**Course Description:**

The purpose of EED 484 is to provide the prospective elementary teacher practical experience in two areas: assessment and evaluation, and legal issues. In the area of assessment and evaluation, the course will include a study of teacher-made tests, standardized tests, interpretation of test scores, performance assessment techniques, and grading and reporting student progress. The study of legal issues will cover those issues most pertinent to the elementary teacher. This course is field-based requiring the student to do part of the work in the classroom during the student teaching experience.

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**Standards Matrix:**

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<td>*Texas Pedagogy &amp; Professional EC-8</td>
<td>Develop model goals and objectives based on TEKS</td>
<td>Goals/objectives presented to class. Written paper including goals, objectives, and assessments.</td>
<td>1.13k, 1.13s 3.a</td>
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<td>*Association of Childhood Education International</td>
<td>Develop goals and objectives for lessons taught*</td>
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<td>*TExES (PPR)</td>
<td>Use the knowledge of assessments to make appropriate instructional decisions.</td>
<td>Develop assessment instruments for selected-response test items, constructed-response test items, and performance tasks.*</td>
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<td>Discuss current philosophy when it comes to assigning grades to students.</td>
<td>Develop a personal grading philosophy with input from classroom teachers.*</td>
<td>Test/written assignment.</td>
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<td>Demonstrate an understanding of the connection among the Texas statewide assessment program, the statewide curriculum, &amp; classroom instruction.</td>
<td>Create and field test assessments using the TEKS*</td>
<td>Assessment Instruments</td>
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<td>Use technology in assessment.</td>
<td>Interpret state test results using technology.*</td>
<td>Guest speaker; written assignment—AEIS</td>
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| Analyze and explain individual student performance on the state or nationally normed, standardized tests. | Class discussion | Analyze several different kinds of local assessment instruments.*  
Analyze Texas state assessment & AEIS reports as well as nationally normed tests*  
Know the importance of adhering to procedures in standardized test situations. |
| TExES Competency 3 | Written report, class discussion, and test | Class discussion |

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| Find and discuss information included on the AEIS Report or Campus Report Card. | Written report | Analyze AEIS reports*  
Recognize when bias in testing occurs and be able to create test items free of bias. |
| TExES Competency 3 | Test Written assignment | Class discussion |

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<td>Apply the concept of absence of bias in assessment.</td>
<td>Test Written assignment</td>
<td>Analyze a situation, determine appropriate action, and cite legal references.</td>
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<td>Apply State and Federal law when it comes to making decisions in various school situations.</td>
<td>Class discussion Written assignment</td>
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<td>Share the different roles the federal, state, and local governments typically play as far as public schools are concerned.</td>
<td>Individual research Group report</td>
<td>Work with a group to investigate the role and responsibility of different levels of schools: local, state, and federal.*</td>
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<td>Apply policies &amp; procedures in compliance with the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators.</td>
<td>Class discussion Written assignment</td>
<td>Apply appropriate standards to particular situations.</td>
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**Course Format:**
The format of the class includes lecture, small group discussions, whole class discussions, group presentations, guest lectures, and on-line assignments with feedback. Evaluation consists of professor assessment of class discussions, written reports, written assignments, group presentation, tests, and timely and accurate submission of on-line work.

**Evaluation:** All items listed below will be worth 100 points except the Major Exam that will count 200 points. Final grades will be weighted as follows:

- Major Exam 20%
- Assignment 1, Selected-Response Test Items 10%
- Assignment 2, Constructed-Response (Essay) Test Item 10%
- Assignment 3, Performance Assessment 10%
- Assignment 4, Structure of Schools (group report) 10%
- Assignment 5 Seminar Report 10%
- Assignment 6, Legal Scenario in class 10%
- Assignment 7, TAKS and AEIS Data Analysis/Item Analysis 10%
- Professionalism (participation, attendance, article summary, portfolio, assessment journal, deadlines met, work quality) 10%
The grading scale is as follows:

- 900-1000 points       A
- 800-899                B
- 700-799                C
- 600-699                D
- Below 600             F

**Course Content:**

**Assessment and Evaluation**

Course overview, assessment versus testing, formative and summative evaluation, reasons for assessing

**Reliability** of assessment: stability reliability, alternate-form reliability, internal consistency reliability, standard error of measurement

**Concept of validity** in assessment: content validity, criterion validity, construct validity, relationship between reliability and validity

**Assessment bias:** nature of bias, categories of test bias

Constructing classroom tests: learner **goals and objectives** in relation to TEKS, selecting appropriate tests for desired results

- **Selected-response** tests: binary choice, multiple-binary choice, multiple-choice, matching
- **Constructed-response** tests: short answer, essay, developing scoring rubrics

**Performance** assessment: types of performance assessment, evaluating performance tests, developing scoring criteria

- **Standardized tests:** norm referenced, criterion referenced, Texas state assessment
- **Portfolio** assessment
- **Grading and evaluation**
- Reading state-provided documents including AEIS reports

**Legal Issues**

Overview of education law: sources of law

Structure and governance of the education system: local, state, federal

**Personnel** issues: certification, contracts, due process, employee rights and responsibility

**Code of Ethics**

**Legal Liability:** state torts, federal civil rights liability

Student and family **rights:** child abuse, discipline, confidentiality, religious issues

**Special needs** students: special education, bilingual, gifted, abused and neglected children, 504 students, at-risk students

**Course Requirements:**

1. **Reading and Content**
   - Be familiar with the content of the following textbook *Classroom Assessment: What Teachers Need to Know* by James Popham
     - Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 15.
   - Be familiar with the content of the following textbook *The Educator’s Guide to Texas School Law, 6th edition* by Walsh, Kemerer, and Maniotis – Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6,7, 8, 9, 10.

2. **Construct tests**
   - Use the TEKS to develop goals and objectives.
   - Know the different types of tests and when to use each.
   - Construct different types of tests
     - Selected-response items
     - Constructed-response items
     - Performance assessments

3. **Analyze standardized tests**
   - Be able to analyze and explain an individual student report from a norm-referenced test.
   - Know the components of the Texas assessment system and be able to analyze an individual student report.

4. **Become familiar with campus Report Cards and AEIS Reports.**

5. **Examine the use of technology in assessment.**

6. **Know the sources of law.**
   - Apply state and federal law to school situations.

7. **Know the structure of schools: local, state and federal**
   - Work with a group to present one part of the roles and responsibilities of public schools (e.g. school board)

8. **Update professional portfolio.**
Expectations:
Please pay attention to the class calendar. Read each chapter before class discussion. The short time in class makes it necessary to have a fast paced class. Assignments that are late will be penalized. Any class missed may require a written report.

It is important that a teacher use correct spelling and standard grammar and punctuation in all written communication. For that reason, errors in work submitted for this course will result in a grade reduction.

For success in this class, be responsible, do your best work always, cooperate with others, and treat everyone, including yourself, with respect.

Disability Statement: Students with a disability that affects their academic performance are expected to arrange for a conference with the instructor in order that appropriate strategies can be considered to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired. The physically impaired may contact the Director of the Counseling Center as chair of the Committee for Continuing Assistance for Disabled Students by telephone (extension 1720).

Attendance Policy: Regular and punctual attendance is required. Each hour of absence beyond three hours may result in a ten-point reduction of your grade in EED 484 for each hour of class missed. Three (3) tardies will be counted as one-absence. Any class missed will result in loss of that day’s participation grade unless make-up work is arranged. Oral presentations will probably not be able to be handled another date, so the grade will automatically be reduced.

On-Line Assignments:
During your student teaching experiences, you will be required to submit assignments. The due dates are listed on the Class Calendar, but to avoid potential technology problems and grade penalties, you are encouraged to submit each assignment as early as possible before it’s due.

Send each assignment as instructed by the class calendar: either by embedding it in an email message or attaching it as a Microsoft Word document. Do not use Blackboard. If you experience difficulties with transmitting the assignment, please call your professor and leave a message explaining what is happening and leaving a phone number where you can be reached. Each assignment received online after its due date will be reduced by 5 points per day late. You will be notified by return email when each assignment is received. It is your responsibility to follow-up if you do not receive a response.

Bibliography:

Annotated URLs for Teachers:
www.google.com (a general search engine, one of several available)
www.eric.ed.gov and click on “Contact ERIC” (a search engine specifically for educational topics)
www.esc6.net (the home page for the Education Service Center, Region VI, in Huntsville with links to other sources)
www.tea.state.tx.us/teks/index.html (Texas’ standards, Texas Educational Knowledge and Skills--TEKS)
www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taks/booklets/index.html (TAKS test information. Linked to released TAKS)
http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/reporting/results/itemanalysis (Statewide TAKS Item Analysis)
www.ali.apple.com (sample lesson plans for a wide variety of subjects and grade levels—aligned with TEKS)
www.teachers.net (Harry Wong materials; one of many similar sites for educators)