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C&I 410.02: Exceptionality and Classroom Management

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Course Content:
This course is designed for regular classroom teachers, focusing on knowledge and skills related to classroom management and on ways to provide a successful educational experience for children with special needs. Upon completion of this course, students will have increased awareness about disabilities in general and their impact on the role and duties of general education teachers. Children with specific disabilities will be discussed with emphasis on teaching and management strategies as they relate to particular special needs and behaviors. Information and strategies provided will reflect an orientation of inclusion, defining the role of the classroom teacher in the special education process of prereferral, referral, identification, assessments and interventions. Additionally, this class provides regular classroom teachers with an initial introduction and understanding about special education, including the increasing responsibilities/opportunities of regular classroom teachers to work with special needs students within the regular classroom. However, classroom management strategies relate to ALL children and not necessarily only to those students in special education.

Texts:


Assignments and Evaluation Criteria:
Attendance and Participation are integral components of your final grade, as the learning goals for this course are the integration and application of theories and strategies. Thus, small and large group discussions and activities provide opportunities for connecting information and strategies to "real", relevant situations and for accessing the experiences and ideas of others.

**Attendance and participation (10%)**
**In-class written discussion/essay test of strategies and skills that teachers may utilize to facilitate effective classroom management (20%)**
**Joey Pigza Paper and IEP class activity (10%)**
**Field experience with disabilities (10%) Working with a child; interviewing personnel; interviewing families; interviewing a person with a disability; attending a meeting, conference, or workshop; (IDEA/PTA, CEC, TELECONFERENCE, SCHOOLS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS, OPPORTUNITY, YMCA)**
**Group presentation on exceptionalities (20%)**
**Class activity on Joseph Shapiro book, NO PITY (10%)**
**Final – (1) Objective test prepared by each group presenting on exceptionalities; (2) Written discussion on reading from No Pity; and (3) Essay/discussion question (from instructor) relative to inclusion/IEP process (20%)**
CLASS SCHEDULE - READING, PAPER, AND PRESENTATION ASSIGNMENTS

Week One  Introductions, Overview, Classroom Management (Chapter 14, Handouts)

Week Two  Classroom Management (Handouts) (Start work on presentation area)

Week Three  Classroom Management (Handouts) (Researching presentation area)

Week Four  Complete Classroom Management (Chapter 13)

Week Five  (*In-class Essay/Discussion Test [September 26] on Classroom Management)
            Why Inclusive Education? (Chapter 1)

Week Six  Strategies For Providing Inclusive Classrooms (Chapters 2 and 4)

Week Seven  Working With Families Of Students With Disabilities (Chapter 3)

Week Eight  (*Student presentations as per following schedule) Teaching Students With
            Sensory Impairments (Chapter 9)

Week Nine  Teaching Students With Communication Disorders (Chapter 11)
            (*Field Experience Paper [October 24] and start class sharing).

Week Ten  Teaching Students With Cognitive Delays/Mental Retardation (Chapter 8)

Week Eleven  Teaching Students With Learning Disabilities (Chapter 6)

Week Twelve  Teaching Students With Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (Chapter 5)
            (*Joey Pigza Paper [November 14] and Participate in IEP Activity)

Week Thirteen [November 21]--Thanksgiving Vacation No Class 😊😊😊😊😊

Week Fourteen  Teaching Students With Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
               (Chapter 7)

Week Fifteen  Teaching Students With Other Low-Incidence Exceptionalities
              (Chapters 10 and 12)  So “Why” and “How” Inclusion?
              ( Be Prepared to Participate in Class Activity on No Pity)

Final Week (*Final Exam – Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 4:10 – 6:00 or 5:30 – 7:30)

NOTE: This schedule may be changed pending prior notice and discussion with the class. I look forward to working and learning with you, as we seek to challenge our thinking about disabilities/capabilities and about the need for children to experience acceptance, success, and ways of becoming OK in a world that is not always supportive. And, of course, it is always a worthwhile goal to work on those practices and policies that you, as professionals, can positively influence and change in your part of the world to provide children with special needs equal opportunities in school environments.

All students must practice academic honesty. Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University. All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is available for review online at http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/1321