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**TLSC 460: 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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Module Information

Dates: January 24, 2021 – March 7, 2021
Days: Monday Seminar
Times: 4:30-6:45pm
Location: Corboy 306 & online as determined by LUC

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 two days per week while being supervised at the school site by a University Coach. Monday night seminars will be held on campus and lead by Loyola faculty. This sequence will better prepare candidate 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?

Learning Outcomes

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 (6H)
- Demonstrate understanding of the benefits of multilingualism and incorporate ELs' cultural and linguistic assets into their practice in order to help ELs be socially and academically successful. (Part 27 Standard 5.C.i)
- Demonstrate 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)

Module Required Texts

Heineke, A.J., McTighe, J. (2008). *Using Understanding by Design in the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Classroom*: Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Module Reference Books

- Previous texts from Sequence 6
- *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). (2017). Washington, D.C.: American Psychological Association.
- Hall, T.E., Meyer, A., & Rose, D. (2012). *Universal design for learning in the classroom: Practical applications*. NY: Guilford Press
- Wiggins, G. & McTighe, J. (2004). *Understanding by design professional development workbook*: Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Technology

Candidates will use Microsoft Excel to manipulate, represent and analyze data and use online resources for research.

Module Assignments

Module Participation: 20% of final grade

- Candidates are expected to consistently and actively participate in all class activities in discussions. 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, as well as completing a reader response.
- Participation will make up 20% of your final grade for this course and be determined using the following common rubric.

Professional Attitude and Demeanor Part I

- 4-Always prompt and regularly attend classes.
- 3-Rarely late to class and regularly attend classes (No more than 1 absence).
- 2-Sometimes late to class and regularly attend classes. (No more than 2 absences).
- 0-Often late to class and/or poor attendance of classes (More than 2 absences).

Professional Attitude and Demeanor Part II

- 4-Always prepared for class with assignments and required class materials.
- 3-Rarely unprepared for class with assignments and required class materials.
- 2-Often unprepared for class with assignments and required class materials.
- 0-Rarely prepared for class with assignments and required class materials.

Level of Engagement in Class

- 4-Always a willing participant. Contributes by offering ideas and asking questions each class in small groups and the whole class.
- 3-Often a willing participant. Contributes by offering ideas and asking questions each class in small groups or the whole class.
- 2-Rarely a willing participant. Rarely contributes to class by offering ideas or asking questions.
- 0-Never a willing participant. Never contributes to class by offering ideas or asking questions.

Listening Skills

- 4-Listen when others talk, both in groups and in class. Incorporate or build off of the ideas of others.
- 3-Listen when others talk, both in groups and in class.
- 2-Rarely listen when others talk, both in groups and in class.
- 0-Does not listen or interrupt when others talk, both in groups and in class

Content Specific, Standards-Aligned Practice edTPA Unit: 70% 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 contained in this syllabus (see Addendum 2). 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.
- The edTPA unit will be submitted in three parts:
 - Planning Task
 - Instruction Task
 - Assessment Task
- The minimum passing score for edTPA is 37 out of 75 possible points. Candidates must receive a score of at least 37 points on the practice edTPA to receive a passing grade in this course.

Content-Specific Assignments (Lesson in a Series): 10% of final grade

- These assignments are designed to deepen students' knowledge of middle grades and secondary curricula in the candidates' specific content area and learning activities development, and pedagogy.

Writing Intensive Designation

TLSC 460 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	73% - 76% C
90% - 92% A-	70% - 72% C-
87% - 89% B+	67% - 69% D+
83% - 86% B	63% - 66% D
80% - 82% B-	60% - 62% D-
77% - 79% C+	Below 60% F

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 or 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.

Late Work/Make-up Policy:

Please communicate with me if you are unable to meet assignment deadlines. As an 8-week course, it is important to adhere to deadlines and follow my guidance for assignment completion.

School of Education Policies and Information

SOE 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.

School of Education 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.

Conceptual Framework Standards

The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago, a Jesuit and Catholic urban university, supports the Jesuit ideal of knowledge in the service of humanity. SOE’s Conceptual Framework (CF)—***Social Action through Education***—is exemplified by our endeavor to advance professional education in the service of social justice, engaged with Chicago, the nation, and the world.

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Specifically grounded in The Conceptual Framework: *Social Action through Education*, this module focuses on the individualized learning needs of diverse students in urban schools, emphasizing the role of the teacher in making educational decisions and advocating for students. Candidates must utilize current literature in bilingual, special, and literacy education to critically evaluate practices and apply knowledge and skills with diverse students. 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. A description of how we use disposition data in the SOE is included in the [SOE syllabus addendum](#)

Dispositions Assessed:

- **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 reminding them to provide feedback on the course. They will receive consistent reminders throughout the period when the evaluation is open, and the reminders will stop once they have completed the evaluation.

- 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.

Evaluation Objectives: Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories)

- Learning to apply course material (to improve thinking, problem solving, and decisions)
- Learning how to find, evaluate, and use resources to explore a topic in depth
- Learning appropriate methods for collecting, analyzing, and interpreting numerical information

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

Sakai

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

Diversity

By focusing on individual, diverse students in urban classrooms, this seminar addresses multiple perspectives on diversity, including but not limited to the diversity in students' backgrounds (i.e., culture, language, ability) and classroom and school contexts (e.g., bilingual education, instructional contexts for students with special needs).

Dialogue is expected to be open and honest while remaining respectful and appropriate at all times in order to foster deeper understanding of issues pertaining to diversity. Diversity will be defined to include issues of race, gender, religion, orientation, income, and abilities. As part of Loyola's commitment to social justice, issues of diversity will be discussed in relation to equity, sensitivity, and prosocial practices. In our class discussions and your writing, please adhere to the recommendations made by TASH regarding the use of "People First" language. If interested, an article outlining those recommendations will be provided to you by your instructor.

School of Education Commitment - COVID-19:

Loyola's School of Education (SOE) recognizes that this is an unprecedented time. We understand that moving into the 2021-2022 academic year while living in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic may stir feelings of uncertainty, fear, or anxiousness. We want you to know that your safety, health, and well-being, as well as that of our faculty and staff, remain our primary concern. We want to be able to support you in any way that we can. We ask you to embody the Jesuit value of [*Cura Personalis*](#), or care for the whole person, as we prepare to learn together. We ask that you consider your way of being in this community, to act with care, and treat all with dignity to keep yourself and others safe. If you are not feeling well, please use Loyola's SYMPTOM Checker. It can be found on the webpage or APP [Loyola Health](#) under the [COVID -19 Related Information Tab](#) at the top of the page.

The University understands that you may encounter obstacles that make reaching academic goals more difficult. We strongly encourage you to access the Student Resources on [Loyola's COVID-19 Response webpage](#) for information, supports, and resources on basic needs such as housing, food, financial aid, and medical and mental health. This web page also offers information on official University communications, access to technology, and student services. All Loyola University Chicago administrators, faculty, and advisors are also here for you.

The SOE is committed to working with all students to address any challenges that may arise during the semester. Please reach out to your professor as early as possible to discuss any accommodations you think may be necessary in order for you to successfully complete your coursework. Active and engaged communication with all of your professor is encouraged. We know the SPRING 2022 Return to Campus is once again a challenge for all of us, but through collaboration, communication, and shared responsibility, we will not only get through this difficult time; we will thrive.

***On-Campus COVID-19 Testing:** Everyone in our community is strongly encouraged to participate in [on-campus surveillance testing](#)—even if fully vaccinated and boosted.

***COVID-19 Required Personal Safety Practices:** We all have a part to play in preventing the spread of COVID-19. Following a simple set of required personal safety practices can lower your own risk of being infected and can help protect others. All members of the Loyola community are expected to follow these practices while on any of the University's campuses. **Face masks or face coverings must be worn by all students, faculty, and staff while on any of Loyola's campuses, when in the presence of others, in classrooms, and in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.** Appropriate use of face masks or coverings is critical in minimizing the risks to others around you, as you can spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. To keep the community safe, all Ramblers should get boosted as soon as they are eligible, wear high-quality masks over their mouths and noses, and [test often](#). N95 masks are available for pick up at each on-campus testing site. Please be sure to review all [LUC REQUIRED Safety Protocols](#).

***COVID-19 Reporting Protocol:** If you test positive for COVID-19, continue to follow the University's [Positive Diagnosis Protocol](#) and report your case to the University immediately by contacting COVID-19report@LUC.edu or by calling 773-508-7707.

***Exposure notification process update:** Given the high transmission rate of the Omicron variant in Chicago, contact tracing is not pragmatic or effective at this time. Our COVID Care Coordinators will suspend contact tracing, and will focus on those diagnosed with COVID-19. Students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be responsible for notifying their contacts; close contacts should monitor symptoms and test 5 days after exposure. Those not comfortable with identifying themselves can use solutions like [Tell Your Contacts](#) to report anonymously.

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.

***Synchronous Meetings**

We will use the Zoom link provided on Sakai to meet virtually whenever deemed necessary by LUC.

***Student Participation**

Students are expected to attend class each week and participate in activities and discussions. See page 3 of this syllabus for participation expectations.

*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.

*Student Support

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 [Student Accessibility Center](http://www.luc.edu/sac/) (SAC) (<http://www.luc.edu/sac/>).

*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*.

Syllabus Addendum Link

<https://www.luc.edu/education/academics/syllabi/>

Addendum 1

Student _____ LUC # _____
 Last First M.I.

School _____ Cooperating Teacher _____

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Undergraduate** *Elementary* *Secondary*
- M.Ed.** *Elementary* *Secondary* *Special Education* *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.

Week	Dates	M	T	W	R	F	Total Hours	Co-teacher Signature
Sample	10/12 - 10/16	8:00am-12:00pm		8:00am-12:00pm	8:00am-3:00pm		15	
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- CODES:**
- FD** **Attended full day**
 - A1** **Absent All Day**
 - A ½** **Absent ½ Day – State AM or PM**
 - T** **State Time of Arrival**
 - H** **School Holiday**

Signatures:
Co-Teacher _____
LUC Candidate _____