Teacher Education and Administration

Bilingual and English as a Second Language Education, EDBE
EDBE 5560. Fundamentals of Bilingual and English as a Second Language Education in EC–12 Settings. 3 hours. Examination of historical and legal aspects of bilingual and English as a second language education in EC–12 settings, including program models for the education of bilingual and English language learners; also, an overview of theories of second language learning and their implications for practice in schools. A minimum of 10 hours of observation is required. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

EDBE 5570. Assessing Language and Content Learning in EC–12 Bilingual and English as a Second Language Education. 3 hours. Examination of issues related to assessment of language proficiency and cognitive abilities of EC–12 English language learners, including the importance of appropriate diagnostic testing to the teaching and learning process; a review of potential cultural bias in EC–12 assessment procedures for assessing eligibility of EC–12 students for special language programs. Prerequisite(s): EDBE 5560 or consent of department.

EDBE 5580. Curriculum for EC–8 Bilingual Education. 3 hours. Study of methods, approaches and materials to teach content in a bilingual classroom with a special focus on the rationale and techniques for literacy development in Spanish. Language of instruction is Spanish and English. Placement through departmental Spanish proficiency exam. Ten hours of observation in authentic bilingual classrooms are required. Prerequisite(s): EDBE 5560 or consent of department.

EDBE 5585. Teaching, Reading and Other Language Arts in Bilingual Education. 3 hours. Theoretical principles, practices and materials applicable to the teaching of reading and other language arts in Spanish in elementary bilingual education classrooms. Key topics include reading pedagogy for biliteracy, issues of transfer from Spanish to English reading, process writing, children’s literature, use of Internet and applicable computer software resources and assessment strategies. Language of instruction: Spanish. Placement through departmental Spanish proficiency test. Minimum of 10 hours of observation in authentic bilingual classroom. Prerequisite(s): EDBE 5560 or consent of department.

EDBE 5590. Pedagogy of English as a Second Language for EC–12 Classrooms. 3 hours. Examination of appropriate procedures and materials for academic content instruction and language development for English Language Learners (ELLs). Topics to be explored include structured and unstructured techniques for teaching ELLs, the relationship between oral language development and literacy skills, the development of literacy skills in English for students who are not literate in the first language and methods for effective sheltered English instruction. Emphasis placed on inclusion of all learners. Prerequisite(s): LING 5060, EDBE 5560 or consent of department.

Early Childhood Education, EDEC
EDEC 5013. Research Strategies and Techniques in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Research strategies and techniques and their application to the research process in early childhood education.

EDEC 5030. Practicum, Field Experience or Internship. 3, 6 or 9 hours each. (0;0;3,6,9) Supervised professional activities in development, family studies and early childhood education. Registration is on an individual basis and student must have prior consent of professor.

EDEC 5470. Early Childhood Classroom Management. 3 hours. Explorations of current theories of classroom management including alternative discipline approaches. Emphasizes application to children in early elementary school (early childhood) classrooms. Fifteen (15) hours of observation are required.


EDEC 5523. Early Childhood Education Colloquium. 3 hours. Rotating graduate seminar featuring workshops and/or lectureships led by national experts in the field of early childhood education.

EDEC 5613. Advanced Curriculum for Early Childhood. 3 hours. Study of the principles of curriculum construction and innovative instructional practices for early childhood. Explores research related to organization strategies including planning, arrangement, and selection of materials and evaluation.

EDEC 5623. Environments and Programs for Young Children. 3 hours. Recommended for individuals entering the early childhood profession. Emphasizes the application of early childhood theory and developmentally appropriate practices. Includes curriculum planning, classroom management, and techniques and strategies for effective learning environments.

EDEC 5633. Assessment in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Examines the role of assessment in the process of program development, instruction and individual differences. Attention is given to observational strategies, record keeping, analysis of data, instructional planning and program evaluation.

EDEC 5643. Leadership and Supervision of Programs. 3 hours. Issues and problems in administration of programs for children, youth and families. Includes administrative leadership of programs and staff, effective staff development and supervision.

EDEC 5653. Making the Literacy Connection: Language to Reading. 3 hours. Study of the development of literacy in young children through oral language, listening comprehension, alphabetic knowledge, print awareness and reading. Addresses young children’s communication, language diversity, age-appropriate characteristics and appropriate instructional techniques to support literacy and reading. Includes techniques for assessment and evaluation of early language development. (Same as EDRE 5653.)

EDEC 5800. Special Topics in Early Childhood Education. 1–3 hours. Organized classes designed to accommodate the needs of students and demands of program development not met by regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis, to be repeated only upon demand. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.
EDEC 5900-EDEC 5910. Special Problems, 1–3 hours each. Open to graduate students capable of developing a problem independently. Problems chosen by the student and approved in advance by the instructor.

EDEC 5950. Master's Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun. May be repeated for credit.

EDEC 6030. Practicum, Field Problem or Internship. 3 hours. Mentored professional activities in early childhood education. Registration is based on approval from student’s committee. May be taken once for credit.

EDEC 6511. Continuing Integrative Seminar. 1 hour. Integration of knowledge gained from courses, seminars and community experiences through interaction with practicing professionals to explore the political, economic and social forces that shape and influence early childhood education.

EDEC 6523. History, Philosophy and Ethics of Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Investigates the origins of early childhood education considering historical, philosophical and ethical issues. Contributions of leaders in early childhood education are evaluated through social and educational contexts.

EDEC 6533. Current Readings and Research in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Introduction to current research as well as historical and contemporary readings in early childhood education. Contributes to students’ roles as professionals in the field. Assigned readings are critically examined; students lead discussions on self-directed readings. Students are required to register for this course in each of their first three terms/semesters of course work. 3 hours required; limit of 4 hours may be applied to the degree plan.

EDEC 6543. Critical Issues in Early Childhood Contemporary Society. 3 hours. Critical issues and their implications in improving early childhood education and influencing public policy. Issues are explored across change areas (environment, children and families, context, services and agencies) and topic (risk factors, violence, schooling and education, equity, culture and gender).

EDEC 6613. Leadership, Professionalism and Social Change in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Assists early childhood professionals in developing educational leadership, vision and the ability to promote social change through understanding the roles of the individual educator, organizations and the community.

EDEC 6623. Advocacy in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Critical examination of the rationale, evidence and program and policy issues involved in family-oriented early childhood initiatives and service systems. Readings and discussions focus on issues such as the characteristics, strengths and weaknesses of emerging policies and programs to strengthen and support families with young children and change and reform efforts in various agencies.

EDEC 6800. Special Topics in Early Childhood Education. 3 hours. Organized classes designed to accommodate the needs of students and demands of program development not met by regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis, to be repeated upon demand. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

EDEC 6900-EDEC 6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Research by doctoral students in fields of special interest. Includes project research studies and intensive reading programs. Conferences with professors in the fields also are included.

EDEC 6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

Educational Administration and Supervision, EDAD

EDAD 5300. Introduction to Educational Administration. 3 hours. Focuses on instructional leadership development and serves as the introductory course for degrees and certification in educational administration. Includes a study of campus-level leadership and accountability and concomitant roles and responsibilities, as well as interrelationships among administrators, teachers, students, parents and community groups. Degree plans are developed and the major professor/advisor is assigned.

EDAD 5330. Instructional Leadership. 3 hours. Study of instructional leadership as it relates to the improvement of instruction, effective schools and ongoing effective program delivery by personnel. Areas to be explored and discussed include significant and recent research and best practices of instructional leadership, learning theory, the change process, school climate and culture, effective teaching methods and the relationship of instruction to curriculum.

EDAD 5390. Campus-Level School Law. 3 hours. Provides an understanding of important constitutional, statutory, administrative and case law as it pertains to the everyday operation of schools in Texas. Students learn the legal framework within which schooling takes place and how it structures the decisions that campus administrators make. Primary emphasis is placed on legal issues facing campus-level administrators.

EDAD 5400. Management of School Resources. 3 hours. Introductory-level course in the planning and management of school resources with particular applications to Texas. Designed to prepare building-level administrators to understand the issues influencing the planning and management of personnel, financial and capital resources at the school building level.

EDAD 5500. Internship in Educational Administration. 3 hours. Provision for on-the-job experience and professional study in administration and supervision as directed by the student’s major advisor. Required for Texas professional certificate for school administration. Not applicable to degree programs. The internship requires 125 hours of experience at either a secondary, middle, elementary, or alternative school site. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5550. Computer Applications for Educational Administrators. 3 hours. Study and analysis of the use of technology in the administration of education with emphasis on using microcomputer applications to facilitate administrative activities; planning for the incorporation of technology into district/campuswide instructional programs; and promoting education via the use of technology.
EDAD 5600. Race, Class and Gender Issues in Education. 3 hours. Race, class and gender inequities exist throughout educational systems. Students critically examine issues related to providing leadership for a diverse student population. Students learn what it means to be a culturally responsive leader and to research, review and debunk stereotypes and negative views. Students begin to recognize all learners as capable, motivated, resilient and able to build on cultural strengths. Strategies for school change are also explored. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5610. School Communications and Public Relations. 3 hours. Every administrator in an educational organization has a responsibility to engage in public relations on a daily basis. The primary objective of this course is to examine school-based public relations within the context of life in an information age, practice in schools shared decision making, and sustained demands for school improvement. Students study three critical dimensions of school public relations: informing the public; modifying attitudes and opinions; and integrating the actions and attitudes of an organization with those of its public. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5620. Administration and Leadership for Student Educational Services. 3 hours. Designed to investigate the values, theoretical bases, best practices and challenges for leaders who administer student educational services at the school or district levels. Provides a review of federal laws, rules, regulations and expectations for students placed at risk in educational settings by circumstances and situations beyond their control. Emphasis on students who are educationally disadvantaged because of poverty, language differences, disabilities, interests and academic performance or lack thereof. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5630. Organizational Change and School Improvement. 3 hours. School change and improvement from the perspectives of classical/rational organizational theory, open systems theory, contingency theory and social systems theories. Content includes research on school change and school improvement, strategic planning, effects of major reform initiatives in the 1980s and 1990s, and the development of the literature review in a research study. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5650. Professional Development and Supervision. 3 hours. Provides students with the knowledge, interpersonal skills and technical skills to accomplish the supervisory tasks of direct assistance to teachers and professional development. Students learn how to implement models of professional development, especially job-embedded professional development, and how to apply the basic processes of developmental supervision, clinical supervision and coaching. In addition, the course addresses the relationship of effective supervisory behaviors to appraisal processes. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5680. Administration of the K–12 Curriculum. 3 hours. Examines the interaction among curriculum, instruction and assessment at site, district and national levels. Theoretical knowledge as well as site and district based curricular projects are included. The student develops an understanding of the critical importance of research based yet practical curriculum alignment and coordinated planning in school reform and improvement. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5330, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5700. Practicum in Educational Administration. 3 hours. The final course for the educational administration program area. During the class meetings, students review and analyze fundamental issues in the educational administration competency areas, discuss current trends and pressures influencing changes in the field, and address knowledge and skills needed to be prepared for an administrative career. At least 125 contact hours are spent in the field working with a site or central office administrator dealing with specified instructional, supervisory, administrative, leadership, curricular and management responsibilities. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5300, EDAD 5390 and EDAD 5400.

EDAD 5800-EDAD 5810. Studies in Education. 1–3 hours each. Organized classes specifically designed to accommodate the needs of students and the demands of program development that are not met by the regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis, to be repeated only upon demand. May be repeated for credit.

EDAD 5900. Special Problems. 1–3 hours. Open to graduate students who are capable of developing a problem independently. Problems chosen by the student and approved in advance by the instructor and the department chair.

EDAD 6031-EDAD 6032-EDAD 6033. Practicum, Field Problem or Internship. 3 hours each. Provision for on-the-job experience or professional study in administration or supervision as directed by student's major advisor. Limited to 6 hours in doctoral degree program. Special designation for each section is as follows.

EDAD 6031. Internship Under Practicing School Administrator. Required for Texas professional certificate for school administration. Not applicable to degree programs.

EDAD 6032. Practicum or Field Problem. An elective for doctoral candidates in administrative leadership.

EDAD 6033. Internship Under School Superintendent. Required for Texas professional certificate for superintendent. Not applicable to degree programs.

EDAD 6100. Theoretical Foundations of Educational Administration. 3 hours. Designed to provide educational leaders and administrators with the body of theory most relevant to the high-quality practice of educational administration, and to specifically relate research and theory to practice in educational administration. Prerequisite(s): any one of EPSY 5050, EPSY 5210, EPSY 5220 and EPSY 6020, or consent of instructor.

EDAD 6110. Advanced Theory and Research in Administration. 3 hours. Contemporary inquiry in educational administration. Examines the impact of positivism, subjectivism and functionalism and its critics on recent research on school organization and administration.

EDAD 6200. Current Issues in Educational Administration. 3 hours. Doctoral seminar on issues of policy and practice in educational administration. Addresses value orientations, relevant research and policy considerations that shape decisions.

EDAD 6310. Research Practicum. 3 hours. Students conduct a research project designed to generate or test theory. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 6110 and permission of instructor. May be repeated for credit.
EDAD 6400. Politics of Educational Administration. 3 hours. Focuses on politics as it impacts educational administration. Starting with an exploration of the political systems model as a means of analysis, the course examines educational policy development at the local, state and federal levels. The roles of change agents, interest groups, lobbyists, the media and other political players are examined. Implications for administrative behavior are discussed. Much of the analysis is conducted through case studies and study of current educational issues.

EDAD 6510. Seminar in Advanced Education Law. 3 hours. Builds on the content of the prerequisite course by focusing on legal and policy issues of particular concern to top-level educational policymakers and administrators. Topics include such controversial and complex issues as the role of the state in education, parental rights, school choice and vouchers, privatization, religion on campus, school desegregation and integration, and legal liability for constitutional wrongs. Topics vary, depending upon the current school reform agenda. Underlying concerns that drive the development of legal mandates in schooling are explored. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5390 or equivalent.

EDAD 6520. Personnel Administration in the Public Schools. 3 hours. Principles and practices of personnel administration. Emphasis on recruitment, selection, deployment, evaluation, staff development, manpower planning and employee relations in the public schools.

EDAD 6530. Educational Facilities. 3 hours. Planning, design, construction, maintenance and evaluation of educational facilities. Develops awareness and skills related to population projections, needs assessment, educational specifications, site selection, rehabilitation of buildings, maintenance and operation of educational facilities, and building evaluation surveys.

EDAD 6540. Education and Public Relations. 3 hours. Principles and practices of public relations applied to education. Designed to provide proficiency and skill in the improvement of relations between the school and the public through interaction and utilization of political, community and human resources and other social institutions in the organization, and improvement of public education.

EDAD 6550. Business Administration of the Public Schools. 3 hours. Organization of the business management function in the public schools, including internal structure, office and personnel management, budgeting maintenance and operation, transportation, food services, legal relationships, insurance and safety. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5400 or consent of instructor.

EDAD 6570. Seminar in Advanced Educational Finance. 3 hours. Problems and issues involved in financing the public schools. The context and methodology of the course are suitable for educators working at all levels in the public schools and are directly relevant to their current problems and needs. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5400 or consent of instructor.

EDAD 6580. Administration and Supervision of the Instructional Program. 3 hours. Major issues, problems and trends in the K-12 curriculum, from an administrative and supervisory point of view. Special emphasis is given to the role of organizational leadership and to strategies for stimulating, implementing and evaluating alternatives in curriculum and instruction. Prerequisite(s): any one of EDCI 5320, EDSE 5440 and EDEE 5400/EDSE 5400, or consent of instructor.

EDAD 6590. The Superintendency. 3 hours. An advanced course dealing with the basic functions of the superintendency — planning, programming, communicating and evaluating — and the current issues and problems confronting the practicing educational administrator. Prerequisite(s): EDAD 5330 or consent of instructor.

EDAD 6900-EDAD 6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Research by doctoral students in fields of special interest. Includes project research studies and intensive reading programs. Conferences with professors in the fields also are included.

EDAD 6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

Educational Curriculum and Instruction, EDCI

EDCI 5070. Geo-Spatial Technologies for Educational Environments. 3 hours. Application of geo-spatial technologies for visualization and analysis in K–12 educational settings. Emphasis on applications such as Geographic Information Systems, Global Positioning System and Internet-based interactive mapping, and digital globes for geo-spatial inquiry in formal and informal educational environments. (Same as GEOG 5070.)

EDCI 5100. Action Research for Multicultural Education. 3 hours. Provides graduate students with opportunities to review the literature on action research and multicultural populations and to develop basic skills in quantitative and qualitative data generation, analysis and interpretation. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 5710 and EDCI 5130 or consent of instructor. (Same as EPSY 5100.)

EDCI 5130. Philosophy and Principles of Multicultural Education. 3 hours. The recognition and examination of the philosophy and principles germane to multicultural education. Emphasis is on sensitivity to racial and cultural differences and their influences on an effective educational program. Students also examine the great diversity of lifestyles that our multicultural heritage embraces. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 5710.

EDCI 5320. Curriculum Development. 3 hours. Identification and understanding of the underlying philosophical principles, societal expectations and practical demands that must be reflected in the development of curricular offerings, incorporating appropriate instructional and evaluative methodology for a diverse student clientele. Includes continued development of the program portfolio. Includes research proposal for the program action research project. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 5710.

EDCI 5360. Effective Teaching and Learning. 3 hours. Theoretical grounding and practical experience to further enhance instructional knowledge and expertise of certified teachers. Course objectives are based on national and state standards for teacher development beyond initial certification. Enables student teachers to enhance student learning in the classroom and prepares teachers for campus leadership roles such as that of mentor teacher and staff development provider. Includes continued development of the program portfolio. Includes the literature review for the program action research project. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 5710.
EDCI 5620. Anthropology of Education. 3 hours. Examines issues and approaches relevant to the study of education within the field of anthropology. Introduction to anthropological concepts and anthropological methods used in the study of education and schooling. Examination of the relation between anthropology and education as it pertains to cultural transmission. Cultural difference, minority status, and educational outcomes. Current perspectives and critiques relevant to educational “problems” and emerging solutions derived from an anthropological perspective of education. (Same as ANTH 5620.)

EDCI 5710. Curriculum and Instruction Inquiry I. 3 hours. Introduction to critical reflection and inquiry through action research. Development of basic skills as consumers of educational research and as teacher-researchers. Admission procedures are completed and degree plan developed. Should be taken upon first residence registration in the curriculum and instruction MEd program.

EDCI 5720. Curriculum and Instruction Inquiry II. 3 hours. Advanced critical reflection and inquiry through action research and advocacy. Refinement of skills as consumers of educational research, teacher-researcher and advocate for and against educational change. Consideration of contemporary issues in education. Presentation of program portfolio is scheduled during enrollment in this course, including completion of action research report. Should be taken during the last resident registration in the curriculum and instruction MEd program. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 5130, EDCI 5320, EDCI 5360, EDCI 5710; and EDSP 5755.

EDCI 5800-EDCI 5810. Studies in Education. 1–3 hours each. Organized class specifically designed to accommodate the needs of students and the demands of program development that are not met by the regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis. May be repeated for credit with departmental approval. (Same as EDEE 5800-5810/EDSE 5800-5810.)

EDCI 5960-EDCI 5970. Education Institute. 1–6 hours each. For students accepted as participants in special institute courses on a range of topics relevant to the development of teacher leaders. (Same as EDEE 5960-5970.)

EDCI 6030. Practicum, Field Problem or Internship. 3 or 6 hours. The provision of supervised professional activities in education by the student's major advisor. Registration is on an individual basis.

EDCI 6110. Conceptual Frames for Curriculum and Instruction. 3 hours. Analysis of major concepts, areas of concern and modes of inquiry of the fields of educational history, philosophy, sociology and anthropology as applied to theory and policy in the fields of curriculum and instruction. Required entry course for doctoral program in curriculum and instruction.

EDCI 6220. Conceptual Models of Curriculum Development. 3 hours. Descriptions and analyses of conceptual models of curriculum theory, curriculum development, and curriculum inquiry and research. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 6110 or consent of instructor.

EDCI 6230. Implementation and Evaluation of Curriculum. 3 hours. Course covers selected models of curriculum and allows students to analyze and design appropriate strategies for implementing and evaluating curriculum. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 6110 and EDCI 6220, or consent of instructor.

EDCI 6280. Qualitative Research in Education. 3 hours. Focuses on the knowledge and skills necessary for conducting naturalistic research; observation and other qualitative data generation techniques, as well as data analysis and interpretation. Prerequisite(s): consent of instructor. (Same as EPSY 6280.)

EDCI 6285. Qualitative Data Analysis in Education. 3 hours. Data collection, analysis and interpretation using qualitative methodology such as participant observation and interviewing for data gathering with special focus on constant comparative/grounded theory for data analysis. Use of computer software programs for qualitative data analysis. Students complete a qualitative study consisting of at least 45 hours of field work during the term/semester. Prerequisite(s): EPSY 6280 or EDCI 6280. (Same as EPSY 6285.)

EDCI 6340. Conceptual Models of Learning and Instruction. 3 hours. The study of the research base and the learning theory underlying major current models of teaching. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 6110, 6220 and 6230, or consent of instructor.

EDCI 6350. Research and Practice of Teaching. 3 hours. The course focuses on research in teaching; the selection, implementation and evaluation of strategies and models; and conceptual models of improving instruction. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 6110, EDCI 6220, EDCI 6230 and EDCI 6340, or consent of instructor.

EDCI 6460. Policy Analysis in Curriculum and Instruction. 3 hours. Description and analysis of major factors involved in curriculum and instruction policy-making at the local, state, national and international levels. The course includes information and practice on developing a practical approach to policy development in curriculum and instruction. Prerequisite(s): EDCI 6110, EDCI 6220, EDCI 6230, EDCI 6340 and EDCI 6350, or consent of instructor.

EDCI 6900-EDCI 6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Research by doctoral students in fields of special interest. Includes project research studies and intensive reading programs. Conferences with professors in the fields also are included.

EDCI 6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

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Elementary Education, EDEE

EDEE 5020. Advanced Studies in Elementary School Mathematics. 3 hours. Modern curricula and techniques. The content, scope, philosophy and pedagogical strategies of several modern mathematics curricula and their utilization in upgrading mathematics instruction in the elementary school. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4350.

EDEE 5030. Field Experiences in Elementary Schools. 3 hours. Supervised professional activities in elementary schools; includes teaching under supervision.
EDEE 5040. Advanced Studies in Elementary School Social Studies. 3 hours. Teaching social studies in the elementary school and aspects of citizenship and character development. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4340.

EDEE 5050. Advanced Studies in Elementary School Science. 3 hours. Modern curricula and techniques. The content, scope, philosophy and pedagogical strategies of several modern science curricula and their utilization in upgrading science instruction in the elementary school. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4330.

EDEE 5060. Advanced Studies in Elementary School Language Arts. 3 hours. A comprehensive study, based on principles of child growth and development, of the language arts for the elementary school. Major areas of consideration are trends and philosophies, materials and techniques, and relevant research. The interrelationships of all the language arts are given primary emphasis. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4860.

EDEE 5101-EDEE 5102. Student Teaching in Pre-K through Grade 4. 3 hours each. Certification program requires 6 hours total, to be taken simultaneously. Teaching under supervision. Courses are designed for UNT teacher certification candidates in the post-baccalaureate program. Supervision by university faculty and support from a school-based mentor teacher. Content includes supervised application of the Texas Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards. Requirements include classroom teaching under the leadership of the mentor or cooperating teacher and guidance of the supervisor. Research paper and a professional portfolio may also be required. Prerequisite(s): admission to teacher education and approval of Field Experience Coordinator. Contact advisor. Pass/no pass only.

EDEE 5103-EDEE 5104. Student Teaching in Grade 4 through Grade 8. 3 hours each. Certification program requires 6 hours total, to be taken simultaneously. Teaching under supervision. Courses are designed for UNT teacher certification candidates in the post-baccalaureate program. Supervision by university faculty and support from a school-based mentor teacher. Content includes supervised application of the Texas Pedagogy and Professional Responsibilities Standards. Requirements include classroom teaching under the leadership of the mentor or cooperating teacher and guidance of the supervisor. Research paper and a professional portfolio may also be required. Prerequisite(s): admission to teacher education and approval of Field Experience Coordinator. Contact advisor. Pass/no pass only.

EDEE 5105. Practicum I. 3 hours. Supervised teaching experience in school as a teacher of record. Required for initial teacher certification for those already holding a baccalaureate degree. Interns are guided by a school district mentor who assists them with classroom management strategies, student problems and concerns, and general guidance. Interns are also monitored and counseled by qualified university supervisors. Extensive online support and resources are provided. Grade is pass/no pass. Prerequisite(s): admission to Teacher Education Program; probationary teaching certificate.

EDEE 5115. Practicum II. 3 hours. Supervised teaching experience in school as a teacher of record. Required for initial teacher certification for those already holding a baccalaureate degree. Interns are guided by school district mentor who assists them with classroom management strategies, student problems and concerns, and general guidance. Interns are also monitored and counseled by qualified university supervisors. Extensive online support and resources are provided. Grade is pass/no pass. Prerequisite(s): admission to Teacher Education Program; probationary teaching certificate.

EDEE 5140. The Linguistically Diverse Learner. 3 hours. Designed to enhance an understanding of the unique needs and requirements of learners whose first language is not English. Students examine their own beliefs about speakers of other languages. Appropriate strategies and materials for the second language learner in both the ESL and regular classroom are explored.

EDEE 5400. Curriculum Development in the Middle School. 3 hours. Analysis of the bases and techniques for curriculum development in the middle school with particular emphasis on the nature of the early adolescent learner and salient elements of middle school theory. Includes practical problems in developing curricula for middle schools and implementation of innovation in the middle school setting. (Same as EDCI 5400.)

EDEE 5800-5810. Studies in Education. 1–3 hours each. Organized classes specifically designed to accommodate the needs of students and the demands of program development that are not met by the regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis, to be repeated only upon demand. May be repeated for credit. (Same as EDCI 5800-5810/EDSE 5800-5810.)

EDEE 5840. Engaging Students in Learning. 3 hours. Introductory to teaching in the school focusing on the circumstances of contemporary students, the qualities and practices of teachers who engage students in learning, and on schools as communities of learning for students and professionals. Teacher practices in classroom management and organization and focusing learning through assessment are emphasized. A field experience is included. Prerequisite(s): admission to the teacher education program, a child/adolescent/lifespan development course, and an educational-application computer course.

EDEE 5850. Instructional Methodologies in Language Arts and Social Studies. 3 hours. Survey of subject-specific instructional methods and activities in language arts and social studies, along with connections to fine arts. Includes instructional methods and activities in language arts and social studies. Includes 30 clock hours of field experience. Course is designed for post-baccalaureate teacher certification candidates only. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4450 or EDEE 4820.

EDEE 5860. Instructional Methodologies in Mathematics and Science. 3 hours. Survey of subject-specific instructional methods and activities in mathematics and science, along with connections to fine arts. Includes subject-specific assessments, subject-specific technology applications and the application of content area reading methods. Includes 30 clock hours of field experience. Course is designed for post-baccalaureate teacher certification candidates only. Prerequisite(s): EDEE 4450 or EDEE 4820.

EDEE 5900-EDEE 5910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Open to graduate students who are capable of developing a problem independently. Problems chosen by the student and approved in advance by the instructor. Open only to resident students.
EDEE 5950. Master’s Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun. May be repeated for credit.

EDEE 5960-EDEE 5970. Education Institute. 1–6 hours each. For students accepted as participants in special institute courses. (Same as EDCI 5960-EDCI 5970.)

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Reading, EDRE
EDRE 5030. Practicum, Field Problem or Internship. 3–6 hours. (0:0,3–6) Supervised professional activities in reading education. Registration is on an individual basis.

EDRE 5070. Literacy Development for English Learners. 3 hours. Detailed analysis of reading and writing instruction for English language learners. Includes theoretical models, recognition of current issues related to integrated literacy instruction, and delineates best practices for English literacy development in educational settings.

EDRE 5170. Materials and Recent Developments in Reading. 3 hours. Recently developed reading programs, reading techniques and technological advances related to the reading field are examined in light of research. Prerequisite(s): EDRE 5370 or equivalent.

EDRE 5180. Advanced Assessment and Evaluation in Reading. 3 hours. An exploration of current techniques for assessment and evaluation in reading. Merging assessment and instruction in classrooms is emphasized. Prerequisite(s): EDRE 5370 or equivalent.

EDRE 5190. Reading Assessment and Instruction for Special Populations. 3 hours. Development, implementation and evaluation of assessment and instructional procedures in reading for special populations. Supervised instruction in a clinic setting is required. Prerequisite(s): EDRE 5180 or equivalent. May be repeated once for credit.

EDRE 5200. Development and Supervision of Reading Programs. 3 hours. Analysis of the total reading program, emphasizing specific strategies for improvement of programs. Prerequisite(s): EDRE 5370 or equivalent.

EDRE 5370. Advanced Reading Theory/Practice. 3 hours. A program designed to provide understanding of the many facets of the reading act, to provide opportunities for evaluation of approaches to teaching reading and to acquaint students with basic research in reading. Prerequisite(s): EDRE 4820 or equivalent.

EDRE 5510. Reading Workshop Approaches. 3 hours. Provides theory, research and practice related to composition instruction and writing workshop approaches, including classroom organization, the writing process and performance-based assessment practices. May be repeated for credit with advisor approval for a maximum of 6 hours.

EDRE 5520. Writing Workshop Approaches. 3 hours. Provides theory, research and practice related to composition instruction and writing workshop approaches, including classroom organization, the writing process, and performance-based assessment practices. May be repeated for credit with advisor approval for a maximum of 6 hours.

EDRE 5550. Literacy Instruction in Our Culturally Diverse Society. 3 hours. Establishes an awareness of the significance of culturally responsive literacy instruction and an understanding of the various components and characteristics of a learning context that support a diverse population. Emphasis on instruction, multicultural children's literature, issues surrounding literacy instruction and assessment of such.

EDRE 5653. Making the Literacy Connection: Language to Reading. 3 hours. Study of the development of literacy in young children through oral language, listening comprehension, alphabetic knowledge, print awareness and reading. Addresses young children's communication, language diversity, age-appropriate characteristics and appropriate instructional techniques to support literacy and reading. Includes techniques for assessment and evaluation of early language development. (Same as EDEC 5653.)

EDRE 5800-EDRE 5810. Studies in Education. 1–3 hours each. Organized classes specifically designed to accommodate the needs of students and the demands of program development that are not met by the regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics are offered on a limited basis, to be repeated only upon demand. May be repeated for credit.

EDRE 5900. Special Problems. 1–3 hours. Open to graduate students who are capable of developing a problem independently. Problems chosen by the student and approved in advance by the instructor. Open only to resident students.

EDRE 5950. Master’s Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 6 hours credit required. No credit assigned until thesis has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Continuous enrollment required once work on thesis has begun. May be repeated for credit.

EDRE 6030. Practicum, Field Problem or Internship. 3 or 6 hours. Supervised professional activities in reading education. Registration is on an individual basis.

EDRE 6040. Research in Literacy Assessment and Evaluation. 3 hours. Study of historically significant and current research and public policies that affect literacy assessment. Students are provided hands-on opportunities for action research in local schools or education agencies.

EDRE 6060. Research in the Language Arts. 3 hours. Critical review and examination of extant research in the language arts with special emphasis on writing, listening and speaking. Current practices in language arts instruction are studied in relation to historical perspectives and contemporary research.

EDRE 6070. Politics of Literacy. 3 hours. Investigation of significant policy documents that influence the field of literacy education. Along with building historical background, this course engages in critique and interpretation of policy from varying theoretical perspectives. Connections between research and policy, implications for district and campus decision-making, and opportunities for advocacy and policy development are included.

EDRE 6080. Evolution of Literacy Research. 3 hours. Survey and critique of significant literacy research from its origins to the present. Focus on major works and contributions to the field, predominant researchers, as well as trends within literacy research and across related fields.
EDRE 6090. Cognition and Reading. 3 hours. Analysis of the process of reading in relation to the physiological, perceptual, cognitive and affective domains.

EDRE 6100. Seminar in Reading. 3 hours. Seminar engages learners in the exploration, analysis and critique of research reflecting a variety of topics in literacy, literacy education and related fields. Offered every spring and can be taken a maximum of twice in fulfillment of reading-related or elective degree requirements as approved by the doctoral program advisor.

EDRE 6900-EDRE 6910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Research by doctoral students in fields of special interest. Includes project research studies and intensive reading programs. Conferences with professors in the fields also are included.

EDRE 6950. Doctoral Dissertation. 3, 6 or 9 hours. To be scheduled only with consent of department. 12 hours credit required. No credit assigned until dissertation has been completed and filed with the graduate dean. Doctoral students must maintain continuous enrollment in this course subsequent to passing qualifying examination for admission to candidacy. May be repeated for credit.

Secondary Education, EDSE

EDSE 5001. Public Education and the Teaching Profession. 3 hours. Provides an overview of the teaching profession and an understanding of the history, structure, purposes, organization and management of the American education systems.

EDSE 5002. Everyone Can Learn: Applying Theory to Teaching Practice. 3 hours. Processes of learning and development are related to teaching in diverse secondary school settings. Cognitive, social, physical and moral development research is presented, and practical examples applied to teaching practice are demonstrated. Student differences with regard to intelligence, learning style, culture, economic status and gender are explored. Additional topics include operant conditioning, social learning theory, information processing, constructivism, various approaches to instruction and motivation theory.

EDSE 5003. Successful Teaching in the Secondary School. 3 hours. Provides preparation for successful teaching in the contemporary secondary school. Focus on instructional planning, teaching strategies, classroom management and other teacher competencies necessary in today's diverse classrooms. Prerequisite(s): EDSE 5001 and EDSE 5002.

EDSE 5004. Literacy for All. 3 hours. Provides a brief overview of relevant theory with emphasis on practical applications. Designed to help prospective and practicing middle and secondary school teachers in all content areas increase and enhance students' learning, especially from printed materials. Also helps secondary teachers recognize and compensate for the variety of students' ability levels. Includes cognition related to reading, Metacognition, schemata, constructivism, vocabulary learning, writing to learn, literacy strategy instruction, assessment of literacy, text analysis, academic diversity and the use of resources other than textbooks to enhance learning.

EDSE 5005. Curriculum Development for Diverse Secondary School Learners. 3 hours. Provides knowledge and skills required for the development and organization of curriculum and instructional strategies in the diverse secondary classroom. Topics include philosophy and principles of multicultural education; racial and cultural influences on education; Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills; alignment of district, state and national curriculum standards; standardized testing; the impact of teaching and learning on instruction and assessment; alternative assessment theories; and the relationship of instruction to classroom management.

EDSE 5030. Field Experiences in Secondary Schools. 3 hours. Supervised professional activities in secondary schools. Prerequisite(s): bachelor's degree.

EDSE 5105. Practicum I. 3 hours. Supervised teaching experience in the public schools as teacher of record. Required for initial teacher certification for those already holding a baccalaureate degree. Interns are guided by a school district mentor who assists them with classroom management strategies, student problems and concerns, and general guidance. Interns are also monitored and counseled by qualified university supervisors who frequently visit/observe/assess in the classroom. A teaching portfolio is required. Must show proof of employment in a school recognized by the Texas Teacher Education Agency in order to enroll. Prerequisite(s): EDSE 5002, EDSE 5004, EDSE 5005 and EDSE 5470, or consent of program administrator. Pass/no pass only.

EDSE 5108. Student Teaching in the Secondary Schools. 3 hours. Teaching under supervision. Prerequisite(s): EDSE 5001, EDSE 5002, EDSE 5003, EDSE 5004 and EDSE 5005. Research paper may be required. Required for those seeking secondary certification. See student teaching program for details. Pass/no pass only.

EDSE 5115. Practicum II. 3 hours. Supervised teaching experience in the public schools as teacher of record. Required for initial teacher certification for those already holding a baccalaureate degree. Interns are guided by a school district mentor who assists them with classroom management strategies, student problems and concerns, and general guidance. Interns are also monitored and counseled by qualified university supervisors who frequently visit/observe/assess in the classroom. A teaching portfolio is required. Pass/no pass only. Must show proof of employment in a school recognized by the Texas Teacher Education Agency in order to enroll. Prerequisite(s): EDSE 5002, EDSE 5004, EDSE 5005, EDSE 5105, and EDSE 5470, or consent of program administrator.

EDSE 5118. Student Teaching in the Secondary Schools. 3 hours. Teaching under supervision. Prerequisite(s): EDSE 5001, EDSE 5002, EDSE 5003, EDSE 5004 and EDSE 5005. Research paper may be required. Required for those seeking secondary certification. See student teaching program for details. Pass/no pass only.

EDSE 5400. Curriculum Development in the Middle School. 3 hours. Analysis of the bases and techniques for curriculum development in the middle school with particular emphasis on the nature of the early adolescent learner and salient elements of middle school theory. Includes practical problems in developing curricula for middle schools and implementation of innovation in the middle school setting. (Same as EDEE 5400.)

EDSE 5440. Curriculum Development in the Secondary School. 3 hours. Practical problems in developing courses of study and curricula for the secondary school according to accepted psychology, sound education theory and national objectives.
EDSE 5460. Improvement of Secondary Teaching. 3 hours. The derivation of appropriate methods and techniques from basic principles of learning. The development of working skills needed in cooperative planning, selecting and organizing teaching materials, utilization of the environment, individual and group guidance, and evaluation activities for the secondary school.

EDSE 5470. Maintaining Classroom Discipline. 3 hours. Models and procedures for classroom management and discipline, as well as techniques for motivating and instructing diverse student populations. Human relations strategies are discussed in great detail and methods for increasing parental involvement are also addressed. Topics include: what to do before students arrive, creating the learning environment, behavioral analysis, legal considerations, conferencing, learning contracts, incentives, planning, staying organized and time management.

EDSE 5710. Basic Research and Evaluation for Secondary Teachers. 3 hours. Basic skills in reading and interpreting research are developed. Students are introduced to elementary statistical concepts in measurement and evaluation. Should be taken upon first registration for the master's degree. Admission procedures are completed and a degree plan is prepared.

EDSE 5720. Evaluation Seminar. 3 hours. Demonstration on the part of candidates, through oral and written examination and completion of certain projects, of competency in special field and related areas of the degree program. Scheduled during last resident registration in the Master of Education degree program.

EDSE 5800-EDSE 5810. Studies in Education. 1–3 hours each. Organized classes specifically designed to accommodate the needs of students and the demands of program development that are not met by the regular offerings. Short courses and workshops on specific topics organized on a limited-offering basis, to be repeated only upon demand. May be repeated for credit. (Same as EDCI/EDEE 5800-5810.)

EDSE 5900-EDSE 5910. Special Problems. 1–3 hours each. Open to graduate students who are capable of developing a problem independently. Problems chosen by the student and approved in advance by the instructor. Open only to resident students.

EDSE 5950. Master's Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled on the part of candidates, through oral and written examination and completion of certain projects, of competency in special field and related areas of the degree program. Scheduled during last resident registration in the Master of Education degree program. Only to be repeated for credit as topics vary.

University Courses

University Courses, UCRS

The following University Courses are interdisciplinary in nature and are available to students working toward the master's degree with the interdisciplinary major.

UCRS 5000. Science in Ancient and Modern Times. 3 hours. Seminars, guest lectures and readings addressing major advances in science from a technological, philosophical and historical perspective. Course meets concurrently with UCRS 4000 but requires additional readings, papers and discussions for graduate students. (Meets with UCRS 4000)

UCRS 5010. Interdisciplinary Seminar. 1–6 hours.

UCRS 5800. NT DC Internship. 1–6 hours. Provides students with insights into public life, the policy-making process, and governmental agency interaction through supervised work experience in governmental, nonprofit and private sector placements in our nation's capital. Prerequisite(s): Open only to students accepted to the NT DC Cooperative Governmental Internship Program. Application information available from the Division of Student Development.

UCRS 5900. Special Problems. 1–3 hours.

UCRS 5920. Research Problems in Lieu of Thesis. 3 hours.

UCRS 5950. Master's Thesis. 3 or 6 hours. To be scheduled by the student who wishes to present a thesis as part of the interdisciplinary degree program.

Visual Arts and Design

Art, ART

ART 5200. Contemporary Architecture. 3 hours. Biological, structural and social problems of human shelter; analysis of achievement in contemporary architecture.

ART 5450. Professional Internship. 3–6 hours. In-training programs offered in cooperation with approved businesses and professional organizations with career connections to the studio arts. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours and approval of instructor.

ART 5700. Seminar in University Art Teaching. 3 hours. A study of problems unique to university art faculty; professional practices in various fields of art teaching. May be repeated for credit as topics vary.

ART 5800. Graduate Studio. 3 hours. Courses for students qualified to develop professional competence in special areas of studio work. Prerequisite(s): 12 hours of art in the selected area and consent of college. All may be repeated for credit.

ART 5813. Digital Art Studio. 3 hours. (2;4) Topics classes, focusing on new and experimental subject matter in the digital media environment.