

**Murray State University  
COMMON SYLLABUS**

Fall 2018

**DEPARTMENT: ADOLESCENT, CAREER, AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

**COURSE PREFIX: SED**

**COURSE NUMBER: 651**

**CREDIT HOURS: 3**

**I. TITLE:** Social Competence for Safe Environments

**II. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITE(S):**

This course is designed to facilitate an understanding of the priority role that social competence should take in the school and post-school success of children and youth with severe behavior problems. Theories underlying social skills acquisition and practical approaches for implementation will be emphasized. Training strategies discussed will be applicable to a variety of educational environments, including residential, day-treatment, alternative education programs, public, and private schools. Field hours are required.

**Prerequisites:** none

**III. COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Class activities will be centered on the attainment of the course objectives listed below. Following each objective, and enclosed in parentheses, are numbers which reference the Kentucky Teacher Performance Standards and Certification (KTPS), the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC), and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) standards addressed by that objective. Upon successful completion of this class, students will be able to

**IV.**

- A. recognize the needs of children/youth with universal/targeted/intensive level challenging behaviors (KTPS/InTASC # 2, 4, 5; CEC #2, 3);
- B. demonstrate different instructional discipline strategies to use with children/youth with targeted/intensive level challenging behaviors (KTPS/InTASC # 7, 8; CEC #2, 3);
- C. research instructional discipline techniques for targeted/intensive level and identify the children/youth they can be used with (KTPS/InTASC # 4, 5, 7, 8; CEC #2, 3, 4);
- D. identify the historical perspectives of instructional discipline strategies and techniques (KTPS/InTASC # 4, 5; CEC #2, 3,4); and
- E. write professionally for the field of special education (KTPS/InTASC # 1, 2, 3, 4,7; CEC #6).

The COE Theme of Educator as Reflective Decision-Maker is addressed in this course by requiring students to design/plan instruction, create/manage learning climates, implement/manage instruction in their individual behavior change project; assess/communicate learning results with their social competence case study assessment; and reflect/evaluate teaching/learning and utilize technology on all presentations and projects.

The EPSB Themes of Diversity, Assessment, and Closing the Achievement Gap are addressed in the case study assessment, case study intervention plan, case study social competence intervention implementation, and observation assignments throughout the course.

Learned societies from each discipline should be referenced by the preservice/inservice teacher. Kentucky documents, including SB1 Initiatives (e.g., Kentucky Core Academic Standards will be resources for all teacher candidates.

**V. CONTENT OUTLINE:**

- A. Identifying and Serving Students with Behavior Problems
- B. School and Classroom-Wide Positive Behavior Support
- C. Principles of Intervention Planning
- D. Assessment-Based Intervention Planning
- E. Monitoring Student Progress
- F. Evaluating Intervention Effects
- G. Addressing Disruptive Behaviors
- H. Improving School Survival Skills and Social Skills
- I. Addressing Aggressive Behaviors
- J. Developing Alternatives to Self-Stimulatory and Self-Injurious Behavior
- K. Supporting Students with Psychiatric Problems
- L. Extending Intervention Effects
- M. Senate Bill 1 Initiatives

**VI. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

The class format will be lecture/discussion, hands-on activities, demonstration, and application projects.

**VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:**

Fifteen hours of observation in a behavior disorder classroom is required. During the observation, artifacts of behavior programs and procedures should be collected. A timesheet listing the dates and times of each observation must be submitted in order to earn points.

**VII. TEXT(S) AND RESOURCES:**

Kerr, M. M., & Nelson, C. M. (2010). *Strategies for addressing behavior problems in the classroom* (6<sup>th</sup> ed.). Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Education, Inc.

Carter, E. W., Cushing, L. S., & Kennedy, C. H. (2009). *Peer support strategies for improving all students' social lives and learning*. Baltimore: Brookes.

Computer Labs, MSU COE Resource Library, Internet, MSU Waterfield Library, public library

**VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES:**

**OBSERVATIONS: 200 pts.**  
**LITERATURE REVIEW: 500 pts.**  
**BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION PLAN: 300 pts.**  
**CASE STUDIES: 200 pts.**

The following grading scale will be used to compute the final grade.

A = 93 - 100%  
B = 86 - 92%  
C = 79 - 85%  
D = 72 - 78%  
E = below 71%

**IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY:**

Students are expected to adhere to the MSU Attendance Policy outlined in the current MSU *Bulletin*.

**X. ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY:**

Murray State University takes seriously its moral and educational obligation to maintain high standards of academic honesty and ethical behavior. Instructors are expected to evaluate students' academic achievements accurately, as well as ascertain that work submitted by students is authentic and the result of their own efforts, and consistent with established academic standards. Students are obligated to respect and abide by the basic standards of personal and professional integrity.

**Violations of Academic Honesty include:**

**Cheating** - Intentionally using or attempting to use unauthorized information such as books, notes, study aids, or other electronic, online, or digital devices in any academic exercise; as well as unauthorized communication of information by any means to or from others during any academic exercise.

**Fabrication and Falsification** - Intentional alteration or invention of any information or citation in an academic exercise. Falsification involves changing information whereas fabrication involves inventing or counterfeiting information.

**Multiple Submission** - The submission of substantial portions of the same academic work, including oral reports, for credit more than once without authorization from the instructor.

**Plagiarism** - Intentionally or knowingly representing the words, ideas, creative work, or data of someone else as one's own in any academic exercise, without due and proper acknowledgement.

Instructors should outline their expectations that may go beyond the scope of this policy at the beginning of each course and identify such expectations and restrictions in the course syllabus. When an instructor receives evidence, either directly or indirectly, of academic dishonesty, he or she should investigate the instance. The faculty member should then take appropriate disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to the following:

1) Requiring the student(s) to repeat the exercise or do additional related exercise(s).

- 2) Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) on the particular exercise(s) involved.
- 3) Lowering the grade or failing the student(s) in the course.

**If the disciplinary action results in the awarding of a grade of E in the course, the student(s) may not drop the course.**

Faculty reserve the right to invalidate any exercise or other evaluative measures if substantial evidence exists that the integrity of the exercise has been compromised. Faculty also reserve the right to document in the course syllabi further academic honesty policy elements related to the individual disciplines.

A student may appeal the decision of the faculty member with the department chair in writing within five working days. Note: If, at any point in this process, the student alleges that actions have taken place that may be in violation of the Murray State University Non-Discrimination Statement, this process must be suspended and the matter be directed to the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access. Any appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate university committee as determined by the Provost.

## **XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY AND STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

### Policy Statement

Murray State University endorses the intent of all federal and state laws created to prohibit discrimination. Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in employment or application for employment, admissions, or other provision of services and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities equal access to participate in all programs and activities.

In particular and without limiting the preceding and pursuant to consistent with the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and its regulations 34 CFR 100 et seq.; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its regulations 34 CFR 104; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 USC 1681 et seq., and its regulations 34 CFR 106 et seq; and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and its regulations 34 CFR 110, Murray State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its educational programs and activities. This non-discrimination in education programs and activities extends to employment and admissions and to recruitment, financial aid, academic programs, students services, athletics, and housing. Murray State is required by Title IX and 34 CFR part 106 not to discriminate on the basis of sex and the prohibition against sex discrimination specifically includes a prohibition of sexual harassment and sexual violence. Examples of prohibited sexual harassment and sexual violence can be found in the "Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment" which can be accessed via the link referenced in Appendix 1.

For more information concerning the application of these provisions may be referenced to: 1) the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Access/ Murray State University Title IX Coordinator, Murray State University, 103 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071. Telephone: (270) 809-3155 (voice) Fax: (270) 809-6887; TDD: (270) 809-3361; Email: msu.titleix@murraystate.edu

Students with Disabilities

Students requiring special assistance due to a disability should visit the Office of Student Disability Services immediately for assistance with accommodations. For more information, students should contact the Office of Student Disability Services, 423 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 42071. 270-809-2018 (voice), 270-809-5889 (TDD).