GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Education Leadership Program Course Syllabus

Course Number and Title

EDLE 616.602: Curriculum Development and Evaluation (3 credits) [Summer, 2012]

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Program Vision: The Education Leadership Program is devoted to improving the quality of pre-K through 12 education through teaching, research and service. Candidates and practicing administrators engage in course work devoted to experiential learning, professional growth opportunities, and doctoral research that informs practice. We educate exceptional leaders who act with integrity as they work to improve schools.

Schedule Information

Class Location: Fairfax Ridge Room C-07

Class Days/Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4:30 to 7:30pm

June 18th through August 1, 2013

Course Description

EDLE 616 Curriculum Development and Evaluation (3:3:0)

Examines the relationship of the written, taught, and tested curriculum and identifies critical leadership decisions that can positively impact student achievement. Identifies components of effective curriculum guides. Mini-document for personal use is constructed.

Prerequisite(s): EDLE 620, EDLE 690, and EDLE 791

Textbooks:

[The required text[s] is/are available in the GMU Bookstore in the Johnson Center]

Schiro, Michael Stephen, (2008) Curriculum Theory; conflicting visions and enduring concerns, Sage Publications

Reference texts (optional use as resources.... purchase not required)

Tomlinson, Carol Ann and McTighe, Jay, (2005) *Integrating Differentiated Instruction and Understanding By Design*, Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Marzano, Robert (2007) *The Art and Science of Teaching*, Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Bellanca and Brandt, (2010) 21st Century Skills: rethinking how students learn, Solution Tree

Virginia Standards of Learning

Relationships to Program Goals and Professional Organizations: The importance of strengthening and guiding instruction in educational settings is a leadership theme of academic and professional organizations alike. The purpose of the course is to strengthen the knowledge, skills and dispositions of EDLE candidates as instructional leaders and managers. The course provides models for (1) designing and managing curriculum; (2) relating to school board policy, professional development, and budget to effective instructional leadership; (3) constructing effective teacher-friendly curriculum guides; and (4) collecting and using demographic data to create a plan for improved student performance.

This course meets applicable competencies, standards, and guidelines set forth by the Virginia Department of Education (VA DOE), Interstate School Leaders Licensure

Consortium (ISSLC), National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC), as shown below.

VA DOE Competetencies (a 1,3,4,5 and 6; c1; e1; f 4,5) NCATE Guidelines (Strategic Leadership: 1.3, 1.6, 2.4; Instructional Leadership: 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6. 3.9; Organizational Leadership: 9.1) ELCC Standards (1.2), (1.3), (1.4), (2.1), (2.2), (2.3), (6.3)

<u>Learner Outcomes:</u> Students who successfully complete the requirements for EDLE 616 will be able to:

- [i] demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of curriculum design, development and evaluation and connect all parts to ELCC standards in the design [and presentation] of a mini curriculum framework
- [ii] demonstrate the ability to analyze school demographic and assessment data and use the same to create a professional development plan [PDP] to improve student performance in two critical areas
- [iii] identify an emerging/controversial issue in curriculum development/evaluation and create a plan to serve as a guide for educators to fully understand it [the plan should connect best thinking/practices on the issue to 2 or 3 essential questions]
- [iv] investigate the components of a well-formed BOE policy on curriculum development/evaluation and apply that knowledge to *solve* a problem either at a specific grade level or content area.

Internship [EDLE 791]: For questions relating to the connections between the Internship and coursework, please talk with either [i] the Instructor, or [ii] your Internship Advisor.

Nature of Course Delivery: A variety of instructional methods are used to cover the subject matter and create a dynamic, interactive learning environment. These methods <u>may</u> include large and small group discussions, case studies, media, Internet assignments, lecture, guest practitioners, group presentations, interviews, collaborative learning and reflection. There is some out-of-class work expected. <u>The challenge is to become a community of learners</u>.

<u>Course Requirements:</u> You are expected to attend each class because discussion, presentations and hands-on activities are critical parts of the course. The completion of and reflection on assigned readings, **constructive participation** in discussions and group work as well as on-line communication with group members are routine expectations. Access to a computer and a GMU email account are essential because you will receive

important information from the university only on your GMU account and only GMU email accounts may be used to communicate with the instructor. You must also have an account in **Taskstream**.

If missing a class is unavoidable, you are responsible for notifying the instructor (preferably in advance). It is your responsibility to check with class colleagues for notes and assignments and complete any missed assignments and readings, etc. before the start of the next class. All absences may affect your final grade because of the heavy emphasis on class participation. All written assignments must be completed on a word processor (unless otherwise indicated) and turned in on or before the due date.

Assignments # 2 and #3 are program performance-based assessments and are to be submitted on Taskstream.

Late assignments will lower your grade on the project, and will not be accepted or given credit if received 48 hours late. Specific course requirements and assigned due dates <u>may</u> be altered as the instructor receives input from you and your classmates about your school calendars. To plan and complete group projects, you may need to meet with other group members at times other than during scheduled class sessions.

Evaluation and Grading:

Because EDLE 616 is a graduate level course, high quality work is expected in class and on all assignments. Assignments 1, 2, 3 and 4 are graded by a rubric. In this way, the rubric can both inform the completion of the assignments and serve as an instrument to assess your grade for the activity.

This course is designed to further develop and expand your managerial and ethical skills in the area of instructional leadership and management. You will be assessed on your ability to analyze situations from the broad perspective of a school administrator, and be expected to view the impact of the decisions from a systematic perspective and from the benefit to student learning.

The grading assessment scales and assigned percentages shown below are guidelines only. Your final grade for the semester will reflect the instructor's judgment of your classroom performance as you attempt to demonstrate leadership behaviors, perspectives and attitudes.

Students may rewrite an assignment [other than the final group project] for re-grading within one week of receipt. The original assignment should be clipped/stapled to the rewrite.

Grading Scale:

Participation in class, contribution to group learning	10 points
Assignment #1	15 points
Assignment #2	20 points
Assignment #3	_
Assignment #4	15 points
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TOTAL:

100 points

C=75 -79 points F=74 points or below

College of Education and Human Development Expectations

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode/].
- Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester [See http://ods.gmu.edu/].
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html].
- Regarding electronic devices (such as laptops, cell phones, etc.), please be respectful of your peers and your instructor and do not engage in activities that are unrelated to class. Such disruptions show a lack of professionalism and may affect your participation grade.
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account.
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times
 - **Core Values Commitment: The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles.**

- The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].
- The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].
- For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, Graduate School of Education, please visit our website [See http://gse.gmu.edu/].

Assignment #1

Identify critical school board policy for curriculum development and evaluation [Individual Assignment]

Purpose:

As educators, it is important that we have a clear understanding of the educational policies developed by our school boards, and our responsibility as educational leaders to implement them. This assignment will challenge your ability to investigate a particular policy adopted by a chosen school board and examine its impact on student learning and achievement.

Assignment:

Prepare at minimum a 3 -5 page, double spaced document that investigates one chosen school board policy and analyze its components in relation to the needs of a [i] specific grade level or [ii] content area. Candidates will conduct interviews with administrators and/or stakeholders in order to gain detailed knowledge of the policy and its impact at the local school level.

Grading Rubric

Weighting	Criteria		Mosts	Annuagahina	Dolovy	Score
Weighting	Criteria	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Below	Score
		Expectations 4	Expectations	Expectations 2	Expectations 1	
[weighting 20%]	Clearly identifies a selected curricular area	Proposed curricular area is identified and adequately and clearly described.	Proposed curricular area is identified AND adequately described	Proposed curricular area is identified or described, but not both	Proposed curricular area is not identified or described.	
[weighting 40%]	Includes a statement that relates to area of study	Statement is clear with adequate reference to the needs of the student learners.	Statement is clear with adequate reference to learners	Statement is vague or rambling with some reference to student learning	No statement is included	
	Connections made from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area are clearly and concisely explained	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area listed	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area hinted at	No connections made	
[weighting 35%]	Candidates will conduct interviews with [a] Administration or [b] School Board members regarding selected policy	Impact of School Board Policy clearly and concisely presented from multiple interviews [a and b]	Impact of School Board Policy presented from either [a] or [b]	Impact of School Board Policy discussed in general terms		
[weighting 5%]	Spelling, grammar, mechanics	The project is error free and clearly and professionally presented	The project has no spelling errors and no more than two mechanical errors.	The project has some spelling grammar, and/or mechanical errors.	The project has multiple errors in spelling, and/or mechanics	Total Score

Study of Demographic Information and Assessment Data for Improved Student Performance - Individual Assignment **REQUIRED PERFORMANCE** [Taskstream]

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate students' ability to analyze demographic and test data (Standards of Learning or other test results) as it relates to curriculum and/or instructional improvement. Each student will obtain the abovementioned information from their schools, and analyze strengths/weaknesses of existing Action Plans with a view to helping teachers improve student performance in two curriculum areas. Candidates should also include recommendations for involving school staff in the change process, including relevant (recent) research-based strategies as a part of the effort to lead school improvement. (This is an individual learning activity completed during and outside of class).

Assignment

Prepare, at minimum, a Mini-Case Study (8 to 12 pages, including graphics) utilizing the analysis of actual demographic and test data from your school, and, after examining existing site-based Action Plans at your school, analyze the strengths and weaknesses in the Action Plans with a view to helping teachers/staff members improve student performance in the two targeted curriculum areas.

Plan of Action

- 1. Locate the most recent AYP data for your school.
- 2. Identify demographic information for your school as it relates to AYP data for NCLB sub-groups.
- 3. Analyze the data in two academic areas. Include a brief description of your findings and conclusions regarding curriculum/instruction deficit areas.
- 4. Examine and critique existing site-based "action plans" (focusing on strengths and weaknesses) that target the two curriculum areas you selected for improving student achievement. Discuss with colleagues in your school why this problem exists and probable causes for action plan strengths/weaknesses.
- 5. Locate current research-based strategies (recent) that would help [i] target the identified deficit areas, and [ii] strengthen (and improve) the delivery of curriculum/instruction to improve future student performance in those areas.
- 6. Finally, make recommendations to site-based leadership on ways to involve school staff in the change process.

Analysis of Assessment Data Assessment Rubric

ELCC Standards	Exceeds Expectations 4	Meets Expectations 3	Approaching Expectations 2	Falls Below Expectations 1
Candidates understand and can collaborate with faculty and community members by collecting and analyzing information pertinent to the improvement of the school's educational environment. [ELCC: 4.1] [weighting 20%]	Cultural diversity in the school and its community is described and analyzed (race, ethnicity, gender, age, socio-economic status, English language learners, and special education) over at least the last three years.	Cultural diversity in the school is described and analyzed (race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic levels, English language learners, and special education) over the last three years.	Cultural diversity is described and analyzed, but lacks information on all 7 categories.	Cultural diversity of either the school or community is analyzed, but not both.
Candidates understand and can evaluate school progress and revise school plans supported by school stakeholders [ELCC: 1.4] [weighting 20%]	The paper describes and analyzes at least 3 effects where school demographics impact student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	The paper describes and analyzes 1 or 2 effects where school demographics impact student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	The paper describes and/or analyzes 1 effect where school demographics impacts student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	No effects are documented.
Candidates understand and can create and evaluate a comprehensive, rigorous, and coherent curricular and instructional school program. [ELCC: 2.2] [weighting 20%]	Current school action plan(s) are analyzed in relation to identified achievement gap areas. Instructional practices, instructional programs, and assessments that support student learning in two curriculum areas are described and evaluated.	Current school action plan(s) are analyzed in relation to identified achievement gap areas. Instructional practices and/or instructional programs, and/or assessments that support student learning in two curriculum areas are described and evaluated.	Current school action plan(s) are analyzed in relation to identified achievement gap areas. Instructional practices, programs, and assessments are not clearly described or evaluated.	Limited analysis provided of school action plan(s) in relation to identified achievement gap areas. Instructional practices, programs, and assessments are not addressed.
Candidates understand and can develop school capacity for distributed	Recommendations highlight appropriate research strategies to promote improved student achievement in	Recommendations highlight appropriate research strategies to promote	Recommendations include limited evidence of appropriate research strategies to improve	Recommendation does not include appropriate research strategies, involve the school staff, or

leadership.	two curriculum areas	improved student	student achievement	connect to students'
	and involve school	achievement in	and may involve	learning needs.
	staff in the change	ONE curricular	school staff in the	
[ELCC: 3.4]	process. Strategies	area and involve	change process.	
	reflect students'	school staff in the	Strategies may not	
[weighting 35%]	learning needs	change process.	reflect students'	
	analyzed from the	Strategies reflect	learning needs.	
	school's demographic	students' learning		
	and assessment data.	needs analyzed		
		from the school's		
		demographic and		
		assessment data.		
Spelling, grammar,	The project is error	The project has no	The project has some	The project has
mechanics.	free and is clearly and	spelling errors and	spelling, grammar	multiple errors in
[weighting 5%]	professionally	no more than two	and/or mechanical	spelling and/or
	presented.	mechanical errors.	errors.	mechanics.

Assignment #3: Design of Curriculum Framework

REQUIRED PERFORMANCE [Taskstream]

Purpose

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate knowledge of program design in curriculum as evidenced in the creation of a model for emerging leaders in the field. The rationale for developing a program for emerging leaders instead of a grade level or subject area framework is that instructional/administrative leadership focuses on broad implementation, as opposed to teacher leadership that is more grade/subject specific (these curricula are often mandated by the state/district anyway). As one of the last courses in the licensure program, creating a leadership framework allows students an opportunity to reflect on what they've learned about site-based leadership to date and what they would still like to explore. This also helps to define a topic for Assignment Four. Finally, creating the framework ties all the major concepts of the course together, allowing students to practically apply what they've learned in a concrete way, such as aligning the program with standards and assessments, as well as implementing the ideas of the Six Facets of Understanding and Backward Design. These concepts can then be applied to any curricular area as a site-based leader.

Assignment

In small groups explore and research existing leadership programs, then individually design and construct a Curriculum Framework for aspiring educational leaders. The document is not to exceed 20 pages (25to 30 slides if using PowerPoint), including references that are written in APA style. Components to be included in the Curriculum Framework are listed in the directions below.

Directions

[a] Collaboratively....

- Conduct Internet searches of other leadership programs across the nation (and world).
- Interview both seasoned and new administrators about what they believe emerging administrators need in preparing them for 21st century leadership.
- Check the web sites of educational organizations, the State Departments of Education, and accrediting agencies to discover the requirements and knowledge, skills & dispositions for leading-edge programs.
- Collect information and ideas about leadership development from other sources selected by your group.

[b] Individually.....

• Be creative in your ideas about the different teaching methods that could help aspiring leaders learn, how they will be assessed, activities for learning, and locations where leadership development could occur.

• Synthesize those ideas that your group collects from various sources and make content and format decisions for your (individual) curriculum document. Select the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions that you believe should be included in a curriculum framework for aspiring leaders. Then, construct a matrix to validate and support what you consider "the right curriculum."

Your curriculum framework—curriculum map, course offerings, and brief descriptions—should include the following components:

- 1. a philosophy and/or vision for the aspiring leaders' program
- 2. a validation matrix with at least 4 to 6 sources (include ISLLC, NCATE, ELCC, VA DOE components)
- 3. a list of the critical knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed by aspiring leaders
- 4. a list of essential questions to guide the content of your curriculum framework
- 5. evidence of thoughtful inclusion of UBD as part of the design
- 6. an assessment plan for your curriculum framework
- 7. a reference page to document the sources [minimum of 6] used when collecting data and constructing the framework

Design of Curriculum Framework Assessment Rubric

ELCC	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Below
Standards	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations
	4	3	2	1
Candidates	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
demonstrate	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum
skills in adapting	design model	design model	design model	design model
leadership	reflects [i]	includes [a]	includes [a]	suggests
strategies and	current best	emerging trends,	emerging trends,	(generally)
practice to	practices; [ii]	and [b] 2 other	and [b] 1 other	trends, best
address	emerging trends;	elements listed.	element listed.	practices and
emerging school issues.	[iii] validation by at least 4			current research.
[ELCC: 6.3]	Standards'			
Weighting:15%	authorities; and			
weighting.15%	[iv] current			
	research on			
	Leadership			
	Programs.			
Candidates	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
demonstrate	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum
skills in the	design model	design model	design model	design model
design and	includes [i] a	includes 3 out of	includes 2 out of	only focuses on 1
support of a	strong mission &	the 4 elements	the 4 elements	of the elements
collaborative	philosophy	listed.	listed.	listed.
process for	statement; [ii] a			
developing and	vision for a			
implementing a	program of			
school vision.	excellence; [iii]			
[ELCC: 1.1]	specific			
Weighting:20%	indicators of			
	knowledge, skills			
	and dispositions			
	served; [iv] and			
	at least 4			
	essential			
	questions to			
	guide the			
Candidate	program.	Dunnand	Danasad	Dunnand
Candidates	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
demonstrate	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum
skills in the	design model	design model includes 3 out of	design model includes 2 out of	design model
planning, implementation	incorporates current Adult	the 4 elements	the 4 elements	focuses only on 1 element listed.
and evaluation	Learning	listed.	listed.	Cicinent fisted.
of a coordinated,	theories, multiple	nstea.	nstcu.	
aligned and	assessment			
articulated	(formal &			
curriculum.	informal)			
[ELCC : 2.2]	models,			
Weighting:25%	opportunities to			
	showcase diverse			
	learners, and			

Candidates demonstrate skills in designing the use of differentiated instructional strategies, curriculum	strong evidence of the UBD backward design model. Proposed curriculum design model reflects differentiation in the design, and a strong inquiry- based approach to learning in the	Proposed curriculum design model includes evidence of 2 out of the 3 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model includes evidence of 1 out of the 3 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model only hints at generalities in all of the elements listed.
materials, and evidence of UBD in design and the provision of high-quality instruction. [ELCC: 2.3] Weighting:25%	entire course sequence.			
Candidates demonstrate skills in using technologies for improved classroom instruction, student achievement and continuous school improvement. [ELCC: 2.4] Weighting:10%	Proposed curriculum design model incorporates the application of technologies in classroom instruction, student achievement, and school improvement.	Proposed curriculum design model includes 2 out of the 3 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model lists only one of the elements.	No elements are included in the overall design.
Unblemished Prose. Weighting:5%	Proposed curriculum design model is error free.	Proposed curriculum design model contains 1 or 2 errors.	Proposed curriculum design model contains 5 or more errors.	Proposed curriculum design model is riddled with errors.

Assignment #4

Professional Development for Curriculum Change

Identify, Create [and deliver] a Professional Development Session for a Selected Curriculum Issue from Assignment #3 or a current controversial curriculum issue

(Group Project –IN CLASS)

Purpose:

As educational leaders, we are frequently faced with instructional issues directly related to the written/taught curriculum, and the challenge of presenting them to colleagues in the schoolhouse. The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate the ability to deliver a PD session to class colleagues based on a **new** course[or new course idea] either [i] identified in Assignment 3, or a current controversial curriculum issue, utilizing the tenets of backward design and instructional best practice.

Assignment:

You [plural] will identify a current/future curriculum issue and create a PD plan that serves as a guide for educators [can be an issue identified in Assignment #3]. Candidates may use a variety of information gathering methods including interviews with peers, administrators and/or central office personnel; you may also wish to obtain information from the text as well as curriculum guides. Prepare a 10 to 15 minute PD presentation that is designed to assist educators in their understanding of the curriculum issue.

Professional Development Plan Grading Rubric

Weighting	Criteria	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Below	Score
		Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
		4	3	2	1	
[Weighting 40%]	Clearly identifies a curricular issue/area that includes a rationale that connects to Assignment 3A Exemplifies	Proposed curricular area is identified and adequately and clearly described.	Proposed curricular area is identified AND adequately described	Proposed curricular area is identified or described, but not both	Proposed curricular area is not identified or described.	
	the 'taught' curriculum format, including [i] assessing prior knowledge [ii] essential; Q & understandings	All elements of the 'taught' curriculum are in evidence	Some elements of the 'taught' curriculum are in evidence [3 out of 5]	One or two elements [only] of the 'taught' curriculum are in evidence	No elements are in evidence	

	[iii] modeling main concept [iv] differentiation where appropriate [v] assessing for understanding					
[Weighting 40%]	Includes a professional development plan that is includes a rationale, materials, instructional methods and a guide for ongoing assessment	Appropriate [1] instructional methods, [2] experiences, [3] activities, and [4] assessments are included and clearly stated. Suggestions show reflective thought.	Appropriate instructional methods, experiences, activities, and assessments are included and clearly stated [one of each]	Appropriate instructional methods, experiences activities, or assessments are included [but not all listed]	Appropriate instructional methods, experiences, activities and/or assessments are not included.	
[Weighting 10%]	Includes suggestions for using technology to enrich curriculum and instruction.	Adequate and appropriate suggestions for using technology to enrich curriculum and instruction practices are included in the lesson design, along with citations for finding resources.	Adequate and appropriate suggestions for using technology to enrich curriculum and instructional practices are included in the lesson design.	Some technology use is included in the lesson design, but its use may not be appropriate.	Technology use is not included in the lesson design.	
[Weighting 10%]	Spelling, grammar, mechanics	The project is error free and clearly and professionally presented	The project has no spelling errors and no more than two mechanical errors.	The project has some spelling grammar, and/or mechanical errors.	The project has multiple errors in spelling, and/or mechanics	Total Score

Tentative Class Schedule**

Date	<u>Topic</u>	Essential Questions	Readings	Assignment Due Dates
Session 1 [June 18th]	Curriculum Overview	1. What is the definition of, and purpose for, Curriculum? Is it always fair and equitable? Why and/or why not?	Independent reading and preparation for June 20 th session -	Duc Dates
Session 2 [June 20st]	 Introductions and Course Overview Learning from EDLE 618 A guaranteed and viable curriculum 	1. What is the definition of, and purpose for, Curriculum? Is it always fair and equitable?	Chapter 1- Curriculum Theory	
Session 3 [June 25th]	 Myths about Curriculum; influences on Curriculum Assignment #1 – Q/A Ideology #1 	1. What is the history of curriculum development? 2. What is the Scholarly Academic Ideology?	Chapter 2- Curriculum Theory	
Session 4 [June 27th]:	 Ideology #2 Curriculum/Pacing Guides Looking at Assignment #2 	1. What is the Social Efficiency Ideology? 2. What are the Similarities and differences between the first 2 ideologies discussed?	Chapter 3 - Curriculum Theory	
Session 5 [July 2nd]	 Ideology #3 21st Century Skills Assignment #2- Q/A 	 What is the Learning Centered Ideology? What are the Similarities and differences between the first 3 ideologies discussed? How do 21st Century Skills 	Handouts from Instructor Chapter 4 – Curriculum Theory	Assignment #1 due

		connect?		
Session 6 [July 9th]	• The relationship between Assessment & The Tested Curriculum	1. What is the tested curriculum? 2. How does current policy (national and Va.) connect the dots between the two? 3. What are the biggest issues we face?	Self selected article to share with the group about the Topic.	
Session 7 [July 11th]	• Ideology #4	1. What are the Similarities and differences between the first 3 ideologies discussed?	Chapter 5 – Curriculum Theory	
Session 8 [July 16th]:	Differentiation – Curriculum vs. Pedagogy	1. What is the difference between differentiation of pedagogy and curriculum? Are they mutually exclusive or is there an "and?"	Handouts from Instructor	Assignment #2 due on Taskstream
Session 9 [July 18th]	Class Workshop/Consolidati on Class	 What We Have Learned Thus Far Are we on track? 	Chapter 6 – Curriculum Theory	
Session 10 [July 23rd]	Teaching a rigorous curriculum	 What is the definition of rigor? What are the myths? How do we incorporate rigor into our instruction? 	Handouts from Instructor	
Session 11 [July 25th]	 Putting it all together – working session Mini Conference Poster Session 			Assignment #3 due on Taskstream
Session 12	Group Presentations [Assignment #4]			Assignment #4 due in

[July 30th]	Course Wrap-Up		Class
Session 13			
[August 1st]			

^{**}Syllabi created in a learner vacuum are by nature, imperfect**

^{***} A make-up session will be scheduled, if needed, to replace any session that is cancelled due to weather conditions. ****