Mission Statement of the College of Education at CSUSM

The mission of the College of Education Community is to collaboratively transform public education by preparing thoughtful educators and advancing professional practices. We are committed to *diversity, *educational equity, and *social justice, exemplified through *reflective teaching, *life-long learning, *innovative research, and *ongoing service. Our practices demonstrate a commitment to *student-centered education, *diversity, *collaboration, *professionalism, and *shared governance. (Adopted by COE Governance Community October, 1997)

Course Description

This course focuses on an introduction to issues of schooling in a multicultural society. It includes an overview of multicultural education and addresses areas of study such as culture and cognition, the psychology of personal prejudice, diversity and exceptionality, intercultural communication, cross-cultural competence, and curriculum and teaching in multicultural contexts.

Course Objectives

The purposes of this course are to:

- expand and nuance students’ knowledge about the diversity that is a part of today’s school and communities;
- provide a safe environment for reflection on, and discussion of, the complex ways in which pluralism is a part of educational contexts;
- provide support to all students who represent national, state, and regional diversity;
- prepare educators to provide equitable educational opportunities to all students.
GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

Professional Disposition
The College of Education mission statement and professional standards (see below) are the driving force behind all readings and activity related to this class. This course addresses sensitive and controversial topics. We will be exploring these topics together and striving to expand our perspectives by considering the diverse lenses through which fellow educators see educational issues. Keep in mind that all students are expected to demonstrate professional behavior at all times. Professional behavior is defined herein as one that consistently demonstrates integrity, responsibility, tolerance, and respect for self and others. All students are expected to listen to different opinions, consider and reflect in depth on other points of view, and deal proactively with constructive criticism. Any unprofessional behavior is grounds for process and review of the candidate’s continued participation in this course and/or program progress.

Outcomes and Standards
The context for, and scope of this course is aligned with standards for the Cross-cultural Language and Academic Development (CLAD) endorsement, as articulated by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC), and as approved by the faculty of the College of Education in development of the program approval documents. (Note: As of 2002, the CLAD competencies are collectively referred to as an Authorization to Teach English Learners.) Further consideration has been given to the alignment of standards for multicultural education as articulated by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC), and the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS).

Academic Honesty
Each student is expected to do his/her own work, and contribute equally to group projects and processes. Plagiarism or cheating is unacceptable under any circumstance. Cite all references and original authors. If there are questions about academic honesty, consult the University catalog.

Appeals
Every student has the right to appeal grades, or appeal for redress of grievances incurred in the context of any class. Disputes may be resolved informally with the professor, or through the formal appeal process. For the latter, consult the Associate Dean.

Ability
Every student has the right to equitable educational consideration and appropriate accommodation. Students having differing ability (mobility, sight, hearing, documented learning challenges, first language/English as a second language) are requested to contact the professor at the earliest opportunity. Every effort will be made to accommodate special needs. Students are reminded
of the availability of Disabled Student Services, the Writing Center, technology assistance in the computer labs, and other student support services available as part of reasonable accommodation for special needs students.

Students who require reasonable accommodations need to contact Disabled Student Services in order to make the necessary arrangements. This organization is located in Craven Hall, Room 5025a, and can be reached at (760) 750-4905 or (760) 750-4909 (TDD users).

**College of Education Attendance Policy**

Due to the dynamic and interactive nature of courses in the College of Education, all students are expected to attend all classes and participate actively. At a minimum, students must attend more than 80% of class time, or s/he may not receive a passing grade for the course at the discretion of the instructor. Individual instructors may adopt more stringent attendance requirements. The instructor will determine procedures should the student have extenuating circumstances. (Adopted by the COE Governance Community, December, 1997). **FOR THIS CLASS:** 1. If you miss three (3) class sessions or 8 hours you cannot receive a passing grade for the class. 2. I will allow up to two (maximum) makeup assignments for absences due to unreschedulable professional obligations, illnesses, emergencies, etc. on a case by case basis. Do talk to me at the earliest opportunity if you plan to / need to make up absences. 3. Do strive for punctuality, and be mindful of late arrivals and early departures.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

**Class Structure**

This course is structured as a graduate-level seminar. The success of a seminar course is dependent upon each and every participant being well prepared. My role will be to "facilitate" and to intervene or redirect class discussions as necessary, rather than to exclusively lecture on a weekly basis, or be the main focus of the class. You will work to develop your knowledge base through the readings, discussions, presentations and assignments.

Multiple approaches, methods, and teaching experiences are necessary strategies to accommodate various learning styles. Class formats and learning structures will vary and include whole and small group discussion, pair work (e.g., weekly Readings Discussion Leaders), and online work. Each week, two discussion leaders will facilitate online discussion of the week’s readings on WebCT prior to class sessions. (See responsibilities of discussion leaders below.)

Technology is integrated into both the instruction and assessment components of this course. You are expected to use WebCT and its modules such as coursemail, discussion board, resources, assignments, and occasionally other content modules. All student presentations need to be done in PowerPoint.
Technology support is available in the Kellogg Library (ground floor) at the Academic Technology Help Desk @ 750-6505.

**GRADING POLICY**

*Note: I reserve the right to change, add to, or delete any material or assignment from the course.*

**Grading Scale:**

- A=93+, A- =92-90, B+=89-88, B = 87-83, B- = 82 – 80, C+=79-78, C=77-73, C-=72-70, D+=69-68, D=67-63, D-=62-60, F=59 or lower. Students must receive a C+ or higher in all coursework in order to be eligible for or remain in Education programs.

**Submission of Assignments**

All assignments need to be submitted both electronically on WebCT and in paper format. The electronic versions are for archival purposes and the paper versions are graded by the instructor.

Policy on late work: All students enroll in university courses on a voluntary basis. All students are expected to manage professional and personal responsibilities accordingly. All required work needs to be submitted on time. Work submitted late, but within one week of the due date will be reduced by one letter grade. *Work received over one week late receives no credit.*

**Grading Emphasis**

All work needs to reflect university level composition. All written assignments will be graded approximately 80% on content and analysis (detail, logic, synthesis of information, depth of analysis, etc.), and 20% on mechanics (grammar, syntax, spelling, format, uniformity of citation, etc.). All citations, where appropriate, will use APA format. Consult Library Services for the *Manual of Citation of the American Psychological Association*, or [www.apastyle.org/index.html](http://www.apastyle.org/index.html).

**Assignments**

The following are the course assignments, which total **500 points**.

1. **Attendance and Participation (200 points)**

   It is expected that you will attend all class sessions and participate actively in all (online and face-to-face) class discussions.

   Students are required to participate actively in class discussions both in person and online via WEBCT (see information concerning Readings Discussion Leaders below). Your discussions should be analytical, not just descriptive, and address issues, experiences, ideas, discussions, readings, & current events, related to the weekly readings and topics. A minimum of one substantial (in content, not length – about one thoughtful and cogent oral / written paragraph)
comment in person and one online per week is required. (Approx. 15 points x 12 sessions = 180 at the sole discretion of the professor.)

Each absence equals minus 50 points. *If you miss eight or more hours, you cannot receive a passing grade for the class.* (See College of Ed Attendance Policy.)

2. Readings Discussion Leader (25 points) - Individually or in pairs, you will lead a class discussion on assigned readings, choosing the aspects you wish to highlight. You will begin the discussion online by first posting questions, then summarizing diverse points and viewpoints from the discussion prior to class. Both the questions and summaries need to be posted by the agreed-upon time. You will then review the online discussion points made by peers on WebCT, and select a subtopic or two for a more thorough discussion in class. The length of the in-class discussion will be approximately 20 - 30 minutes. You are welcome to use the questions or activities outlined by the text authors if you wish. *Each student or pair of students need(s) to turn in written questions used to lead their discussion at the end of the class session.*

DUE: Throughout the semester per signups.

3. Hot Topics – NOT FOR FALL 2006
You can find ideas for hot topics on the following websites:

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4. Initial and Final Social Justice Personal Reflections (50 pts x 2 = 100 pts)

In the initial paper, you will reflect on what social justice means to you, with attention to the course description and objectives. You will describe your past experience with issues of diversity, highlighting one positive and one challenging experience you have encountered in your personal or professional life. The recommended length of a Personal Reflection is 3 - 4 pages, double spaced. You may use a narrative or matrix format. The matrix format will be modeled in class. ***See the rubric used to grade this assignment under Resources on WebCT.***

DUE: September 12

In the final paper, you will focus on the impact of the course on your personal or professional identity and work, with attention to the role and responsibility you
have in facilitating social justice in the classroom (or beyond). You may include two sections as follows: A) Address explicitly how you met the four course objectives. Include what you learned about each topic, and to explicitly state what led to your learning (e.g., a particular reading, event, discussion, reflection writing, etc.).

B) Address the caring-centered multicultural education readings, pp. 428, 430-1; OR the 4 goals and 5 steps as outlined in Ch. 12 of Anti-Bias Curriculum.

**YOUR GRADED INITIAL REFLECTIONS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH YOUR FINAL REFLECTIONS. Final reflections will be turned in at the end of the semester and will not be returned, so do keep copies of all your work.

***See the rubric used to grade this assignment under Resources on WebCT.

DUE: December 5

5. Social Justice Action Plan (Individual Work -- 50 x 2 = 100 points)

A. Individual Anti-Bias Action Plans You will have the opportunity to develop an individual social justice action plan that specifically addresses your new understanding of critical pedagogy in relation to schooling in a multicultural society. Our discussions throughout the semester should help you identify issues about your classroom, your students, your school, your district, the community and/or your overall professional work.

You will submit an Action Plan on any two topics covered in this course. You may include artifacts from your teaching such as samples of student writing, tests, etc. as applicable. There are samples of action plans under Resources on WebCT and under the Discussion Board topic, Group Action Plan Guides. Example: you may use p. 15 in Anti-Bias Curriculum and document the process of selecting anti-bias materials for your classroom. Another example is to use pp. 18-19 in Anti-Bias Curriculum as a guide to develop and implement anti-bias stories for use in the classroom.

***The first action plan needs to be submitted on or before Session 7. The second action plan needs to be submitted on or before Session 14.

***See the rubric used to grade this assignment under Resources on WebCT.

DUE: #1 - Oct 10 and #2 – between November 14 and 28

B. Final Anti-Bias Action Plan Guide (Group Work -- 50 points)

The purpose of this assignment is to have you reflect on the action plans you have prepared during this semester; to allow for the study and discussion of your colleagues’ action plans; and to facilitate the implementation of action plans in the future. **You will work in groups of about five members. Each member will contribute at least one action plan of his/her choice from previous individual action plans. The group members need to 1. sequence; 2. combine and extend; 3. format; 4. edit and revise individual action plans into a one streamlined and final Anti-Bias Action Plan Guides. Your group plan needs to include five different major topics from the semester. The # of group members needs to equal at least
the # of Action Plans in the Guide. For samples, go to Resources on WebCT and look under the Discussion Board topic, Group Action Plan Guides.

**DUE: December 5**

**C. Final Anti-Bias Action Plan Guide Presentation (Group Work -- 25 points)**

Your group will prepare a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation for the class. The group will provide a brief overview of the various action plans in your group plan, but just pick one to present in depth. The group will present with appropriate visual guides for the audience (e.g., You can just show your PowerPoint or Word file on the projection screen since we have a Smart Classroom. Be sure to have an electronic file accessible through either WebCT/CD/flash drive/ attached file to your email for projection.).

Your group’s presentation may include artifacts and evidence from the classroom in which an Action Plan was implemented successfully. All groups agree to distribute the PowerPoint outline of their Comprehensive Action Plan on WebCT for access by all members of the class, and educators at large (all authors will be given appropriate credit unless anonymity is expressly requested) pursuant to grading and approval for dissemination by the professor.

**DUE: December 5**

**6. Multicultural Resources / Annotated Bibliographies (100 points)**

You will work individually or in pairs to collect multicultural resources related to your area of emphasis. The multicultural resources you collect can be used as a basis for your thesis or project, or explore a specified topic for use in your classrooms, schools, and communities. You will write an annotated bibliography for 8 resources (minimum), using APA-style reference format, and include a brief summary for each reference. Be sure to use diverse resources including professional journal articles, government / public education sources, general newspapers, videos, or professional conference presentations. You will prepare a 15-minute poster presentation for the class based on the selected resources, and share the bibliography with everyone in the class (either electronically or in hardcopy).

**DUE: October 3 - In-class poster fair**

* Alternative assignments REQUIRED if you are taking EDUC 602 in lieu of EDUC 627 (a required course for Literacy students)

**Longitudinal Study of a Group of Diverse Learners in One Grade Level 100 points**

(replaces Multicultural Resources / Annotated Bibliographies assignment)

**Purpose**

The purpose for this project is for you to look at student achievement of culturally and linguistically diverse students over time to determine what happens to students within a system. The purpose is not to examine and criticize your school district. It is to look at opportunities made available to or denied children who are culturally and linguistically diverse.
Components of the project

Population: Select a group of ethnically and linguistically diverse students in a grade level who have attended your school for at least three years. Do a review of their school history and success or lack of success.

Data collection: Consider the following:
- Testing process when the children entered school. Were they tested? Which test was used? Tested in their primary Language? In English? What were the scores? What do the scores mean?
- Placement issues. Where were the children placed? What kinds of classrooms?
- Services received: What kind of services did the children receive? Were any referred to Special Education? Why? Are any in the SST process? Why? How many have been placed in special education?
- Re-classification: Were the children ever re-classified? What process was followed and is typically followed in your district?
- Look at the grades the children received over three years and look for patterns in terms of achievement. Match the history of each child with the present achievement of each child. Are there differences? What growth occurred? Have their CELDT scores increased? Plateaued?
- Analyze the data that you have collected and discuss how these students have progressed through the system.
- Factors of retention: Were these students retained? How many? Why?

Write-up: Write up your findings and develop a literacy (listening, reading, writing and oral) plan for these children. What would you do to ensure equal access to grade level curriculum for these children? How will the state adopted materials be used to support academic growth? What additional support do these students need? How will you ensure that will happen? What support and accountability will be necessary to ensure equal access and success?

DUE: October 17

The Follow-up Inquiry 100 points
(replaces Social Justice Action Plan assignment)

Purpose
The purpose for the inquiry is to put faces on students who are struggling and have always struggled with schooling in one way or another. The second purpose for this inquiry is to tell the stories of these students; stories that are based on their real life experiences. You will tell the story of one student. In order to tell the story of your student, you will need to observe, research and think critically about traditional programs and curriculum in which schools and districts invest both time and money, and to discern if indeed these programs and curricula are rigorous enough and are designed to ensure that all students receive the same quality of curriculum and instruction. This is where the data you have gathered above will be helpful.

Address the following components in your project
- Consider the factors you have researched in the previous project and select one student from that group to follow in-depth. This will be a case study of the student.
What kind of instruction is occurring in the classroom to insure that this child is developing CALP? How can you assess that? (Refer to what you learned about assessment in EDUC 614 A & B.)

- Are the same standards we teach to English Only students being taught to this child?
- How are the English Development Standards being used?
- What accommodations are being made in the instruction to support the English language proficiency of this child in the best way possible?
- Gather primary data from student work, interviews/questionnaires with student responses, questionnaires with teachers, parents or other district/school community members.
- Make a home visit and talk to the parents or guardians of this child. Think about what you have learned from this home visit and match that with what is happening in school for this child. What changes need to occur to ensure success for this child?
- How would you develop a democratic classroom for this child, ensuring equity and equal access? Look at your own classroom and the process of democracy implemented in your classroom. What do you have to change to insure that all students' voices are heard? Make those changes and document how those changes have affected the literacy achievement of this student.
- What kind of learning scaffolds do you need to put in place or this student?
- What lessons have you learned from this experience and how are you going to take the learning and turn it into commitment and action?
- Now that you know all of this about this child, what recommendations do you suggest?

Write-up
Write up your findings. Incorporate your data into your paper, not as lists of data, but rather as evidence and support for the point you are making. Include student work, data from interviews, observations and questions as supportive evidence. Add data lists in the Appendices at the end of your paper.
Please include all references that you used as a part of this paper in a References section. Submit two copies. I get a copy to keep.
DUE: December 5

Required Texts:
*Course Reader: Available @ CopyServe (San Marcos/Rancho Santa Fe) 760-599-9923.

Schedule of Classes
Note: The instructor reserves the right to modify all syllabi content.
Rdgs Discussion Leaders: Post Qs by ______________
Responders post responses by _______________
Discussion Leaders post summaries by _______________

Session 1  August 29
Introduction to Course and to each other
Introductions, Course Overview, Community Ground Rules, Readings Discussion Leader Signups

WebCT Overview/Lab

Start Social Justice reflections.

Session 2  September 5
A Culturally Relevant and Caring Teacher and the Anti-Bias Curriculum / Action Plans

Pang, Ch. 1 – Why Multicultural Education?
Pang, Ch. 2 – Why is Culture Important? The Power of Culture.

Readings Discussion Leaders __________________________

Derman-Sparks, Ch. 1 – Why an Anti-Bias Curriculum?
Derman-Sparks, Ch. 2 – Creating an Anti-Bias Curriculum

GO OVER SAMPLE STUDENT WORK AND ACTION PLANS: Also see samples under WebCT / Resources

Session 3  September 12
Race & Ethnicity
Confronting Prejudice in Ourselves and Our Schools

Pang, Ch. 3 – What are Our Hidden Hurdles?
Pang, Ch. 4 – How Does it Feel to be Discriminated Against? (chapter includes White Privilege / Peggy McIntosh)

WebCT Resource: Wise: White Like Me.

Readings Discussion Leaders __________________________

Derman-Sparks, Ch. 3 -- Beginnings: Working With 2-Year-Olds
Derman-Sparks, Ch. 4 -- Learning about Racial Differences and Similarities
Derman-Sparks, Ch. 7 -- Learning about Cultural Differences and Similarities
DUE: Initial Social Justice Reflection

Session 4  September 19
Social Justice at Structural and Individual Levels: Fighting Racism and Resisting Stereotyping

Pang, Ch. 5 – Aren’t Mary and Michael Too Young to be Prejudiced?
Pang, Ch. 6 – How can I Look beneath the Surface for Prejudice in Schools?

Readings Discussion Leaders _______________________

Derman-Sparks, Ch. 8 - Learning to Resist Stereotyping and Discriminatory Behavior


Session 5  September 26
Linguistic Diversity (Part I)

Language Policy, Past and Present

Course Reader: Crawford, J. (2000). At War with Diversity excerpts:
   a. Anatomy of the English Only Movement pp. 4-30
   b. Native American Language Loss pp. 53-83 (includes Seven Hypotheses on Language Loss, p. 66-83)

In class: American Tongues video clip & nonverbal communication activity.

Readings Discussion Leaders _______________________

Session 6  October 3
Linguistic Diversity (Part II)

Learning a New Language
Pang, Ch. 9 – How do Students Learn a Second Language?
Course Reader: Tse, 1998: Ethnic Identity Formation and Its Implications for Heritage Language Development

Readings Discussion Leaders _______________________

AAVE African American Vernacular English

Readings Discussion Leaders _______________________
### Session 7  October 10
**The Role of Research in Language Policy**

1. Condemned without a Trial: Chs. 1 - 6

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

**DUE:** Social Justice Action Plan #1

### Session 8  October 17

**Culture**  
**Multicultural Education: Framework and Principles**

Pang, Ch. 7 – What is Caring-Centered Multicultural Education?  
Pang, Ch. 8 – What does it mean to be a Reflective Teacher?

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

**DUE:** Annotated Bibliography Poster Fair OR Longitudinal Study of a Group of Diverse Learners in One Grade Level  (Literacy MA students)

### Session 9  October 24

**Diversity and Assessment**

**History of Testing** (David McField)

**Theories of Intelligence**

Film (On reserve in the Media Library, Kellogg Library): How are Kids Smart? / Howard Gardner’s MI Theory

**Facilitating Sensitivity Toward Children with Special Needs**

Film (On reserve in the Media Library, Kellogg Library): FAT City Anti-Bias: Ch. 5: Disabilities.

**Bring in any tests that you use for assessment or program placement.**

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

### Session 10  October 31 (WebCT Session)

**Diversity and Teaching and Learning**
Pang, Ch. 10 What is Culturally Relevant Teaching?
Pang, Ch. 11 How Can I make the Curriculum Culturally Meaningful?

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________


Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

**Session 11 November 7**

**Listening to and Collaborating with Diverse Community Members Part I**

**Asian American Perspectives**

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

Anti-Bias: Ch. 11, Working with Parents

**Gender & Sexual Identity and Interacting with Students’ Caregivers / Diverse Family Structures**

1. WebCT Resource: DeJean: Gay Male High School Teacher
2. **Locate resources, books and films addressing diversity in gender roles, sexual identity, and family structures.
3. Anti-Bias: Chapter 6: Learning about Gender Identity.

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

**Session 12 November 14**

**Listening to and Collaborating with Diverse Community Members Part II**

**African American/Native American Perspectives**


Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________
DUE: Social Justice Action Plan #2

Session 13 November 21 (WebCT Session)
Religious Diversity

***TBA Refs on religious diversity here

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

Session 14 November 28
Topic: Open

Group work on Comprehensive Action Plan Guides or other work.

Session 15 December 5
Part I - Making Change Happen

Pang, Ch. 12 How can I remain effective in my teaching?

Readings Discussion Leaders ________________________

Anti-Bias, Ch. 9 -- Activism with Young Children
Anti-Bias, Ch. 10 -- Holiday Activities in an Anti-Bias Curriculum
Anti-Bias, Ch. 12 -- Getting Started: A Self-Education Guide

Part II - Group Presentations and Wrapup

Final Comprehensive Action Plan Group Presentations

DUE: 1. Final Anti-Bias Action Plan Guide (Group work)
2. Final Social Justice Reflection / Outcome Assessment (Individual work) OR Followup Inquiry (Literacy MA students)
Both via WebCT AND paper versions

Notes:
1. DUE DATES AND TIMES: All assignments are due by 10 a.m. on the day that it is due.
2. SAMPLE RESOURCES: There are samples and resources under the Resources button. The only exception to this are the many samples of previous semester’s final group action plans which are posted under the Discussion Board.
3. ASSIGNMENT RUBRICS: Do take a look at the rubrics for both the personal reflections and the action plans under the Resources button. They
are both self-explanatory and typical of all MA coursework in the College of Education.
Course Reader

Education 602
Schooling in a Multicultural Society
Instructors: Dr. Grace P. McField

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   b. Chapter 15: Suite for Ebony and Phonics


12. Anti-Bias Bibliography for Teachers