

**Inclusive Teaching in Education
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3 Credits

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Location: ED 25B	Class Meeting Dates: Wednesday January 18, 2017 – Wednesday May 3, 2017 Time: 4:30-7:30
Office Hours: By appointment, after class or via E-mail	Prerequisites: Teacher Ed Students
Mode of Instruction: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lecture <input type="checkbox"/> Seminar <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid <input type="checkbox"/> Online <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Permission required: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

It is your responsibility to read this syllabus thoroughly and address any questions or concerns you may have at any point during the semester. Be sure to familiarize yourself with this syllabus so that you are fully aware of class expectations and assignment due dates. You should reference the syllabus regularly during the course to be sure you are keeping up with all course work.

Learning goals:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to (standards within parenthesis are New Jersey Professional Teaching Standards [NJ PTS], New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers Aligned with InTASC May 5, 2014, [NJ IT] and Council for Exceptional Children Common Core Knowledge and Skills Base for Beginning Special Education Teachers [CEC CC]):

1. Students will use Present Level of Academic and Functional Performance and IEP goals and objectives to plan daily lessons, and weekly and monthly units of instruction that allows students to access the general education curriculum (PTS 5iii1,2; CEC CC4S3)
2. Students will identify the scope and sequence of general education and special education, identify appropriate curriculum, materials, and resources, and critically evaluate curriculum with respect to appropriateness for students with disabilities in a general education setting (PTS 1 ii3,4I, 2, iii3,7; CEC CC7K2)
3. Students will identify effective teaching strategies for oral language, reading, written language, math, content areas, and problem solving, study skills, etc. and be able to plan lessons using effective strategies. (PTS 1 i3, 4, iii2; 4i;4 iii2,4,5; CEC GC4S1-5,10-11, 14-16, GC62-4)
4. Students will plan and implement lessons and units using effective instructional activities and formative assessment to monitor progress. (PTS 5 iii1, 2, 4; CEC CC710-11)
5. Students will be able to plan instruction for diverse learners (including students with and without identified special education needs and English Language Learners) in a variety of instructional settings (individual, small group, whole class) using both teacher-directed and peer-mediated approaches. (PTS 3 i3, iii3; 6 ii2,5,6; 7 iii3; CEC CC7S1)
6. Students will be able to plan how to achieve each student's learning goals, choosing appropriate strategies and accommodations, resources, and material to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners. (NJ IT 7i(2))
7. Students will be able to identify and implement appropriate modifications and accommodations for students. (PTS 2iii; 4i3; 7i4; CEC GC4S7)
8. Students will be committed to making accommodations in assessments and testing conditions, especially for learners with disabilities and language learning needs (NJ IT 6 iii (3))
9. Students will be able to identify effective instructional techniques for individual instruction, small group instruction, multiple group instruction, and whole class instruction including research-based instructional approaches. (PTS 4 iii1, 6 i1; CECGC5S3)
10. Students will understand students with exceptional needs, including those associated with disabilities and giftedness, and know how to use strategies and resources to address these needs. (NJ IT 2 ii(2))
11. Students will be able to access resources, supports, and specialized assistance and services to meet particular learning differences or needs and participates in the design and implementation of the IEP, where appropriate through curriculum planning and curricular and instructional modifications, adaptations and specialized strategies and techniques, including the use of assistive technology (NJ IT 2i(6))
12. Students will identify co-teaching and co-planning methods to strengthen content acquisition of individual with disabilities. (PTS 9 ii3; CEC CC10K1, CC10S6)
13. Students will identify the roles and responsibilities of paraprofessionals related to instruction, intervention, and direct service; as well as be able to structure, direct and support the activities of paraprofessionals, volunteers, and tutors. (PTS 9 ii3; CEC CC7K5)
14. Students will incorporate and implement instructional and assistive technology into students' educational programs. (PTS 4i4; CEC GC4S7, CC7S0)

Course catalog description:

The Federal government has increasingly mandated that special education students be included in general education classes to the maximum extent possible. As a result, most teachers today will find that their class roles include special education students. In accordance with New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers, this course will address Standard Seven – Special Needs, in addition to including aspects of the other ten standards. The purpose of this course is to prepare general educators to be able to: (a) understand the nature of various disabilities and the laws that govern their education; (b) develop behavior management strategies to work with students with behavioral challenges; (c) learn how to use accommodations, strategies, techniques and differentiated instruction so that ALL students will benefit from instruction; and (d) learn how to work with other school professionals as part of the team effort that supports students with disabilities, as well as students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, in an inclusive setting.

Class materials/ Textbooks:

Creating Inclusive Classrooms by Spencer Salend (ISBN# 9780133589399) Pearson - Prentice Hall, 8th edition and additional required readings available online at ecollege at help@ecollege.rutgers.edu.

Grading policy:

Evaluation of your performance in this course is based on the percentage of total points that you earn in the course. Course assignments have been assigned a point value and the total number of points will be used to calculate the final grade. Late assignments will only be accepted with the permission of the instructor and will lose 5% points for each **day** the assignment is late. Online activities are based on assigned readings; as a result it is important that students keep up-to-date on their reading.

These number grades will be converted to letter grades as follows:

90 - 100%	=	A
87 - 89%	=	B+
80 - 86%	=	B
77 - 79%	=	C+
70 - 76%	=	C
60 - 69%	=	D
59% and below	=	F

Course Policies and Procedures

Students are expected to attend each lecture and be active participants in all class discussions and activities. Students should be comfortable with accessing ecollege to view posts from the instructor and class materials. Specifically, students should be able use basic computer and Internet tools such as Word Processing, PowerPoint, eCollege, and email. If you need additional support, you can contact the eCollege help desk at help@ecollege.rutgers.edu.

Course Expectations

You must:

- attend all scheduled class meetings
- be an active participant in class discussions
- log into the course at least 2 times a week to check for any posts from the instructor and to respond to online discussions
- complete assigned readings
- view all weekly unit material
- participate/respond to discussion threads (one original response and at least two responses to classmates posts)
- complete all activities and assignments.

Be sure to check the announcements, discussion, and private messages section each time you are on eCollege. All assignments are due on time and should be uploaded into the appropriate assignment folder or through other established procedures. Please check your Rutgers e-mail and eCollege messages/announcements weekly on Thursday of each week. I will provide information that you need to guide you through the week.

Each week by Thursday afternoon, you will be able to log into the weekly folder and access the required readings, Power Point presentation(s), any videos, case studies and required threaded discussions for the week assuming there are no technology problems and not otherwise noted by the instructor. **You are responsible for all information in following the course syllabus and posted online.**

Assignments:

Points will be earned for the following activities (rubrics will be provided for each activity):

1. **Class Participation** (150 points). You must attend scheduled class meetings and participate in class discussion about each weekly topic. You must also log into the course to read, contribute, and respond to new discussion threads (one original post and respond to at least two classmate posts for **EACH** thread). To be granted credit for full participation, you are required to contribute to assignments by sharing/posting your own thoughts and ideas, as well as responding to new discussion threads. It must be obvious that you have read the material. In order to successfully participate as described, it will require you to return to online activities at least twice during the week.
2. **Assignment 1: Technology Assignment** (100 points). The assignment includes giving a 15 minute Power Point presentation of your selected technology. Briefly, you will describe and demonstrate the use of instructional technology in the classroom and methods of adapting that technology to increase the success of inclusion of students at-risk or with exceptionalities. Technology appropriate for all students that can be differentiated or that assists with differentiation is preferred. Please follow the rubric on eCollege to assure that you include all necessary information.
3. **Assignment 2: Partner Behavior Support Plan** (100 points). You will complete a behavior support plan based on a case study that you and your partner select. The case study can be real or fictional, but will preferably be a student with whom you or your partner have worked. Be sure to eliminate all identifying information (no real names of student or school, etc.). **Please use the template and follow the rubric on eCollege to assure that you include all necessary information/components.**
4. **Assignment 3: Partner Differentiated Unit Plan** (100 points). You will select a partner within the class and email the professor with your partner's name. If you would prefer that the professor assign a partner for you, please email her the week of 1/25. As a basis for this assignment, you will use a unit developed for a previous class by either you or your partner or from another source. The unit will include an (a) introduction, (b) a description of three types of students with special needs that will require differentiation in the unit including one student with a learning disability, one student with behavioral challenges, and one student with a disability of your choice, (c) a brief description of the school setting, (d) a description of how the unit relates to the students life, (e) a description of each common core standard that is addressed by the unit and a description of how you will modify (if you will) the standards, (f) a description of prior knowledge students' needs for the unit; how you will know if they have that knowledge, and how you will address gaps in their knowledge. One lesson will include a cooperative learning activity and one lesson will be team-taught. For the cooperative learning activity, you will explain how you will group students, grade the activity, and include accommodations or interventions as needed. For the team-taught lesson, you will describe each teacher's (general and special education) responsibilities for the lesson. Within in the unit, you will describe a plan to include accommodations, modifications, and interventions of your overall goals, assignments, and assessments. The plan will include a continuum of services to address the needs of your students (i.e., services on the evidence based IEP, within the Life Course Model). You will include a plan to monitor student progress including formative and summative assessments

and a plan for responding to response (and non-response) to intervention. You will include a description of the role of paraprofessional(s) within this unit. Please include **both names** (partners) on the final product submitted.

Please check the rubric on eCollege to make sure that you include all of the details for this lesson.

5. **Final Examination** (100 points). The final examination will be posted online the final week of class in the Tests and Quizzes section and must be completed by 4/26 at 11:59 pm.

Task	Points	Course Objective(s)	Due Date
Class/Online Participation	150	All	Each class
Assignment 1: Technology Assignment	100	1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 14	Per presentation schedule
Assignment 2: Behavior Support Plan	100	1, 2, 5	10/28
Assignment 3: Partner Differentiated Unit Plan	100	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 13	12/2
Final Exam	100	1, 2, 8	12/12
Total Possible Points	550	All	

If you have special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and are eligible for academic accommodations, please notify your instructor immediately. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate your special needs. For additional assistance, please contact the New Brunswick Campus Coordinator at (732) 932 - 1711.

Assignment Submission:

All assignments must be uploaded to the corresponding assignment folder on eCollege by midnight on the due date.

Please put the name of all individuals who contributed to the final product on the document.

All assignments must be formatted per the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (APA; 6th edition; 2009). Assignments must be double spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font. Refer to the APA manual and the handout provided by your instructor. Please proofread your assignment prior to submission paying close attention to grammar, spelling, and organization.

Late assignments are accepted only at the discretion of the instructor.

Do not submit assignments as .pdf.

Policy: Professional Behavior and Demeanor:

Students are expected to focus totally on class activities and not engage in alternate activities (social conversations, text messaging, etc.).

Students are expected to be respectful of divergent beliefs and opinions that may be voiced in class and/or on discussion boards, offering constructive questioning and feedback as appropriate.

Except where otherwise customary (e.g., deaf community terminology), students are expected to use person-first language when speaking of students with disabilities (e.g., student with a learning disability, NOT, LD student), and never use demeaning terms. Students should avoid terminology that objectifies human beings as “things” of pity, such as, wheelchair-bound, confined to a wheelchair, or suffers from a disability. Because normal has multiple meanings and may inappropriately imply abnormal where it is not applied, this word should not be used. Instead, more operationally descriptive terms such as “intellectually average students”, “typically developing students”, or “students without learning disabilities” should be used. See the APA Manual for more information on person-first terminology.

Academic Integrity Policy:

The Office of Student Conduct supervises issues related to violations of academic integrity (see <http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu>). Please familiarize yourself with the university policy on academic integrity at http://academicintegrity.rutgers.edu/files/documents/AI_Policy_2013.pdf.

Office of Disability Services:

Rutgers University welcomes students with disabilities into all of the University's educational programs. In order to receive consideration for reasonable accommodations, a student with a disability must contact the appropriate disability services office at the campus where you are officially enrolled, participate in an intake interview, and provide documentation: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>. If the documentation supports your request for reasonable accommodations, your campus's disability services office will provide you with a Letter of Accommodations. Please share this letter with your instructors and discuss the accommodations with them as early in your courses as possible. To begin this process, please complete the Registration form on the ODS web site at: <https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/registration-form>.

Course Schedule

Week	Dates	Topic	Readings	Notes/Activities/ Assignments Due
1	1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the syllabus Understanding Inclusion 	Salend: Chapter 1	
2	1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the special education process 	Salend: Chapter 2	
3	2/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the educational strengths and challenges of students with disabilities 	Salend: Chapter 3	Technology presentations begin (2)
4	2/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding the educational strengths and challenges of students from diverse backgrounds 	Salend: Chapter 4	Technology presentations (2)
5	2/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating collaborative relationships and fostering communication 	Salend: Chapter 5	Technology presentations (2) Quiz #1 Ch 1-4
6	2/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fostering transitions, self-determination, acceptance, and friendships 	Salend: Chapter 6	Technology presentations (2)
7	3/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating a classroom environment that promotes positive behavior 	Salend: Chapter 7	Technology presentations (2)
8	3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiating instruction n for diverse learners 	Salend: Chapter 8	Technology presentations (2) Behavior Support Plan Due 3/8
9	3/15	SPRING BREAK		
10	3/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiating large and small-group instruction 	Salend: Chapter 9	Technology presentations (2)
11	3/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differentiating reading, writing, and spelling instruction 	Salend: Chapter 10	Technology presentations (2)

12	4/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiating math, science, social studies instruction 	Salend: Chapter 11	Technology presentations (2) Quiz #2 Ch 5-10
13	4/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluating student progress and the effectiveness of your inclusion program 	Salend: Chapter 12	Technology presentations (2) Partner Differentiated Unit Plan Due 4/12
14	4/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional strategies 		
15	4/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exam 		Final exam

****Syllabus is subject to change.**