Note:

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COURSE SYLLABUS

EDUC 675
ELEMENTARY CURRICULUM AND METHODS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

An overview of the current issues and trends in the field of elementary teaching and curriculum.

RATIONALE

The purpose of this course is to provide a knowledge base concerning issues and trends in the field of elementary teaching, specifically in the area of curriculum. The candidate must have a sound knowledge base of elementary curriculum terminology and issues, a plan to effectively implement and assess elementary curriculum, and must begin to develop a network with other educators in the field to discuss and make recommendations concerning instructional and curricular issues at the elementary level.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the Academic Course Catalog.

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered: http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
C. Microsoft Word

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the candidate will be able to:

A. Develop a resource list that promotes effective teaching strategies for elementary school students and curriculum content.
B. Describe diversity and learner characteristics, specifically relating to the elementary level, using current research.
C. Utilize multiple resources to develop an integrated unit that is current, accurate, meets necessary standards, and is meaningful and engaging for learners in grades PreK–6.
D. Analyze his/her integrated unit and provide evidence that he/she has met or exceeded the requirements.

E. Create a personal professional development plan.

F. Develop a network with other educators in the field to discuss and make recommendations concerning issues and trends in the field of elementary teaching and curriculum, or create a presentation simulation.

G. Demonstrate mastery of the vocabulary, concepts, and principles associated with elementary teaching and curriculum.

H. Approach middle grades curriculum and methods from a Christian worldview perspective.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

A. Textbook readings and lecture presentations

B. Course Requirements Checklist

   After reading the Course Syllabus and Student Expectations, the candidate will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.

C. Discussion Board Forums (7)

   Discussion boards are collaborative learning experiences. Therefore, the candidate is required to create a thread in response to the provided topic for each Discussion Board Forum. Each thread must be at least 400 words, contain at least 3 scholarly citations, and demonstrate course-related knowledge. In addition to the thread, the candidate is required to reply to 2 other classmates’ threads. Each reply must be at least 200 words. Citations must be in current APA format and be no older than 5 years, unless used for historical information.

D. Integrated Unit Plan (IUP)

   IUP Part 1 – Initial Unit Information

   The candidate will provide unit information for the grade and subject he/she will address. The information must include state and national standards, goals/objectives, and components of assessments.

   IUP Part 2 – Lesson Plans

   The candidate will write 5 lesson plans, using the provided template, that center around his/her chosen unit topic.

   IUP Part 3 – Adaptations and Part 4 – Resources

   The candidate will describe how he/she could adapt at least 3 learning activities in his/her unit for students with special needs. The candidate will also choose 10 resources from a collaborative resource compilation to incorporate into his/her unit plan.

   IUP Part 5 – Draft and Peer Review
The candidate will be assigned to a group within the Group Discussion Board Forum to which he/she will submit the Integrated Unit Plan Draft to be reviewed by a classmate. The candidate will then review 2 classmates’ plans using the provided grading rubric.

IUP Part 6 – Final Submission

The candidate will submit the final Integrated Unit Plan incorporating all parts of the project, including any adjustments resulting from the peer review, to both Blackboard and to LiveText.

E. Personal Professional Development Plan

The candidate will write a 4–7-page paper in current APA format, creating a personal/professional development plan that he/she would like to implement. The candidate must incorporate a minimum of 3 resources. The title and reference pages do not count toward the page count. Sources must be no older than 5 years (unless used for historical information) and be in current APA format.

F. Diversity and Elementary School Learners

The candidate will utilize at least 5 resources to write a 6–8-page description of the diversity and learning characteristics found in the elementary school classroom. Scholarly sources must be no older than 5 years (unless used for historical information) and be in current APA format.

G. Collaborative Resource Compilation

The candidate will contribute to a course resource collection by adding 5 resources that deal with elementary school issues or basic instructional techniques, and 5 resources that deal with the content topic for his/her Integrated Unit Plan. Current APA format must be followed. All scholarly sources must be no older than 5 years (unless used for historical information).

H. Pick Your Own Adventure Assignment (PYOA): Field Expert Interview OR Presentation Simulation

Field Expert Interview

The candidate will interview a field expert in the area of elementary curriculum and instruction, summarize the interviewee’s responses, and make recommendations for professional practice for educators based upon his/her findings. The student must include support and use 3–5 references from the readings.

Presentation Simulation

The candidate will create a presentation of 15–20 slides (using PowerPoint or another medium approved by the instructor) that simulates a professional development workshop. The presentation must be in current APA format.

I. Class Reflection and Future Goals

The candidate will use the provided template to complete a self-evaluation that addresses the lesson that he/she taught or created, reflects upon the class as a
whole, and addresses future goals. The candidate must incorporate at least 3 resources and follow current APA format. Each resource must be no older than 5 years.

J. **Quizzes (2)**

The candidate will take 2 quizzes in this course. Both quizzes cover all of the Reading & Study assignments from the prior modules/weeks. Each quiz will consist of 20 multiple-choice and true/false questions, be open-book/open-notes, and have a 45-minute time limit.

VI. **COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES**

A. **Points**

   Course Requirements Checklist  
   Discussion Board Forums (7 at 30 pts ea)  
   Integrated Unit Plan  
   Part 1: Initial Unit Information  
   Part 2: Lesson Plans  
   Parts 3 and 4: Adaptations and Resources  
   Part 5: Draft and Peer Review  
   Part 6: Final Submission  
   Personal Professional Development Plan  
   Diversity and Elementary School Learners  
   Collaborative Resource Compilation  
   PYOA Field Expert Interview OR Presentation  
   Simulation  
   Class Reflection and Future Goals  
   Quizzes (2 at 40 pts ea)

Total: 1010

B. **Scale**


C. **LiveText Submission Policy**

All LiveText assignments—including those submitted in Blackboard and/or via SafeAssign—must be submitted to LiveText in order for the student to receive credit for them.

D. **Late Assignment Policy**

If the student is unable to complete an assignment on time, then he or she must contact the instructor immediately by email.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without prior approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:
1. Late assignments submitted within one week of the due date will receive a 10% deduction.

2. Assignments submitted more than one week late will receive a 20% deduction.

3. Assignments submitted two weeks late or after the final date of the class will not be accepted.

4. Late Discussion Board threads or replies will not be accepted.

Special circumstances (e.g. death in the family, personal health issues) will be reviewed by the instructor on a case-by-case basis.

E. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) as LUOODAS@liberty.edu to make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport
# COURSE SCHEDULE

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Parker, *Christian Teachers in Public Schools* (2012).

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| 1            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 3  
               Parker: ch. 1  
               1 presentation | Course Requirements Checklist  
               Advising Quiz  
               DB Forum 1  
               IUP Part 1 – Initial Unit Information | 10  
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                                      30  
                                      70 |
| 2            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 1  
               Parker: chs. 2–3  
               1 presentation | DB Forum 2  
               IUP Part 2 – Lesson Plans | 30  
                                      100 |
| 3            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 2  
               Parker: chs. 4–5  
               1 presentation  
               3 websites | Personal Professional Development Plan  
               Diversity and Elementary School Learners | 60  
                                      60 |
| 4            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 4  
               Parker: chs. 6–7  
               1 presentation  
               2 websites | DB Forum 3  
               Collaborative Resource Compilation  
               IUP Parts 3 and 4 – Adaptations and Resources | 30  
                                      50  
                                      60 |
| 5            | Kellough & Jarolimek: chs. 5–6  
               Parker: chs. 8–9  
               2 presentations  
               3 websites | DB Forum 4  
               IUP Part 5 – Draft and Peer Review | 30  
                                      50 |
| 6            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 7  
               Parker: chs. 10–11  
               2 presentations  
               1 website | DB Forum 5  
               IUP Part 6 – Final Submission | 30  
                                      60 |
| 7            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 8  
               Parker: ch. 12  
               1 presentation | DB Forum 6  
               PYOA Field Expert Interview OR  
               PYOA Presentation Simulation  
               Quiz 1 | 30  
                                      100  
                                      40 |
| 8            | Kellough & Jarolimek: ch. 9  
               Parker: ch. 13  
               2 presentations | DB Forum 7  
               Class Reflection and Future Goals  
               Quiz 2 | 30  
                                      100  
                                      40 |

**TOTAL**  1010

DB = Discussion Board  
IUP = Integrated Unit Plan

**NOTE:** Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on **Friday**.