



**Course: EDUC 4334, Methods for Teaching Elementary English Language Learners**

**Semester/Year: Fall 2021**, College of Education and Psychology - School of Education

**Class Location:** Online Course

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**Course Description:**

**EDUC 4334 focuses on teaching EC - 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELLs** and examines characteristics of English Language Learners (ELLs) and English as a Second Language (ESL) teaching methodologies in relation to children's cognitive and linguistic development in multilingual school settings. The course covers theory, research, and policy foundations for effective instruction and practice with ELLs. Course content includes historical and current issues affecting ELLs, techniques in instructing and assessing students at all stages of English language development, and the identification and assessment of ELLs' strengths and needs to design classroom language and content-area learning experiences based on language and academic standards. The course includes alignment with the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS).

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Promote diversity, inclusion, and cultural awareness in classroom settings, and understand the issues involved in student acculturation and/or assimilation to American society and the American educational system.
2. Demonstrate the ability and commitment to implement effective instructional methods in English language development (ELD) and specially designed academic instruction in English (SDAIE) to promote successful language acquisition.
3. Design instruction for EC - 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELLs aligned with the Texas English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS), using a variety of methods and materials to create age/grade appropriate instruction that is developmentally and culturally appropriate.

**Assessment and Standards Matrix:**

Course Topics and/or Student Learning Outcomes	Required Activities	Assessment (including performance-based)	Standards Alignment
Demonstrate an understanding of the process of second language acquisition and the importance of providing instruction to meet the linguistic needs of all children.	Reading Assignments  Online discussion board	Discussion Questions  Quizzes / TIP activities  Philosophy Statement	<b>TES:</b> 2.b.i, 2.b.iii <b>ISTE:</b> 1b, 2b. 3a, 3b, 6a <b>INTASC:</b> 1, 2, 3, 7 <b>ELPS:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Demonstrate an understanding of Language and Education Policy for English Language Learners.	Reading Assignments  Online discussion board	Discussion Questions  Quizzes  Philosophy Statement	<b>TES:</b> 2 Knowledge of Students and Student Learning: 2.1.i, 2.a.ii. 2.b.i <b>ISTE:</b> 1.b, 2.b, 3.a, 3.b, 6.a <b>INTASC:</b> 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 <b>ELPS:</b> 2, 7

Analyze the relationship between environment and learning for English Language Learners.	ELL Student Assessment  Online discussion board	Discussion Questions  Quizzes / TIP activities  Philosophy Statement	<b>TES:</b> 2 Knowledge of Students and Student Learning: 2.1.i, 2.a.ii, 2.b.i <b>ISTE:</b> 1.b, 2.b <b>INTASC:</b> 2, 3, 4, 7, 9 <b>ELPS:</b> 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Write objectives, lessons/units, and assessments that are appropriate for English Language Learners at different stages of language development.	Lesson Plan Standards Alignment with ELPS and development of Performance Indicators	Lesson Plan Standards Alignment with ELPS and Performance Indicators (Theory in Practice Activities)	<b>TES:</b> 1 Instructional Planning and Delivery: 1.c.i, 1.c.ii, 1.c.iii <b>ISTE:</b> 1.b, 5.a <b>INTASC:</b> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 <b>ELPS:</b> 2, 4, 5, 6

## Course Evaluation and Requirement Description

**Performance Assessments:** Grading is based on the total number of points earned/accumulated by each student at the end of the semester on self-assessments, reading assignments and discussion board entries, theory into practice activities (ELL profile summaries and ELPS lesson plan design), as well as performance on quizzes and the end of course reflective exam (philosophy paper).

### 1. Self-Assessment

Students are required to respond to introductory questions at the beginning of the course as well as complete additional self-monitoring assessments throughout the course. Points will be awarded for providing an introduction (5 points) and completing three (3) self-assessments (20 points). These activities comprise a total of 25 points, 5% of the final grade earned in the course.

### 2. Reading Assignments and Discussion Board Participation

Students are expected to respond to all assigned discussion prompts as well as review and respond to entries made by their peers in the course. The Discussion Board fulfills several important functions, including:

- Ensuring students keep up with the required readings and online discussions;
- Enabling students to utilize higher order thinking skills and critically reflect on readings;
- Providing opportunities for greater interaction within the course online environment;
- Providing opportunities to learn from classmates;
- Preparing students to create a personal philosophy of teaching ELLs; and
- Preparing students to complete weekly quizzes and future teacher certification exams.

To earn full credit (5pts per discussion), students must sufficiently respond to all discussion prompts in a manner that provides evidence that the student reviewed each model and understood the readings, videos and other resources provided. Discussion entries must include key terms covered and reference citations from the materials reviewed. A penalty will be assessed for responses that do not adequately address the discussion prompts, and/or which do not provide evidence that the student read/reviewed all required materials included in each module. When responding to peers, students are expected to maintain a high level of professionalism and add additional information or suggestions cited from the materials covered in each module. It is fine to disagree and discuss alternative views, however “flaming” (hostile, insulting and/or disrespectful online interactions) or other inappropriate posts will not be tolerated, and will receive zero credit.

**All discussion responses are due by the date and time indicated on the course schedule. No credit will be given for late/missing posts.** There are 11 discussion questions (55 total points; 40% of final grade). For more information, see the Discussion Board Grading Rubric in Canvas.

### 3. Quizzes

Weekly quizzes will cover the required readings from the textbook and other online sources, as well as include information from discussions. Quiz dates are indicated in the course schedule. There are 10 quizzes, each worth 15 points (150 total points; 20% of final grade).

### 4. Theory into Practice (TIP)

An important component of this course involves applying theory and research learned through course readings, videos, and discussions in class into real-world practice through alignment of English Language Proficiency Standards (ELPS) with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS); and development of objectives, performance indicators, sheltered instructional strategies and assessments. Four (4) TIP activities are required: an ELL pre- and post-profile summary assignment (total 20 points; 5% of final grade) and two ELPS lesson plan alignment activities (total 60 points; 15% of final grade).

### 5. Philosophy Statement – Teaching English Language Learners

Students will develop a reflective philosophy statement regarding teaching English Language Learners incorporating information gleaned from all aspects of the course (60 total points; 15% of final grade).

Course Grading		
Assignment	Points	Percentage
<b>Self-Assessment</b> (Introduction 5pts and Self-Assessments 20pts)	<b>25</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Discussion Board</b> (11 Discussions x 5pts)	<b>55</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Weekly Quizzes</b> (10 Quizzes x 15pts)	<b>150</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>TIP - ELL Profile</b> (2 ELL TIP x 10pts)	<b>20</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>TIP - ELPS Lesson Planning</b> (2 ELPS TIP - 1 x 25pts; 1 x 35pts)	<b>60</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>ELL Philosophy Paper (Final)</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>100%</b>

#### Grading Scale:

**A = 90%**

**B = 80%**

**C = 70%**

**D = 60%**

**F = 59% and below**

**\*Last Day to Withdraw from Fall 2021 Courses: Monday, 1 November 2021.**

#### Course Policies:

**Canvas.** Students will access all components of the course 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 class handouts and materials. Online participation is imperative to the success in this online course. Students are expected to regularly review the course management system, check email, and contribute to course assignments.

**Make/Up Discussions and Quizzes.** All assignments are due on or before the dates indicated on the course outline. Each written assignment must be typewritten and submitted in Canvas. There will be NO make/up activities or exams for this course unless missing online work is due to an emergency or other reason previously discussed with the professor.

No email attachments of assignments will be accepted unless organized in advance. Submission deadlines are final and access to links are removed after deadlines have expired. NO LATE

assignments will be accepted unless a valid pre-approved or medical reason has been discussed with the professor. If an assignment is not completed on time due to a documented illness, funeral, or other university related activity, then a make-up date can be scheduled with the professor. All late assignments or non-submitted assignments will receive a score of zero points.

**Academic Dishonesty.** To be successful in this class, students 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.

**Teacher Candidate Dispositions.** The University of Texas at Tyler School of Education has developed a **Teacher Candidate Disposition Assessment** outlining professional behaviors educators are expected to demonstrate in their interactions with students, families, colleagues and communities. The process assumptions, dispositions 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).

**Safe Zone.** The professor considers this online classroom to be a place where all students 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 our online classroom a safe environment.

### Required Texts

- *ELPS Toolkit*. (2015). Austin, TX: Education Service Center Region 13.
- Wright, W. E. (2019). *Foundations for Teaching English Language Learners: Research, Theory, Policy, and Practice* (3rd Ed.). Philadelphia: Caslon Publishing. ISBN: 987-1-934000366.

**\*Supplemental Readings and related Videos focused on teaching EC - 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELLs are included within each course module and are available for download on Canvas.**

*UT System Policy Statement regarding purchase of textbooks:* "A student of this institution is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from a university-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer."

### Additional Resources

Adger, C.T., Snow, C.E., & Christian, D. (2018). *What Teachers need to know about language* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). Pennsylvania: Multilingual Matters.

Fairbairn, S., & Jones-Vo, S. (2019). *Differentiating Instruction and Assessment for English Language Learners: A guide for K-12 Teachers* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). Philadelphia: Caslon Publishing.

Nemeth, K.N. (2014). *Young Dual Language Learners: A guide for preK-3 leaders*. Philadelphia: Caslon Publishing.

Soto, M., Freeman, D.E., & Freeman, Y.S. (2020). *Equitable Access for English Learners, Grades K-6: Strategies and Units for Differentiating Your Language Arts Curriculum* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). California: Corwin/SAGE Publishing.

Sousa, D. A. (2011). *How the ELL brain learns, (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.)*. California: Corwin/SAGE Publishing.

## 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/>

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**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](#).