I. TITLE:
Exit Seminar in Special Ed

II. COURSE DESCRIPTION AND PREREQUISITE(S):
The purpose of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to conduct a self-analysis of his or her knowledge, skills and abilities relative to the graduate program completed. This is accomplished by a review of past textbooks and notes, small group discussions, simulations, role-playing as well as finalizing of the eligibility portfolio.
Prerequisite(s): none

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) and CHETL standards addressed by that objective. Upon successful completion of the course, the student will demonstrate
A. a professional development plan that addresses his/her weaknesses (KTS #6, 9; CHETL #2),
B. knowledge and skills to successfully complete PRAXIS Exams (KTS #8; CHETL #5),
C. mastery of Experienced Teacher Standards as demonstrated in an eligibility portfolio (KTS #1, 6, 7, 9; CHETL #4), and
D. 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 their graduate program and the artifacts they have chosen to demonstrate mastery of the Experienced Teacher Standards.

The EPSB Themes of Literacy/Reading, Assessment and Closing the Achievement Gap are explored in the course through portfolio artifacts.

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.

PT – This course provides students with professional training.

IV. CONTENT OUTLINE:
A. Professional Development Planning
B. Kentucky Experienced Teacher Standards and other applicable standards.
C. CEC Code of Ethics
D. LBD Graduate Student Characteristics Statement
E. Portfolio Development Guidelines
F. Portfolio Evaluation Criteria
G. Senate Bill 1 Initiatives

V. INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES:
Self analysis of weaknesses, improvement planning, and individual assistance

VI. FIELD, CLINICAL, AND/OR LABORATORY EXPERIENCES:
None

VII. TEXT(S) AND RESOURCES:
LiveText for portfolio management
A. CEC Standards
B. CEC Code of Ethics
C. Portfolio Development Guidelines
D. Kentucky Experienced Teacher Standards
E. Portfolio Evaluation Forms

VIII. EVALUATION AND GRADING PROCEDURES:
A. Course Requirements
   Eligibility Portfolio
B. Grading Scale
   A = 93 - 100%
   B = 86 - 92%
   C = 79 - 85%
   D = 72 - 78%
   E = 0 - 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 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 information, contact Executive Director of Institutional Diversity, Equity and Access, 103 Wells Hall, Murray, KY 43071-3318. 270-809-3155 (voice), 270-809-3361 (TDD).