
Course Outline

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CLASS TIME & DATES: Mondays 9:00 – 11:50 am, September 11 – December 4, 2022

PRACTICUM TIME & DATES: 8 half-days, October – December

OFFICE HOURS: Wednesdays, 9-11am

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course provides an introduction to the foundations of teaching, including politics of education, ethical relationality, teacher identity and professionalism, conceptions of learners and learning, and teaching for justice, equality, and equity. This course includes a required classroom-based placement of one-half day per week for 8 weeks.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Prerequisite(s): None (must be a student in the YNTEP program)

EQUIVALENCY OR TRANSFERABILITY

Receiving institutions determine course transferability. Find further information at:

<https://www.yukonu.ca/admissions/transfer-credit>

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Students will:

- Investigate how teaching is a political act (critical literacy and critical thinking)
- Begin to understand different ways of knowing, being, doing and viewing education
- Learn about professional, ethical relationships with students, schools, and society
- Relate construction of knowledge to construction of identity as teacher
- Gain an understanding of inclusive education, diversity, and difference of learners
- Gain an understanding of the roles that theories of human development play in providing one important way understanding the child, the adolescent, the student, and the learner
- Gain an understanding of decolonial educational approaches (i.e., anti-racist, anti-oppressive)
- Explore issues around residential schools and Truth and Reconciliation
- Conduct observations of contemporary classrooms and critically reflect on experience
- Begin the development of a personal Teaching Philosophy and build a Professional portfolio

COURSE FORMAT

Weekly breakdown of instructional hours

This course is a total of 3-credits of coursework plus 8 one-half day practicum placements. There will be 3 hours of instructional time each week in this course. A further 3-6 hours will be required each week for students to engage with readings and complete asynchronous coursework. This time will vary by individual learner and significantly more or less time could be required.

Delivery format

Classes will consist of lectures, hands-on activities, class discussions, cooperative work, and school visitations. Students are required to attend class and practicum placement, complete all assignments, come to class ready and prepared to learn, and participate actively in class activities.

Attendance and participation

Each YNTEP student is responsible for:

1. Contacting your instructor prior to a class to report your absence.
2. Catching up on missed material and any incomplete assignments.
3. Obtaining proper documentation (ex. doctor's note) if a serious health concern affects attendance (3 or more classes).
4. Familiarizing oneself with YNTEP regulations relating to attendance and punctuality.

EVALUATION

Contribution/Extension of Class Conversation	10%
Assignments	35%
Topic Exploration Paper	30%
Field Logs	25%
Total	100%

ASSESSMENTS

Contribution and Extension of Class Conversation

This mark will be based on student participation in classroom-based learning activities such as discussion, making connections to course readings, and conversation, critical reflection, insightful questions, co-construction of criteria, and participation in small-group activities.

Assignments

This grade will be assigned based on the student's ability to demonstrate in-depth understanding and make insightful connections between theory, research, and classroom practice.

Topic Exploration Paper

During lectures, seminars, and readings, you will find ideas, issues, opinions, and controversies that intrigue you. For this assignment, you will select one educational topic that interests you. This topic could arise from other classes, your experiences, or current events. You will find a minimum of 3 recent peer-reviewed articles

(i.e., written within the past 5-10 years) that address your topic using the Yukon University or UofR library database, to write a paper following APA format.

Topic Exploration Process: 7-8-page document (INCLUDING title page, abstract, reference list)

1. Position yourself with regards to the topic (take a stance).
2. Use peer-reviewed articles (minimum of 3) to support your position, summarizing the author's main points.
3. Respond to each article using your own experience, opinions, beliefs.
4. Synthesize ALL articles to connect key messages.
5. Create a Title Page, Abstract and Reference List.

This topic exploration paper must follow APA style.

Note: Your written portion of this assignment will be 4-5 pages in length as the title page, abstract and reference list are included in the 7-8-page expectation. An assessment rubric will be provided.

Field Logs

After each of your weekly field experiences you will write a field log reflection. You will make rough notes during each of your field experiences and then prepare a one-page document *draft* summary (or professional blog) based on the posed 'field focus *question of the week*'. You must bring your draft summary to your following seminar/class.

You will hand in your field logs midway through the term and at the completion of your field experience. These final copies **MUST** be carefully proofread.

NOTE: The field placement portion of this course will be graded on a pass/fail basis. A passing grade is required for successful completion of the course.

COURSE WITHDRAWAL INFORMATION

Refer to the YukonU and UofR websites for important dates. Please note that if you withdraw from the course, you will need to withdraw at both institutions.

TEXTBOOKS & LEARNING MATERIALS

All learning materials will be provided on the course Moodle page. There is no additional textbook required.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Students are expected to contribute toward a positive and supportive environment and are required to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Academic misconduct includes all forms of academic dishonesty such as cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, fraud, deceit, using the work of others without their permission, aiding other students in committing academic offences, misrepresenting academic assignments prepared by others as one's own, or any other forms of academic dishonesty including falsification of any information on any Yukon University document.

Please refer to Academic Regulations & Procedures for further details about academic standing and student rights and responsibilities.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

Reasonable accommodations are available for students requiring an academic accommodation to fully participate in this class. These accommodations are available for students with a documented disability, chronic condition or any other grounds specified in section 8.0 of the Yukon University Academic Regulations (available on the Yukon University website). It is the student's responsibility to seek these accommodations by contacting the Learning Assistance Centre (LAC): LearningAssistanceCentre@yukonu.ca.