



College of Education and Psychology

School of Education

EDSP 3354

Instructional Programming for Students with Mild and Moderate Disabilities

Course: EDSP 3354.001  
 Semester & Year: Spring 2020  
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**Course Catalog Description**

A study of instructional techniques for use with learners with mild/moderate disabilities. Addresses assessment and instructional methods, accommodations, adaptations, strategies, and materials appropriate for teaching individuals with exceptionalities in a variety of educational settings. Prerequisite: EDSP 3351 or equivalent

**Student Learning Outcome**

Topics/Objectives	Activities	Measurement (including performance-based)	Standards Alignment
Describe the unique learning needs of individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities/discussion  Simulations  Children's Books  Disability Awareness	UDL Project  Mock IEP Meeting  IEP Project	TES: 2A(i-iii), 2B(ii), 2C(iii)  <b>INTASC: 2, 7, 8</b>
Identify appropriate formal and informal assessments for students with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities	Quiz/Exams	TES: 5A (i-ii)  <b>INTASC: 6</b>

Identify appropriate instructional materials, methods, and strategies to teach students with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group activities/discussion  Simulations  Children's Books	Quiz/Exams Resource  Review Internet Deep Dive Lesson Plan  Review	<b>TES: 3 A(i-iii)</b>  <b>ISTE: 5</b>  <b>INTASC:2, 7, 8</b>
Develop and apply social skills and positive behavioral supports for individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	IRIS Modules Group  Discussions  Guest Speakers  Social Story	Quiz /Exams  Social Story	<b>TES: 4 C(i-iii)</b>  <b>INTAS: 3</b>
Identify appropriate strategies needed to partner with educators, professionals, paraprofessionals, and families to provide services to individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group discussions  IRIS Module	Quiz/Exams IRIS Module	TES: 6 C (i-ii),  INTASC: 9
Evaluate transition practices that increase self-determination in order to meet the post-secondary needs of individuals with mild and moderate disabilities.	Small group discussions  IRIS Module	Quiz/Exams IRIS Module	TES:6 C(iii) INTASC: 10

## Evaluation and Grading

1. Quizzes/Assignments/In-ClassActivities/Exams	10 %
2. UDL Project	40%
3. IEP Project	40%
4. Social Story	10%
5. Attendance	Required

**Quizzes/Assignments** -Active involvement is the key to learning! Your participation is important and required to do well in this course. Students are expected be well prepared to engage in scholarly discussion of the scheduled subject matter. All students are expected to fully participate in all class activities. Students are expected to respect (not necessarily agree with) opinions of classmates. Become an active participant by extending ideas presented by sharing new information and new resources on the subject area. Ask questions and demonstrate being prepared (having read assigned materials). Students must be prepared for class by reading assigned materials prior to class.

At various time throughout the semester, assignments such as *reflections, case studies, discussion board groups, book or movie reflections, website or software exploration, etc*, will be assigned to provide you the opportunity to demonstrate your understanding of a specific topic. These will be in addition to the scheduled on-line assignments discussed below. These activities will be related to the assigned topic for the day or to the class discussion from the previous class period. It is anticipated that activities may include either individual or group assignments and some may be completed during class time.

Throughout the semester, you will be expected to participate with your peers in class activities. These activities are extensions of the topic being discussed during the class session. **You must be present during class to receive these points. No extra credit will be awarded to make up these points. Due Date: Unscheduled.**

**UDL Project:** This project will provide you with the ability to show what you have learned during this semester. More information will be shared in class.

**IEP Project:** You will create a standards-based IEP for a student who demonstrates a mild/moderate disability. More information will be provided in class.

**Social Story:** You will create a social story to address the social needs of a student. More information will be provided in class.

### Course Policies

**Attendance.** Your attendance and participation are important and required to do well in this course. Students are expected to come to class and be well prepared to engage in scholarly discussion on the day's scheduled subject matter. A student will not be able to do well in the class without prompt and regular attendance. Class attendance and participation is expected. Arriving late or leaving early is considered an absence. If you are absent on the day an assignment is due, you are still expected to submit the assignment on time (e.g., via email or through another student). Points will be deducted from the final grade due to absences. Students will not be penalized for religious holidays. Absences will be treated as follows:

1 Absence = No Point Loss

2 Absences = 10 Point Deduction\* **Must schedule conference after 2<sup>nd</sup> absence**

3 Absences = 25 Point Deduction

4 Absences = 40 Point Deduction

**Make/Up exam.** There will be NO make/up activities or exams for this course unless absence is due to an emergency. Students are expected to submit relevant documentation (e.g. doctor's note, funeral notice, tow-truck receipt, etc.) when requesting a make/up activity.

**Written Assignments.** Written assignments MUST be typed using double spaced lines and have page numbers. In addition, work submitted should reflect a professional quality in terms of scope, depth, writing mechanics, and appearance that would be expected of students at a prestigious university. Proofread all assignments as only materials with minimal or no errors will receive high scores. Type assignments in an easily-readable 12 point (e.g. Times New Roman, Helvetica, Tahoma)

### Late Assignments:

Assignments and projects are expected to be handed in on time. An assignment will be considered late if it is not turned in the day it is due. Assignments are expected to be dropped in the assignment box on Canvas even if you are not in class. You may turn in your assignment early. **Late assignments are not accepted unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor.** Assignments and due dates are posted on the course syllabus. To see if you are really reading this syllabus, please email me a picture of your favorite animal by September 3 and I will add 2 points to your class participation grade. Don't alert your peers. Let's see if everyone is reading their syllabus.

**Academic Dishonesty.** To be successful in this class, you must invest time for study. Honesty is expected. Academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, collusion) will NOT be tolerated and will result in a grade of zero (0) for the assignment. A second infraction will result in automatic failure of the class. Dishonesty is defined as (i) the use of unauthorized materials, (ii) any communication with peers during quizzes, (iii) representing another's work as one's own (i.e. plagiarism) or (iv) fabricating information. The professor reserves the right to determine occurrences of cheating. Additional information on Academic Dishonesty is found in the Selected University Policies section of this syllabus.

- **Canvas:** Students will access class notes, assignments, grades and course information through Canvas. Any changes to the course schedule, schedule of assignments, or any special assignments will be posted on Canvas. Students are expected to regularly check Canvas for updates and to download any class handouts. Please refer to <http://www.Canvas.uttyler.edu> for more information.
- **DEVICES IN CLASS:** Out of respect for your fellow students, your professor, and the educational process, all technology devices (i.e. cell/smartphones, laptops, iPads, etc.) **must be powered down and put away unless otherwise indicated by the professor.** Cell phones may be left on vibrate for emergency notification purposes only. Students will be allowed to use the electronic devices during designated technology breaks. Texting or other cell phone use during classtime may result in a reduction of your participation points
- **Person First Language:** Our language is a reflection of our attitudes. Always refer to persons with disabilities with respect. Degrading terminology will not be tolerated. In this class we will strive to use “people first” language at all times. “People First” language always refers to the person first and not as a label or category. For example, refer to “a student with autism” and not “an autistic”.
- **Teacher Candidate Dispositions.** The University of Texas at Tyler School of Education has developed **Teacher Candidate Disposition Assessment** outlining professional behaviors educators are expected to demonstrate in their interactions with students, families, colleagues and communities. The process assumptions, disposition to be assessed, and examples of deficiencies within each disposition assessment categories are available at the UT-Tyler School of Education website: [www.uttyler.edu/education](http://www.uttyler.edu/education) (access School of Education; School of Education Disposition Assessment). It is expected that all students enrolled in EDSP 3354 will adhere to and demonstrate these teacher candidate dispositions at all times.

### Safe Zone

The professor considers this classroom to be a place where you will be treated with respect as a human being - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, political beliefs, age, or ability. Additionally, diversity of thought is appreciated and encouraged, provided you can agree to disagree. It is the professor's expectation that ALL students consider the classroom a safe environment

### Technical Information for Hybrid Sections

- Canvas access; sound capacity; check your Patriot email daily for schedule changes or announcements.
- Technical Support: If you experience technical problems or have a technical question about this course, you can obtain assistance by emailing [itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu](mailto:itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu). When you email IT support, be sure to include a complete description of your question or problem including:
  - the title and number of the course
  - the page in question
  - if you get an error message, a description and message number
  - what you were doing at the time you got the error message
- Plug-ins and Helper Applications: UT Tyler fully online and hybrid courses use Java, Javascript, browser plug-ins, helper applications and cookies. It is essential that you have these elements installed and enabled in your web browser for optimal viewing of the content and function of your online/hybrid course.
  - Adobe Reader allows you to view, save, print Portable Document Format (PDF) files. <http://getadobe.com/reader/>

- Java Runtime Environment (JRE) allows you to use interactive tools on the web. <http://www.java.com/en/download/>
- Adobe Flash Player allows you to view content created with Flash such as interactive web applications and animations. <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
- Quicktime allows users to play back audio and video files. <http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/>
- Windows Media Player allows you to view, listen, and download streaming video and audio. <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows/products/windows-media-player>

**Textbook:**

Boyle, J. & Scanlon, D. (2019). *Methods and Strategies for Teaching Students with High Incidence Disabilities (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.)*.  
Cengage: Boston.

**Tentative Schedule: TBA**

**UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**UT Tyler Honor Code**

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

For a full list of university policies including information related to the topics listed below, click [here](#).

- Students Rights and Responsibilities
- Campus Carry
- Tobacco-Free University
- Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies
- State-Mandated Course Drop Policy
- Disability Services
- Student Absence due to Religious Observance
- Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities
- Social Security and FERPA Statement
- Emergency Exits and Evacuation
- Student Standards of Academic Conduct

**UT Tyler Resources for Students:**

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu), <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu), <https://www.uttyler.edu/tutoring/>
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>

[University Guidelines, Links and Policies](#)

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY (CEP) VISION AND MISSION**

**Vision:** The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

**Mission:** The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. We affirm and promote global perspectives that value individual and cultural diversity to enhance learning, service, and scholarship.

#### **UT TYLER'S SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STANDARDS FOR EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS**

**Texas Education Standards:** The School of Education are committed to teaching and implementing the Texas Educator Standards at the highest level. The School of Education faculty use the Texas Education Standards, along with the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) standards used by educator preparation programs throughout the United States.

The list of [Texas Education Standards](#) can be accessed [here](#).

Access the [Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators](#).