

CSUP Graduate Education Course Syllabus

Best Practices to Help At-Risk Students

ED 501 CLDE

Course Description:

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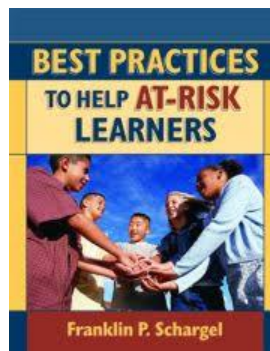
Course Format: Distance learning, independent Study Grad Course for working teacher license renewals.

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Catalog Description:

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Required Text: Best Practices to Help At-Risk Learners by Franklin Schargel 2005. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education. 158 Pages



Course Objectives:

1. Educators will acquire relevant knowledge and a framework of working knowledge to understand and teach at-risk students in today's schools.
2. Participants will learn and understand about the ways of encouraging students to think about staying in school and how to make schools family friendly.
3. Educators will evaluate and identify high-performing at-risk students and what parents can do to intervene when their child begins to fail in school.
4. Participants will analyze the best practices and strategies that can help educators reduce school disenfranchisement and help students from becoming potential dropouts.
5. Educators will research this topic and create lessons or activities that utilize the strategies in the book and use the instructional techniques for improving student achievement.

Student Learning Outcomes: (SLOs): This course addresses the following student learning outcomes rated 1=Basic, 2=Developing, 3=Proficient, 4=Advanced

| Educator Student Learning Outcome | Degree Addressed |
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| 1. Demonstrate growth in content knowledge related to teaching assignment and application of content knowledge to classroom instruction & assessment. | 3 |
| 2. Understand scientifically based practices in teaching and learning, including strategies in literacy education, instructional technology, differentiation of instruction, and apply them to raise student achievement. | 2 |
| 3. Demonstrate multiple means of assessing and evaluating student learning and use them to change teaching and learning. | 2 |
| 4. Locate, interpret, synthesize, and apply educational research best practices. | 2 |
| 5. Understand models for professional change, including teacher collaboration, professional learning communities, strategies for mentoring and coaching to facilitate change, and effective professional development. | 1 |
| 6. Demonstrate understanding of reflective practice that results in improved classroom teaching and learning, including teacher reflection, use of technology in self-assessment, collaboration for change, and self-management of change. | 2 |
| 7. Demonstrate understanding of system and organizational change in education, including models for school change and current research and trends in school change. | 1 |
| 8. Demonstrate responsibility for student learning at high levels. | 3 |
| 9. Demonstrate responsibility for school reform and leadership in school change. | 1 |

Course Requirements: Read the book: Best Practices to Help At-Risk Learners by Franklin Schargel. Write chapter Reviews/Reflections for each of the chapters in the book. Research the topic using the internet, journal articles or information and then write a Research Article Review regarding the various issues related to the course. Develop a project/activity that can be used in the classroom or educational setting. Then design and write a lesson/unit plan utilizing various concepts in the book. Write a three-page Final Application Essay summarizing key dynamics from the course. Focus your writings and activities on the content or strategies from the course experience. Write about how you can apply them to your teaching methods, instructional practice and classroom or school environment. See Assignment Rubrics below. Utilize SLO's in writings.

Course Requirements:

1. Book readings
2. Chapter reviews/reflections
3. Research Article Reviews
4. Lesson Plans or Activity
5. Final Application Essay

Student contact Hours Course Work Time 3 credits.

| Requirement | Points | Student (hours) |
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| Reading Textbook (158 pages) Large 8 x 11 book | 30 | 26.5 |
| Writing Chapter Reviews/Reflections | 30 | 31.0 |
| Write Research Article Reviews | 10 | 20 |
| Lesson Plan or Activity | 15 | 15 |
| Final Application Essay | 15 | 20 |
| Total | 100 | 112.5 |

Attendance/Participation:

Educators will choose and order their course/s at the CSUP website or www.teacherslarning.com and enroll and pay. They will receive their Course Startup documents via email and the course books will be sent by mail by Amazon or the post office. Teachers will study their syllabus and start reading and writing their assignments. They will be in contact with their TLC Instructor for guidance and support. The Independent Study and Self-Paced format allow working teachers flexibility and freedom to learn.

Term Dates:

Enrollment periods will appear on the students' transcripts. Thus, enroll in the term that you wish to See on your transcript. **Spring** – January 2nd to May 15th Summer – May 16th September 15th
Fall – September 16th – December 31st

Grading: Grades automatically revert to an "F" if the course is not completed within a year.

| Percentage | Grade Level | GPA |
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| 100% to 90% | A | 4.0 |
| 89% to 80% | B | 3.0 |
| Not Allowed | No "C" grades | |
| Assignment | One Redo | |

Chapter Review/Reflections: Write several paragraphs summarizing the main ideas or information you thought was significant from 14 chapters in the book. Paraphrased below. Paragraph bullet points of main issues are acceptable. See rubrics below for guidelines. Utilize above SLO's in your writings

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| 1. Family Engagement | 2. Early Childhood Education |
| 3. Mentoring and Tutoring | 4. Service Learning |
| 5. Alternative Schooling | 6. After-School Opportunities |
| 7. Professional Development | 8. Instruction and Improving Achievement |
| 9. Active Learning | 10. Educational Technology |
| 11. Individualized Instruction | 12. Career and Technical Education |
| 13. School - Community Collaboration | 14. Safe Learning Environments |

Writing Format Use size 12 font size and 1.5-line spacing, **Bolded** headers and titles. Feel free to use your own styling format or an APA/MA writing style format.

Email Assignments to: teacherslearningcenter@gmail.com in 1 or 2 Word docs. all together when they are all completed. Not individually. Instructor: Joseph C'de Baca 727-273-4852

Grading

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| Chapter Reviews & Reflections | 50 | 90 - 100 = A |
| Research Article Review | 20 | 80 - 89 = B |
| Lesson plans, Project or Activity | 10 | 70 - 79 = C |
| Lesson or Unit Plan | 10 | 60 - 69 = D |
| Application Essay | <u>10</u> | <u>0 - 59 = F</u> |
| Total 100 | | Grade B or better required |

Rubrics:**Course Assignment Rubrics Chapter Reviews/Reflections**

| Chapter Reviews | Basic (30 pts.) | Proficient (40 pts) | Advanced (50 pts.) |
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| <p>Read the book and write chapter review-reflections for each chapter in the book.</p> <p>Write 3 to 4 paragraphs summarizing the ideas, knowledge, and information that you thought was significant from each chapter.</p> <p>Write your own personal experiences and reflections about concepts that were enlightening and applicable to teaching.</p> <p>Expanded bullet points of main issues are also acceptable. Include your personal experiences, ideas, and critical analysis.</p> | <p>Writes a basic narrative of the chapters' contents.</p> <p>Includes major points expressed by the author.</p> <p>Includes at least one book citation or example.</p> | <p>Writes a general narrative of the chapters' contents with limited personal reflection.</p> <p>Expresses major points of each chapter.</p> <p>Writing includes any state, district, or national academic standards that apply.</p> <p>Includes experiential examples.</p> <p>Error Free</p> | <p>Writes a complete narrative of the main points of each chapter.</p> <p>Writes personal reflections that include the student's experiences with these issues as they relate to their personal classroom experience.</p> <p>Expresses major points of each chapter and provides in-depth elaboration. Includes any state, district, or national academic standards that apply. Includes critical analysis of the course's positive and/or limiting content and offers solutions as they apply to instructional applications in schools.</p> |

Research Article Review Assignments Rubric

| Article Review | Basic (10 pts) | Proficient (15 pts) | Advanced (20 pts) |
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| <p>Research course topic and locate 2 articles, one peer-reviewed and one secular related to course content. We want to see what is happening in schools</p> | <p>Writes review of articles with basic citation information and briefly shows connection between course and article content.</p> | <p>Writes review of article with a few references of information.</p> <p>Some critical analysis and solutions.</p> | <p>Writes review of articles with several informative references and thoroughly demonstrates the connection between article and course content.</p> |

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| nationwide regarding this topic. Write an article review and personal reflection connecting article with the course content and school environment. | *Must Include a copy of the article utilized in this assignment. | Explores the connection between course and article content, showing full understanding of both interrelationships for teaching considerations. | Reflection incorporates abstract and critical analysis and alternatives or solutions. Personal experiences and perspectives are included. Review applies information learned to potential classroom situations. |
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Required Lesson/Unit Plan or Activity Rubric

| Lesson - Activity | Basic (5 pts.) | Proficient (10 pts.) | Advanced (20 pts.) |
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| Write your own Classroom Lesson plan, project or activities that demonstrate the course concepts in a school classroom or instructional environment. Other activities include: staff development, State academic standards, parent outreach, department or committee work, curriculum development, presentations, and school events. | Creates a minimal activity and lesson plan that briefly demonstrates a simple application of a course concept or strategy that can be utilized in classrooms for instructional and/or evaluative applications. | Creates a general activity and lesson plan and unit plan that demonstrates two or more course applications of the various topics or concepts. Includes any state, district, or national academic standards that apply. Contains a variety of teaching or learning styles and concrete or abstract practical applications of a concept from the course materials. Error free | Creates a detailed activity and lesson plan or unit plan that includes a variety of teaching and learning styles. Contains concrete and abstract activities for practical classroom applications of several concepts from the course content. Addresses any state, district, or national academic standards that may apply in the activity. Creates a lesson plan or activity that helps students utilize course content to apply the knowledge or skills to school curriculum for their affective needs and improving academic achievement. |

Final-Application Essay Rubric Assignment

| Application Essay | Basic (5 pts.) | Proficient (7 pts.) | Advanced (10 pts.) |
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| Write a 3-page final essay combining all the course content or assignments and show how they can be applied to teaching students, schools settings and staff and personal development. | Writes an essay addressing how the course content can be applied to classroom instruction, student achievement, and the overall school environment. | <p>Writes an essay with one or two examples of how various course concepts can be developed and implemented in the classroom and school environments.</p> <p>Writing addresses any state, district, or national academic standards.</p> <p>Addresses instructional methods, teaching strategies and effective lessons as well as students' affective needs and academic achievement.</p> | <p>Thorough essay with multiple examples of how various course concepts can be developed and implemented in classroom and schools.</p> <p>Includes student's personal and experiential reflections with any state, district, or national academic standards that apply. Writing offers solutions as they apply to instructional applications in class and schools.</p> <p>Addresses instructional methods, teaching strategies and effective lessons as well as the affective needs of students along with academic achievement.</p> |

Late Work: They are late if not completed within 6 months after Registration. Late assignments will receive a 20% reduction. An “F” grade will be posted if the course work is not completed on time.

Incomplete Grades: Incomplete Grades will be handled according to the University Catalog. If an incomplete grade is issued, the student, instructor, and Associate Dean will develop an agreement for the terms of the incomplete and sign it.

Student Conduct: Students are required to follow the policies set within the Student Code of Conduct at CSU Pueblo. This Code can be found on the Student Affairs website at <https://www.csupueblo.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct/index.html>. Students with question regarding any guidelines within the Code should contact the Director of Student Conduct and Case Management at 719-549-2092.

Accommodations: Colorado State University-Pueblo abides by the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which stipulates that no student shall be denied the benefits of an education "solely by reason of a handicap." If you have a documented disability that may impact your work in this class and for which you may require accommodations, please see the Disability Resource & Support Center as soon as possible to arrange accommodations. In order to receive accommodations, you must be registered with and provide documentation of your disability to the Disability Resource & Support Center, which is located in the Library and Academic Resources Center, Suite 169.

Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty is any form of cheating which results in students giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not their own. In cases of academic dishonesty, the instructor will inform the chair of the department prior to implementation of punitive action. Academic dishonesty is grounds for disciplinary action by both the instructor and the Dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management. Any student judged to have engaged in academic dishonesty may receive a failing grade for the work in question, a failing grade for the course, or any other lesser penalty which the instructor finds appropriate. To dispute an accusation of academic dishonesty, the student should first consult with the instructor. If the dispute remains unresolved, the student may then state his or her case to the department chair (or the dean if the department chair is the instructor of the course).

Mandatory Reporting: Colorado State University-Pueblo is committed to maintaining respectful, safe, and nonthreatening educational, working, and living environments. As part of this commitment, and in order to comply with federal law, the University has adopted a Policy on Discrimination, Protected Class Harassment, Sexual Misconduct, Intimate Partner Violence, Stalking, & Retaliation. You can find information regarding this policy, how to report violations of this policy, and resources available to you, on the Office of Institutional Equity's website (www.csupueblo.edu/institutional-equity).

Institutional Equity Statement

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