that his/her personal and professional expectations and capacities influence the motivation, positive learning results and achievement of students	Candidates communicate high expectations for all learners, and design and implement instruction that challenges students to reach expectations and involve students in setting expectations	Candidates communicate high expectations for all learners, and design and implement instruction that challenges students to reach expectations	Candidates recognize and communicate through writing or orally that that one's expectations impact students learning and development, but fail to take actions on that knowledge

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+
63% - 66% D
60% - 62% D-
Below 60% F

Attendance:

Arrive promptly and maintain excellent attendance records. Candidates are expected to attend every module session for the scheduled duration as to maintain consistency for students and school professionals. Ask classroom teacher(s) how they wish to be contacted regarding any special circumstances. Make arrangements and notify everyone involved before a scheduled absence.

If you are unable to attend class, it is your responsibility to:

- Notify the instructor in advance. Please note that informing the instructor does **not** excuse your absence. If there is an emergency, contact your professor as soon as reasonably possible. After missing one day of the module, it is necessary to contact your professor to discuss implications for your grade and participation in the sequence.
- Send assignments that are due.
- Obtain handouts, assignments, class notes, and information about activities from a classmate prior to the meeting of the next class.
- Be prepared for the next class.

Please see the rubric for course participation on Sakai.

Check your email regularly. Please understand that you will not be excused from responsibility for course requirements or other course changes/announcements due to failure to check your email regularly.

Hand held electronic/communication devices and laptop computers must be used discriminately and professionally per our discussion in class.

Module Assignments

- ***Module Participation: 20% of final grade***
 - Candidates are expected to consistently and actively participate in all class activities and discussions. As part of the candidate's participation grade, it is expected that candidates will deliver a minimum of two (2) mini-lessons with the support of their cooperating teacher. Since much of this module takes place in a school, candidates are expected to dress and act professionally. They must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class session. Class sessions will build directly on assigned readings; candidates must come to class having read all assigned texts and articles.
- ***Content-Specific, Standards-Aligned Curriculum Unit: 50% of final grade***

- Candidates will develop a standards-based unit using the Understanding by Design framework. This UbD unit will include, at minimum, three content-specific, literacy-focused lesson plans. The lesson plans must include instruction in reading, writing, listening, speaking, and/or viewing within a content area. Candidates must also provide evidence of the effective use of technology, suitable to instructional goals and to enhance teaching and learning. Candidates should provide evidence of the application of the principles of Universal Design for Learning.
- **Assessment Plan: 20% of final grade**
 - As part of the Curriculum Unit required for TLSC 340, described above, candidates are required to create a comprehensive assessment plan. The assessment plan should monitor student progress toward the unit's learning goal(s). Candidates should utilize multiple assessment modes and approaches that are aligned with the unit's learning goals/enduring understandings. Candidates will use and reflect on the use of the core principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to differentiate instruction and assessment based on formative assessment data. Candidates will develop measures to assess student learning before, during, and after instruction.
- **Sequence Summative Assessment: 10% of final grade for TLSC 340; 10% of final grade for TLSC 350**
 - After completing the modules in this sequence, teacher candidates will apply their understanding of the research and practice in their area of specialization to design a year-long curriculum plan for a specific age or grade-level or course within a particular content area that includes trans-disciplinary or interdisciplinary connections and the integration of technology. The curriculum plan will include a description of the content and skill focus, required materials including text and technology resources, classroom expectations, a comprehensive assessment plan and a full description of the overall course summative assessment(s). The plan will also include a year-long calendar with unit descriptions, unit standards, and descriptions of unit summative assessments. Candidates may build off of their curriculum plan designed during TLSC 350.

Module Readings/Required Texts

- Wiggins, G. & McTighe, J. (2004). *Understanding by design* professional development workbook: Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- LiveText

School of Education Policies and Information

Conceptual Framework Standards

Vision: The School of Education of Loyola University Chicago is a community that seeks to transform members to impact local and global communities through the principles of social justice.

Mission: The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago, a Jesuit Catholic urban university, supports the Jesuit ideal of knowledge in the service of humanity. We endeavor to advance professional education in service of social justice, engaged with Chicago, the nation, and the world. To achieve this vision, the School of Education participates in the discovery, development, demonstration, and dissemination of professional knowledge and practice within a context of ethics, service to others, and social justice. We fulfill this mission by preparing professionals to serve as teachers, administrators, psychologists, and researchers who work across the developmental continuum, and by conducting research on issues of professional practice and social justice.

Standards: These dimensions of the conceptual framework also serve as the foundation to the School of Education Conceptual Framework www.luc.edu/education/mission/.

Electronic Communication Policies and Guidelines

The School of Education faculty, students and staff respect each other's rights, privacy and access to electronic resources, services, and communications while in the pursuit of academic and professional growth, networking and research. All members of the university community are expected to demonstrate the highest standards of integrity, communication, and responsibility while accessing and utilizing technology, information resources, and computing facilities. A link to the Loyola University Chicago and School of Education official policies and guidelines can be found at:

www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/education/pdfs/SOE_Cyberbullying_Policy.pdf

www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/education/pdfs/SOE_Netiquette_Guidelines.pdf

www.luc.edu/its/itspoliciesguidelines/index.shtml

Technology

Candidates will be responsible for regularly accessing their Sakai accounts at <http://sakai.luc.edu>. Sakai will be used to post the syllabus, course documents, and other relevant information. Candidates will also be responsible for activating their LiveText accounts. Candidates **MUST** use their Loyola University Chicago email address with LiveText. This course requires the use of LiveText in order for candidates to submit all course assessments.

In the case study planning, implementation, analyses, and presentation with individual students, teacher candidates will utilize technology. Teacher candidates will use technology in order to collect (e.g. AimsWeb), record (e.g., digital voice recorder), analyze (e.g., research coding software), and share assessment data (e.g., Google site).

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 in to how to improve their teaching and the department can learn how best to shape the curriculum.

School of Education Policies and Information

Diversity

The diversity of students, parents, families, homes, and communities is central to this module, and candidates will have the opportunity to explore cultural, linguistic, ability and many other forms of difference. In this way, candidates will: (a) push “beyond the label” to explore the resources and funds of knowledge present within the school, (b) analyze how the school aligns and incorporates those resources into educational practice, and (c) make suggestions for ways to improve school-based practice with diversity in culture, language, and ability.

Specifically related to ELLs, the strong basis and emphasis on culturally responsive pedagogy and practice in this module will prepare candidates to explore linguistically responsive pedagogy and practice in the upcoming sequence (Sequence 3). A key element for addressing special education will be discussions about how teachers are integrating individual student IEP goals into curriculum as a means of being culturally responsive based upon ability. This module is also a good place to discuss inclusion as a school wide philosophy, rather than an isolated set of practices that occur in individual classrooms.

Academic Honesty

Academic honesty is an expression of interpersonal justice, responsibility and care, applicable to Loyola University faculty, students, and staff, which demands that the pursuit of knowledge in the university community be carried out with sincerity and integrity. The School of Education's Policy on Academic Integrity can be found at: www.luc.edu/education/resources/academic-policies/academic-integrity/
For additional academic policies and procedures refer to: www.luc.edu/education/resources/academic-policies/

Accessibility

Students who have disabilities which they believe entitle them to accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should register with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) office. To request accommodations, students must schedule an appointment with an SSWD coordinator. Students should contact SSWD at least four weeks before their first semester or term at Loyola. Returning students should schedule an appointment within the first two weeks of the semester or term. The University policy on accommodations and participation in courses is available at: <http://www.luc.edu/sswd/>

EthicsLine Reporting Hotline

Loyola University Chicago has implemented EthicsLine Reporting Hotline, through a third party internet & telephone hotline provider, to provide you with an automated and anonymous way to report activities that may involve misconduct or violations of Loyola University policy. You may file an anonymous report here [on-line](#) or by dialing 855-603-6988. (within the United States, Guam, and Puerto Rico)

The University is committed to the highest ethical and professional standards of conduct as an integral part of its mission of expanding knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith. To achieve this goal, the University relies on each community member's ethical behavior, honesty, integrity and good judgment. Each community member should demonstrate respect for the rights of others.

www.luc.edu/ethicsline

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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.

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](#).

Syllabus Addendum Link

- www.luc.edu/education/syllabus-addendum/

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*.