I. **TITLE:** Curriculum and Instruction for Children and Youth with Mild Disabilities

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

Development of specific competencies in instruction and curriculum requisite for the development of a personalized educational program for children and youth with mild disabilities. Context includes behavioral objectives, task analysis, precision teaching and use of technology relevant to curriculum and instruction. Field experiences required. **Prerequisite(s):** SED 400.

III. **COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

Class activities will be centered on the attainment of the course objectives listed below. These objectives are understood to be reflective of, but not limited to those behaviors aligned with the Kentucky Core Academic Standards (KCAS), Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning (CHETL), and Assessment Literacy. Following each objective, and enclosed in parentheses, are numbers which reference the Kentucky Teacher Standards for Preparation and Certification (KTS), IECE, and CHETL standards addressed by that objective. Upon successful completion of the class the student will be able to:

A. recommend various instructional strategies that are effective for students with mild disabilities in the area of oral language, written language, comparative mathematics reasoning, social skills, and study skills (KTS #2, 3, 4; IECE #1, 2, 6; CHETL #1);

B. isolate target behaviors in need of change and to informally assess a student in order to obtain baseline data (KTS #2, 3, 4; IECE #1, 6, 8, 9, 16; CHETL #2);

C. demonstrate the ability to collect data using frequency counting, duration recording, time sampling, or interval recording and to construct appropriate graphing methods and report this progress to parents (KTS #3; IECE #12, 13, 14; CHETL 2);

D. describe techniques of scheduling activities in a resource room and a self-contained class (KTS #2, 5; IECE #12, 13, 14; CHETL #1);

E. demonstrate knowledge of the approaches used to manage the physical environment of the school (KTS #2, 5; IECE #5; CHETL #1);

F. demonstrate knowledge of techniques for constructing and modifying instructional materials to meet the needs students with mild disabilities (KTS #2, 3, 4; IECE #6, 7, 14; CHETL #1, 5);

G. demonstrate knowledge of methods of appropriately utilizing paraprofessionals, volunteers and peer tutors in special education settings (KTS #2, 3; IECE #5; CHETL 3, 5);
H. demonstrate knowledge of techniques for interacting with colleagues to insure mutual professional respect, cooperation, and collaboration (KTS #2, 5; IECE #4, 10, 11; CHETL 3);
I. demonstrate knowledge of the procedures for mainstreaming, collaboration, and inclusion of students with disabilities (KTS #2, 5; IECE #1, 2, 3, 4, 6; CHETL #4); and
J. write professionally for the field of special education (KTS #1; CHETL #2).

The COE Theme of Educator as Reflective Decision-Maker is addressed in this course by requiring students to reflect on course activities.

The EPSB Themes of Assessment and Closing the Achievement Gap are explored in the course through the various chapters within the text. They also addressed through the writing of individual education plans (IEP’s) and lesson plans.

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

IV. CONTENT OUTLINE:
A. The Learning process
B. Approaches to Learning and Teaching
C. Oral language
D. Reading: Word Recognition
E. Reading: Fluency and Comprehension
F. Written Expression
G. Learning in the Content Area
H. Mathematics
I. Classroom Management
J. Transition Planning
K. Coordinating Teaching
L. Communicating with Parents and Professionals
M. Senate Bill 1 Initiatives

V. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
A. Lecture and discussion
B. Small group discussion
C. On line and In Class Cooperative learning activities
D. Reading material
E. Written assignments
F. Individual and/or group presentations
G. Video presentations
H. Exams

VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:
Students will be required to interview a school teacher/administrator.

VII. TEXT(S) AND RESOURCES:

College LiveText – EDU Solutions Student Membership/CHAMPS

A. Canvas
B. Waterfield Library at Murray State University
C. MSU Computer Centers
D. Professional Publications
E. Curriculum Library Alexander Hall at Murray State University
F. MSU Writing Center

VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES:
Although activities and grading procedures may vary by instructor, the * items are required and all sections must use the same scoring rubric for LiveText course assignment. The ** items are assignments used as artifacts for Task E portfolio assignment.

A. Course Requirements Points

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**TOTAL = 650**

Specific Assignment Requirements:
1. Resource Notebook: Students will create a notebook/file containing teaching strategies and activities for various areas addressed in the course. Include your name on the outside of the notebook. There will be a table of contents page, and each area will be divided with a tab. Areas to be included are 1. Applied Behavior Analysis/RTI/technology 2. behavior management and bullying 3. communicating with parents and professionals 4. oral language, conversation 5. reading strategies-decoding, sight words and phonics 6. Reading strategies – fluency and comprehension 7. written expression (spelling, handwriting, writing process) 8. vocabulary and organization 9. mathematics (calculation & application), 10. study skills and others. Each section will have a minimum of 8 strategies.
2. Students will prepare a classroom arrangement, with an explanation of why the room is arranged in the manner chosen and submit it in LiveText.
3. Students will present one strategy each half of the semester to class for a grade. Strategy will be supplied by the instructor.
4. Students will interview a school teacher/administrator and write a reflection paper. The format of the interview will be supplied by the instructor.
5. Students will write 5 multiple choice questions (with correct answer highlighted) for each chapter and post on Canvas before class.
6. There will be a mid-term and a final exam. The exams will include multiple choice and essay questions.

B. Evaluation:
Grades will be awarded for performance in accordance with the MSU scale. Students’ attendance and participation will be considered when calculating the final grade.

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IX. ATTENDANCE POLICY:
Students are expected to adhere to the MSU Attendance Policy outlined in the current MSU Bulletin.

Attendance and punctuality is expected in this class. Attendance will be taken daily at the beginning of the class. Students are required to inform the instructor on the same day if they were tardy. After two unexcused absences, the student must meet with the instructor. Instructor reserves the right to lower the final grade by a letter grade after three unexcused absences. This can also result in a flag. Three tardies will count as equivalent to one unexcused absence. In-class exercises cannot be made up. Five points will be deducted for late submission and it will increase by two points for each day the assignment is late.

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 Equal Opportunity. Any appeal will be forwarded to the appropriate university committee as determined by the Provost.

**XI. NON-DISCRIMINATION 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, 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. For more information, contact the Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access, 103 Wells Hall, (270) 809-3155 (voice), (270) 809-3361 (TDD).

**XII. FLAG SYSTEM/CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT:**
Student progress is continuously assessed throughout the teacher preparation program. Appropriate professional characteristics and dispositions, in addition to academic achievement, are assessed. Positive and negative flags are submitted by faculty to Teacher Education Services and then presented to admissions committees. Negative flags are carefully reviewed to make a determination as to whether a student should be denied admission OR if a professional development plan will be designed for the student’s progress towards program completion. NEGATIVE FLAGS MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OF ADMISSION TO TEACHER EDUCATION AND/OR STUDENT TEACHING.

NOTE: Instructor reserves the right to make any changes to course activities and assignments as deemed necessary during the semester.