EDUC513

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Course Summary

Course: EDUC513 Title: Critical Perspectives on Diversity and Culture

Length of Course: 8

Prerequisites: N/A Credit Hours: 3

Description

Course Description: This course, designed for educators, examines issues related to promoting equitable learning opportunities in the classroom, including effective approaches to encourage collaboration among colleagues, staff, parents, and students who are culturally, ethnically and socio-economically diverse. Interpersonal communication skills – to include speaking, listening, reading, and writing - and their effect on individuals, organizations, and communities will be discussed. Topics examined include ethnic, cultural, gender, class, religious, and linguistic diversity.

Course Scope:

This course assists candidates, or students, in increasing diversity awareness, sensitivity and cross cultural understanding that will help them effectively improve teaching a diverse student body. By increasing knowledge and understanding of the background experiences, languages, skills, and abilities of student populations educators are responsible for, they can better apply appropriate pedagogical policy and implement practices that lead to higher achievement for all students. Also, through coursework and fieldwork activities, course participants learn about the ways in which teaching practices and student learning are shaped, informed, and impacted by diversity in their context.

Objectives

After successfully completing this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Analyze varied cultural groups.
- 2. Analyze school policy, curriculum, and practices that promote cultural awareness and sensitivity.
- 3. Understand instructional strategies and materials that will improve achievement for students with diverse and special needs.
- 4. Evaluate solutions to contemporary social problems found in schools.
- 5. Analyze effective communication in various types of cross-cultural settings.
- 6. Understand issues of racism, bias, and prejudice and their effects on the experiences of individuals and groups.
- 7. Analyze strategies that encourage students to value their own heritage; value richness of cultural diversity and commonality; respect diverse cultural groups; and reduce stereotyping related to diversity

factors. 8. Evaluate learner-centered environments that use technology to meet the academic diverse needs o students.	[:] all
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Learning Outcomes Assignments

Evaluation

Grading:

Name Grade %

Materials

Book Title: Various resources from the APUS Library & the Open Web are used. Links provided inside the classroom in the Lessons section.

Author:

Publication Info:

ISBN: N/A

Course Guidelines

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University Policies

Student Handbook

- Drop/Withdrawal policy
- Extension Requests

- Academic Probation
- Appeals
- Disability Accommodations

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