Assessing Students with Disabilities Section 01
EDSE 215

Fall 2023  3 Unit(s)  08/21/2023 to 12/06/2023  Modified 08/28/2023

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Course Description and Requisites

Formal and non-formal evaluation methods to assess students with mild/moderate disabilities and extensive support needs, which include standardized and alternative assessment, RTI, IEP development, case studies, and a comprehensive understanding of evidenced-based practices in assessment.
Letter Graded

Classroom Protocols

Course Format: Technology Intensive, Hybrid Course
This course is technology intensive and run in a hybrid format. There will be face-to-face sessions as well as online modules. Participants must have access to the internet, have mastered the use of CANVAS, and commit to using and checking their SJSU email regularly for updates. Participants who are unfamiliar with CANVAS and or unable to access their SJSU email are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to seek assistance from tech support in Clark Hall ASAP.

All candidates are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner as members of this course. Preparation in this course reflects each candidate’s ability to become a successful special educator. At a minimum, candidates are expected to adhere to the following:

1. Attend all classes.
2. Arrive to class on time and stay until the end of class.
3. Take a break from social media and distracting technology during class.
4. Use of computers during class to take notes, access course materials, and participate in class activities is strongly encouraged.
5. Respect others in class and show tolerance for viewpoints different than one's own.
6. Actively participate in class discussion and activities. Everyone's voice is valued and we all have much to learn from each other.

Program Information

LCOE Department of Special Education Mission
We prepare candidates to be transformative leaders in the field, and lifelong learners who respond to racism, ableism, bigotry, and prejudice in their schools and communities. To this end, we center anti-racist and anti-ableist policies and practices in our teaching, research, and service to disrupt systemic racism that has historically prevented full inclusion and equity for students with disabilities including our BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students, staff, and faculty. We engage culturally sustaining pedagogies and the principles of UDL in our coursework and fieldwork, partnering with our local districts to push for the success of students with disabilities in inclusive settings.

LCOE Department of Special Education Program Learning Outcomes
- PLO 1 Assess and identify the educational needs and strengths of students with disabilities from diverse socioeconomic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- PLO 2 Critically evaluate pedagogy, curricula and instructional materials grounded in quality indicators of evidence-based practices for students with disabilities.
- PLO 3 Plan, design, implement, and monitor linguistically and culturally appropriate instruction that meets the unique needs of students with disabilities.
- PLO 4 Apply knowledge of the purpose, characteristics, and appropriate use of different types of assessments used for special education eligibility, placement, and service selection.
- PLO 5 Utilize research-based knowledge and theoretical, conceptual and evidence-based practices related to individuals with disabilities to improve services and instruction in the field.


Course Goals

This course is intended to assist students to meet the competencies specified in the Mild/Moderate Standards and Extensive Support Needs (ESN) Specialty Teaching Performance Expectations (TPE) in assessment:

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

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Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:
1. Plan, conduct, and interpret a comprehensive assessment used for individuals with disabilities using various assessment instruments, adaptive behavior scales, curriculum referenced instruments, ecological inventories, criterion-referenced tests, functional behavior assessments, and checklists.
2. Identify assessments that are valid for use when diagnosing or evaluating students with disabilities, including students who are
English learners.
3. Describe and discuss the purpose of and processes related to databased decision-making at the student, classroom, school, and
district level.
4. Describe the theory behind progress monitoring and the assessment of student’s academic, behavioral, social, and functional skills.
5. Adapt and modify existing assessment tools and methods to accommodate the unique needs of students with disabilities and
English language learners.
6. Articulate the steps in the assessment process, including how students are referred for assessment in special education.
7. Utilize both formal and informal assessment methods and demonstrate the ability to carry out
assessments in school settings to develop IEP goals and objectives.
8. Demonstrate competency with the interpretation of assessment data to write components of an IEP, including present levels, goals,
specially designed instruction, and accommodations/modifications.
9. Demonstrate an understanding and a competency to carry out person-centered/family centered planning and strength-based
functional/ecological assessments, including curriculum-based measures, authentic assessments, and student self-assessments.
10. Understand the role of assessment within the core curriculum/state standards in developing instructional programs for students
with disabilities and emergent bilinguals.

Course Materials


Assessment in Special Education

Author: Pierangelo, R., & Giuliani, G. A
Publisher: Pearson
Edition: 5th
ISBN: 0-13-418940-6

Course Requirements and Assignments

1. **Online Modules Readings, Questions, Discussion Prompts, and Activities** Candidates will complete online Modules which can be
found in CANVAS under the “Modules” tab. Modules will open on the assigned days in the course schedule. Candidates should
view the Read & Watch document to see the Module Overview and find details on readings and assignments. Module
assignments are due in CANVAS one week after the module opens. (See Course Schedule)
2. **In class activities** Candidates will complete in class activities during each of the face-to-face class sessions. In class activities
are directly related to the course readings and topics covered during the session. In class activities are due at the end of the class
session. (See Course Schedule)
3. **Formal Assessment Implementation and Interpretation** (100 Points): Students will demonstrate their ability to deliver a formal
assessment (e.g., Woodcock Johnson, WIAT, KTEA) while adhering with the standardized delivery and scoring procedures of the
assessment.
4. **Assessment Report** (50 Points) Based on the assessment results, students will write a comprehensive report including student
identifying data, reason for referral, background, family, developmental, academic, and social histories, behavioral observations,
tests and procedures administered, test results, conclusions and recommendations.
5. **IEP Goal Development** (50 Points) Students will review a student’s present levels and assessment reports to determine
appropriate IEP goal(s) based on student needs. Information on progress monitoring and data collection as well as appropriate
accommodations and potential interventions will also be addressed.
6. **Chapter Presentations** (30 Points) In small groups, students will present assigned chapters in the text, highlighting key insights
and vocabulary from the text.
7. **Mock IEP** (100 Points): Students will work in small groups to create a mock IEP based on a fictional student. Members of the
group will have designated roles, including but not limited to, general education teacher, special education teacher, school
psychologist, speech language pathologist and/or occupational/physical therapist or other related service provider. Student
present levels, student needs and goals, as well as appropriate accommodations will be presented by the designated IEP team
member.
Mock IEPs will be presented in place of a final exam.

Grading Information

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1. All assignments are due on the assigned date at the assigned time and must be submitted through CANVAS. Emailed or paper copies of assignments cannot be accepted. If an extension on an assignment is required, the department late policy requires that students contact the instructor at least 24 hours in advance of the due date with the request. The request must include a designated date on which the student intends to submit the assignment, which should be within one week of the original due date.

2. All written work must be turned in using Microsoft Office Word. The Microsoft Office Suite is available for free from the university. If you do not have Microsoft Office on your computer, please refer to Information Technology Services for information on how to download the software on your device. Assignments turned in using Google Docs, Apple Pages, or PDF format will be returned and the student will need to resubmit.

Criteria

Grading Scale

- 98-100% = A+
- 92-97% = A
- 90-91% = A-
- 88-89% = B+
- 82-87% = B
- 80-81% = B-

Candidates are reminded that they must maintain a GPA of 3.0 and each course should be completed with a grade of B or higher.

University Policies

Per University Policy S16-9 (PDF), relevant university policy concerning all courses, such as student responsibilities, academic integrity, accommodations, dropping and adding, consent for recording of class, etc. and available student services (e.g. learning assistance, counseling, and other resources) are listed on the Syllabus Information web page. Make sure to visit this page to review and be aware of these university policies and resources.

Course Schedule

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| 2    | 8/29   | Asynchronous Online | Methods of Assessment & Testing Considerations  
Legislation and court cases in special education  
Formal/informal testing | Read Chapters 1-4  
Review Canvas Materials |
| 3    | 9/5    | In person SH 230 | Basic Statistical Concepts & Scoring  
Measurement scales, central tendency, range, standard deviations  
Basic Terminology, Raw scores, Percentile Ranks, Standard Scores | Chapter presentations 1-4  
In class activities/assignments  
Identify student to assess |
| 4    | 9/12   | Asynchronous Online | Writing a Comprehensive Report  
Criteria, Test Results | Read Chapters 5, 6, & 17  
Review Canvas Materials  
Begin Report outline & Background information |
| 5    | 9/19   | In person SH 230 | The Special Education Process  
Pre-referral Strategies  
Identification, assessment, IEP development  
Response to Intervention (RTI)/Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), Prereferral Strategies | Chapter 5, 6, & 17 Presentations  
In class activities/assignments |
| 6    | 9/26   | Asynchronous Online | The MDT Team and Parental Participation in the Assessment process  
Collaboration, Parent Rights, MDT purpose, culturally responsive  
Parental Consent and Evaluation Standards  
Timeframes, IDEIA, validity, reliability | Read Chapters 7, 8, & 19 |
| 7    | 10/3   | In person SH 230 | Development of an IEP  
Using assessment results to determine student's needs, how to incorporate classroom performance and observations | Chapter presentations 7,8, & 19  
In class activities/assignments  
IEP goal Assignment due 10/16 |
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| 8 | 10/10 | Asynchronous Online | Determining Eligibility Criteria/Eligibility Procedures for Special Education | Read chapter 9, 16 & 18  
Diagnosing a disability  
Criteria based on disability  
Review Canvas Materials |
| 9 | 10/17 | In person SH 230 | Assessment of Academic Achievement  
Standardized testing, academic testing,  
Chapter presentations 9, 16, & 18  
In class activities/assignments | Chapter presentations 9, 16, & 18  
In class activities/assignments |
| 10| 10/24 | Asynchronous Online | Assessment of Intelligence  
Measures of Intellectual Ability | Read chapters 10 & 11  
Review Canvas Materials |
| 11| 10/31 | In person SH 230 | Assessment of Behavior  
FBA, Emotional/Social Development, Adaptive Behavior | Begin Assessments, note behavior observations  
Chapter presentations 10&11  
In class activities/assignments |
| 12| 11/7  | Asynchronous Online | Assessment of Perceptual Abilities  
Visual/Auditory Perception  
Comprehensive Measures of Perceptual Abilities | Read Chapters 12 & 13  
Review Canvas Materials |
| 13| 11/14 | In person SH 230 | Assessment of Speech & Language  
Speech & Language Disorders  
Assessment measures of speech and language | Chapter presentations 12 & 13  
In class activities/assignments |
| 14| 11/21 | Asynchronous Online | Early Intervention and Preschool Assessment Health Screenings, hearing/Vison  
Physical/Occupational Therapy Assessments | Read Chapters 14 & 15  
Review Canvas Materials |
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