



**College of Education and Human Development  
Division of Special Education and disAbility Research**

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EDSE 544 638: Adapted Instructional Methods and Transition for Secondary Learners  
CRN: 43045, 3 – Credits

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\*Note: This syllabus may change according to class needs. Teacher Candidates/Students will be advised of any changes immediately through George Mason e-mail and/or through Blackboard.

**Prerequisite(s):** None

**Co-requisite(s):** None

**Course Description**

Provides strategies for teaching functional academics and social/life skills, facilitating the transition to postsecondary environments. Focuses on all aspects of transition and alternative assessments for secondary learners with disabilities. Note: Field experience required. Offered by Graduate School of Education. May not be repeated for credit.

**Advising Contact Information**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress through your program. Mason M.Ed. and Certificate teacher candidates/students should contact the Special Education Advising Office at (703) 993-3670 for assistance. All other teacher candidates/students should refer to their faculty advisor.

**Advising Tip**

Are you completing a teacher licensure or non-licensure certificate program in addition to a Master's degree? Students can submit a Graduate Secondary Certificate Application (<http://registrar.gmu.edu/wp-content/uploads/GSCA.pdf>) to their advisor when they are ready to add a certificate. Talk to your advisor if you have any questions about the program/s you are completing.

**Course Delivery Method**

Learning activities include the following:

1. Class lecture and discussion
2. Application activities
3. Small group activities and assignments
4. Video and other media supports

5. Research and presentation activities
6. Electronic supplements and activities via Blackboard

### **Learner Outcomes**

Upon completion of this course, teacher candidates/students will be able to:

1. Identify, describe, and design alternate assessments for secondary learners with disabilities to demonstrate learning outcomes and postsecondary interests and aptitudes;
2. Demonstrate an understanding of evidence-based strategies for facilitating transition into the community, workplace, and postsecondary environments;
3. Demonstrate how to implement cognitive strategies in self-regulation, study skills, attention, memory, motivation, and self-determination;
4. Demonstrate knowledge of the federal and Virginia laws, Standards of Learning, and agencies that require and provide for transition, vocational, and rehabilitation services for students with disabilities at the secondary school level (middle & high school);
5. Identify the role and responsibilities of the Individual Education Plan (IEP) teams as they strive to incorporate transition requirements into the IEP and principles of person-centered planning;
6. Identify organizations, services, networks, and the variety of state and local agencies that maximize the interagency effort involved in the transition process for students with disabilities.

### **Course Relationship to Program Goals and Professional Organizations**

This course is part of the George Mason University, Graduate School of Education (GSE), Special Education Program for teacher licensure in the Commonwealth of Virginia in the special education areas of Special Education: Students with Disabilities who Access the General Curriculum K-12. This program complies with the standards for teacher licensure established by the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization, as well as those established by the Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support consortium (InTASC). The standards addressed in this class include CEC Standard 1: Learner development and individual learning differences (InTASC 1,2); CEC Standard 2: Learning environments (InTASC 3); CEC Standard 3: Curricular content knowledge (InTASC 4,5); CEC Standard 4: Assessment (InTASC 6); CEC Standard 5: Instructional planning and strategies (InTASC 7,8) & CEC Standard 7: Collaboration (InTASC 10).

### **Evidence-Based Practices**

This course will incorporate the evidence-based practices (EBPs) relevant to self-determination, facilitating transitions, alternative assessments, and social skills. Evidence for the selected research-based practices is informed by meta-analysis, literature reviews/synthesis, the technical assistance networks which provide web-based resources, and the national organizations whose mission is to support students with disabilities. We address both promising and emerging practices in the field of special education. This course will provide opportunities for teacher candidates/students to take an active, decision-making role to thoughtfully select, modify, apply, and evaluate EBPs in order to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

### **Required Textbooks**

Test, D. W. (2012). *Evidence-Based Instructional Strategies for Transition*. Brookes Transition to Adulthood Series. Brookes Publishing Company. ISBN 13: 978-1-59857-192-9

Wehman, P. (2011). *Essentials of Transition Planning*. Brookes Transition to Adulthood Series. Baltimore: Brookes Publishing. ISBN: 9781598570984

### **Recommended Textbooks**

American Psychological Association. (2010). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (6th ed.). Washington, DC: Author.

## Course Performance Evaluation

Students are expected to submit all assignments on time in the manner outlined by the instructor (e.g., Blackboard, Tk20, hard copy).

## Tk20 Performance-Based Assessment Submission Requirement

It is critical for the special education program to collect data on how our students are meeting accreditation standards. Every teacher candidate/student registered for an EDSE course with a required Performance-based Assessment (PBA) is required to upload the PBA to Tk20 (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a one-time course or part of an undergraduate minor). A PBA is a specific assignment, presentation, or project that best demonstrates one or more CEC, In TASC or other standard connected to the course. A PBA is evaluated in two ways. The first is for a grade, based on the instructor's grading rubric. The second is for program accreditation purposes. Your instructor will provide directions as to how to upload the PBA to Tk20.

For *EDSE 544*, the required PBA is Transition Plan with Assistive Technology. Failure to submit the assignment to Tk20 will result in reporting the course grade as Incomplete (IN). Teacher candidates/students have until five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline to upload the required PBA in order to change the course grade. When the PBA is uploaded, the teacher candidate/student is required to notify the instructor so that the "IN" can be changed to a grade. If the required PBA is not uploaded five days prior to the University-stated grade change deadline and, therefore, the grade not changed, it will become an F. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to Tk20 before the PBA due date.

## Assignments and/or Examinations

### Performance-based Assessment (Tk20 submission required)

### Assignments and/or Other Grading

- Assignment 1: Transition Plan with Assistive Technology (40 points)
- Assignment 2: Site visit (20 points)
- Assignment 3: Quiz on Online Modules (15 points)
- Assignment 4: Transition Assessment Presentations (15 points)
- Assignment 5: Attendance and Participation (10 points)

### **ASSESSMENT 1: Transition Plan with Assistive Technology (40 points)**

The purpose of this assessment is to have candidates demonstrate knowledge of the individualized planning process required for the development of a transition plan for secondary students with mild to moderate exceptional learning needs. Candidates will demonstrate understanding of the components of the transition plan. Based upon case information provided, candidates will construct a transition plan that is legally sufficient and educationally appropriate for the described student. Candidates will use curricular resources and evidence-based practices to demonstrate their ability to plan appropriately for the student with mild to moderate exceptional learning needs.

**Directions:** In this assignment/project, you will demonstrate your ability to develop a Transition Plan for a hypothetical secondary student with a mild to moderate exceptional learning need. You will be presented with **one case study** and **one Transition Plan document** (both found on Blackboard). Using the information in your selected case study, you will write a transition plan that thoroughly and appropriately addresses the needs of the student in the case scenario and integrates at least one form of assistive technology which increases the student's ability to access the general curriculum and work towards his or her transition goals.

As you write the transition plan, please include:

- Complete a thorough review of the case study facts
- Complete all components of the transition planning forms, using specific instructions provided by the instructor
- Infuse appropriate augmentative and assistive communication or assistive technology strategies into the transition goals and short-term objectives.

### **PART 1: Present Levels of Performance**

Transition Assessment Information:

- Interests, strengths/capabilities, and career goals (include training, education, employment, and where appropriate independent living)
- Consider the information presented in the vignette as well as any assessment data (formal or informal) and present levels of performance as you develop these statements.
- Consider the impact of the student's academic and social abilities, attitudes, interests, and values on instruction and career development.

### **PART 2 & 3: Transition Plan & Rationale**

**Measurable Postsecondary Goals:**

- Write *one measurable postsecondary goal* for each domain: **employment, education/training, and independent living skills**. Base each goal on the information from the vignette and peer-reviewed research. Each goal is a specific statement of what the student wants to achieve after high school written as an "I will" statement. These goals should be based on the student's interests, preferences, and strengths.
- Select and adapt instructional strategies and materials according to the characteristics of the student with exceptional learning needs and integrate evidence-based practices (from a minimum of **TWO** peer-reviewed journal articles) that have been validated to promote successful transitions for the specific characteristics of the learner and setting.
  - What appropriate augmentative and assistive communication or assistive technology would help the student reach their post-secondary goals?
  - How could that technology be integrated into the instruction in a natural and meaningful way?
- **Ensure that each postsecondary goal is based on an age appropriate transition assessment** (functional vocational evaluations, state assessments, or other more informal methods like daily living skills checklists and interest inventories and that you consider the principles of normalization and concept of least restrictive environment when making decisions about post-secondary outcomes.

**Short-Term Transition Objectives:**

- Write *one* short-term objective or benchmark for each of the following: **employment, education/training, and independent living skills**. Integrate evidence-based that have been validated for the specific characteristics of the learner and setting.
- At least **TWO** of your objectives must contain a form of appropriate augmentative/assistive communication or assistive technology as a component.
- You may want to consider the following questions:
  - What specific models, theories, philosophies, and research methods, which form the basis for special education practice, can be utilized?
  - What culturally, linguistically, and gender responsive instructional content, resources and strategies can be implemented?
  - What appropriate augmentative and assistive communication or assistive technology

would help the student reach their post-secondary goals? How could that technology be integrated into the instruction in a natural and meaningful way?

- What evaluation measures (indicators of progress toward meeting the goal) will be implemented intermittently during the year?
- What strategies can be used to integrate student initiated learning experiences into the instruction in order to maximize opportunities to increase self-determination?

### **School and Post-Secondary Services:**

- Identify a minimum of **two post-secondary resources** that would be helpful for your student (e.g. Woodrow Wilson Training Center, ARC, Community Services Board, etc.).
- Identify a minimum of **one in-school employment preparation option** (e.g. Academies in Fairfax County Public Schools, Monroe Center in Loudoun County Public Schools, Davis Center, Pulley Center, WAT, OAT, etc.).

### **Rationale:**

- In addition to identifying goals, objectives, activities, and services, you are required to write a **DETAILED** analysis within the Transition Plan document (i.e., the right-hand column labeled “Rationale”) which outlines a comprehensive, longitudinal individualized program for your secondary student, including:
  - A justification for the services selected. Relate the level of support to the needs of the student. Why are these services necessary for the student? Ensure that the rationale takes the continuum of placement and services available for students with exceptional learning needs as well as the legal, judicial and educational systems to assist students with exceptional learning needs into consideration. ○ Do you recommend a job coach? Enclave? Any other special support?
  - A detailed explanation of what skills, experiences, activities, opportunities and connections the student needs in order to reach their post-secondary goals and the “action plan” to reach them.
  - A detailed explanation of resources, techniques, and recommendations for educational, community, vocational, and post-school adult living experiences which should be used to transition the student with exceptional learning needs out of school and into the postsecondary environment. This should include an explanation of the selected forms of appropriate augmentative and assistive communication or assistive technology which would benefit the student and a discussion of how these technology skills can be introduced and taught.
  - ○ Articulate how you would review this document with the learner and how you would help the student understand how things change when they are no longer covered by IDEA.

### **ASSESSMENT 2: Site Visit to a Community Agency or School Resource that Facilitates Transition Skills (20 points)**

Visit a transition resource either in the community or within the school system and describe the services available to youth with disabilities. Your write-up should include services, accommodations, population(s) served, description of the agency/office, and your questions for staff. Your “lens” for this visit should be, *“What opportunities exist for youth with mild disabilities through this avenue during and/or after high school?”* Include copies of materials available at the center, agency, or office. You will need to make an appointment.

Acceptable options for this assignment include a school career center, interview with a school or county transition coordinator, One-Stop Center, vocational evaluation site, Virginia Department of Rehabilitation

Services office, local Community Services Board, Job Placement/Training program, and other suggestions from your professor.

Your write up **MUST** include a synthesis section that integrates the information from your site visit with professional literature on transition and career education.

**NOTE:** Please use the template provided on Blackboard to complete your paper. It may be helpful to write-up your questions ahead of time and have them available to submit with your paper. The length of this paper should range between **6-8 pages double-spaced** (not including references and appendices).

### **ASSESSMENT 3: Quiz on Online Modules (15 points)**

The Center for Change in Transition Services training modules will give you a comprehensive knowledge base to develop IEPs that are in compliance with state and federal regulations and to develop transition plans that will help students achieve their goals. The modules offer practitioners an opportunity to examine current IEPs using the Indicator 13 Checklist created by the National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center (NSTTAC), review the seven components required for transition services, view examples of each component and see suggestions for documentation in an IEP.

#### **Directions:**

Go to <http://nextsteps-nh.org/transition-iep-requirements/> and click on each of the seven (7) modules listed below. Each module is listed on the left-hand side of the screen. After reviewing of the modules (reading text and watching videos on each page), please **complete the quiz** on Blackboard which will assess your understanding of the text and videos posted.

#### **The 7 modules are as follows:**

- Age Appropriate Transition Assessments
- Measurable Postsecondary Goals
- Courses of Study
- Transition Services
- Annual IEP Goals
- Student Invitation
- Invitation of Agency Representative

### **ASSESSMENT 4: Transition Assessment Presentations (15 points)**

Each group will present on one of the following topics covering alternative and alternate assessments. Presentations should provide a detailed overview of the topic as well as examples. Each group presentation should last approximately 40 minutes in length. The instructor will assign topics.

#### **Topics will include:**

- Virginia Alternate Assessment Program (VAAP)
- Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program (VSEP)
- Virginia Grade Level Assessment (VGLA)
- Virginia Modified Achievement Standards Test (VMAS<sup>T</sup>)\*
- Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

### **Course Policies and Expectations**

#### **Attendance/Participation**

Students are expected to attend all classes during the course, arrive on time, stay for the duration of the class time, and complete all assignments. Attendance, timeliness, and professionally relevant- active participation are expected. Attendance and professional participation at all sessions is very important

because many of the activities in class are planned in such a way that they cannot be recreated outside of the class session. Be aware that any points earned for participation in class activities during a time of absence will not be earned and cannot be made up. Please notify me **in advance** by email if you will not be able to attend class.

### **Late Work**

All assignments are due on the dates indicated. Please talk with me if you need an extension. In fairness to students who make the effort to submit papers on time, 1 point per day will be deducted from your assignment grade for late papers **unless** I have agreed to an extension. Maximum extension is one week. Please retain a copy of your assignments in addition to the one you submit.

### **Other Requirements**

This is a 3-credit graduate level course. Traditionally, 3-credit courses across a 15-week semester require an average of 45 hours of in-class time and approximately 90 hours of independent reading and assignment completion. Be prepared to put in that amount of time into this class and plan your schedule accordingly.

Some assignments require you to synthesize material from the course and outside sources into coherent statements of your ideas. In such cases, your writing should be databased— meaning that you must support statements and ideas with evidence from these sources, citing these sources. The standard format for writing in the field of education is outlined in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th edition* ([www.apastyle.org](http://www.apastyle.org)). Specifically, the final version of your Instructional Program should be written in APA style, including a cover page, running head, pagination, headings (as needed), citations (as needed), and reference pages. The citation for this manual is included in the section entitled “Recommended Texts”. For an online resource, see [www.apastyle.org](http://www.apastyle.org).

It is expected that you know how to paraphrase and cite information appropriately to meet both APA guidelines and to avoid plagiarism. This website provides some useful information on how to avoid plagiarism in your writing: <http://www.plagiarism.org/>

### **Communication.**

The most efficient way to contact me is via email. I will respond within 24 hours during the week. Please do not email me an hour before an assignment is due and expect a response. If you would prefer to meet with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

### **Grading Scale**

95-100% = A  
90-94% = A-  
80-89% = B  
70-79% = C  
< 70% = F

\* Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. Students are responsible for reading and understanding the Code. “To promote a stronger sense of mutual responsibility, respect, trust, and fairness among all members of the George Mason University community and with the desire for greater academic and personal achievement, we, the student members of the university community, have set forth this honor code: Student members of the George Mason University community pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must or with proper citations (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).

### **Professional Dispositions**

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>. In the College of Education and Human Development, dispositions are formally and separately evaluated in at least three points in each student's program – a self-evaluation at the start of their program, an instructor's evaluation in the middle of their program, and a university supervisor's evaluation during internship. When dispositions are assessed, it is important that for areas where a positive disposition is 'occasionally evident' or 'rarely evident,' the student takes steps to grow as an educator. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/epo/candidate-dispositions>. In special education licensure programs, the mid-point evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 628, EDSE 661, and EDSE 616, and the internship evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 783, EDSE 784, and EDSE 785.



## Class Schedule

Class	Date	Agenda	Preparation for this class	Assignment due prior to 4:30pm
1	5/23	Course Introduction Review of syllabus Introduction to Transition Services	Wehman, Chpt 1	
2	5/30	From Entitlement to Eligibility: IDEA, ADA, 504, WIOA and beyond	Wehman Chpt 2	<b>Preapproval for site visit</b>
3	6/6	Community Resources and Transition Planning Considerations: Postsecondary Education	Wehman Chpt 3	
4	6/13	Community Resources and Transition Planning Considerations: Employment Community Resources and Transition Planning Considerations: Independent Living	Wehman Chpt 4	
5	6/20	Transition Assessment and Course of Study Infusing Life Skills into Standards-Based Curriculum	Wehman Chpt 5	
6	6/27	Site Visit and write up: No Class Meeting		
7	7/4	No class- 4 <sup>th</sup> of July		<b>Site Visit Paper Due</b>
8	7/11	Self-Determination for Students and families Virginia State Assessments	Wehman Chpt 6 & 7	<b>Blackboard Quiz</b>
9	7/18	Putting it all together: From Course of Study to adult life	Wehman Chpt 8	<b>Transition Plan due on BB and submitted to TK 20</b>
10	7/25	Presentations		

\*Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students.

## **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: <http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/>

## **GMU Policies and Resources for Students**

### **Policies**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code (see <https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/> ).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing (see <http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/>).
- Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their Mason 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 with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services. Approved accommodations will begin at the time the written letter from Disability Services is received by the instructor (see <http://ods.gmu.edu/>).
- Students must silence all sound emitting devices during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.

### **Campus Resources**

- Support for submission of assignments to Tk20 should be directed to [tk20help@gmu.edu](mailto:tk20help@gmu.edu) or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/tk20>. Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

**For additional information on the College of Education and Human Development, please visit our website <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/>.**

## **Appendix**

### **Assessment Rubric(s)**

**Assignment 1: Transition Plan with Assistive Technology (40 points)**


**Scoring Guidelines**


**4-Exceeds Standard:** Candidates receive a score of 4 if they perform beyond the expectations that includes doing additional research, identifying additional resources, and/or demonstrating exceptional understanding and application of the standard.

**3-Meets Standard:** This is the TARGET score. It reflects that candidates have met the standard at the level expected at this point in their program.

**2-Approaching Standard:** Candidates receive this score when their understanding and effort does not meet the Target but shows basic understanding of the content being assessed.

**1-Does not meet standard:** Candidates who do not submit work, and/or who submit work that is clearly below the expectations for a candidate at this point in their program.


Criteria	Does Not Meet Standard 1	Approaching Standard 2	Meets Standard 3	Exceeds Standard 4
<b>Section 1. Who is the Learner? Description of the Learner</b>				
<p><b>The candidate regularly assesses individual and group performance in order to design and adapt instruction to meet learners’ needs in each area of development (cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical) and scaffolds the next level of development.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 1</i> <i>VDOE 1</i></p> <p><b>Diversity</b>  </p>	<p>The candidate does not provide a description of the learner and/or does not include assessment data related to cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and/or physical developmental skill levels and abilities, interests, or educational progress.</p>	<p>The candidate provides description of the learner that includes appropriate assessment data but does not address all of the following: cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and/or physical developmental skill levels and abilities, interests, or educational progress.</p>	<p>The candidate provides description of the learner that includes appropriate assessment data on all of the following: cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and/or physical developmental skill levels and abilities, interests, and educational progress.</p> <p>The candidate describes current impact of learner characteristics on learning.</p>	<p>The candidate provides description of the learner that includes both appropriate and multiple forms of assessment data on all of the following: cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and/or physical developmental skill levels and abilities, interests, and educational learning need.</p> <p>The candidate describes and provides examples of impact of learner characteristics on learning.</p>


<p><b>The candidate accesses resources, supports, and specialized assistance and services to meet particular learning differences or needs.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 2 VDOE 1 Technology</i></p> 	<p>The candidate does not identify either adaptations or accommodations to support learner achievement of learning objectives.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies either adaptations or accommodations that do not fully align with identified needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies and describes appropriate adaptations or accommodations that support learner achievement of learning objectives/goals, including technology.</p>	<p>The candidate thoroughly describes multiple, appropriate adaptations or accommodations that clearly support learner achievement of learning objectives/goals, including technology.</p>
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**Statement of Educational Need**


<p><b>The candidate effectively uses multiple and appropriate types of assessment data to identify learner’s needs and to develop differentiated learning experiences.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 6 VDOE 4</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not address learner educational needs or inappropriately uses assessment data to create a statement of educational need.</p>	<p>The candidate uses assessment data to create a statement of educational need that is not well aligned with assessment results.</p>	<p>The candidate uses assessment data to create an appropriate statement of educational need that is aligned with assessment results.</p>	<p>The candidate effectively uses assessment data from multiple sources to create a thorough and appropriate statement of educational need that is directly aligned with assessment results.</p>
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**Section 2. What should they learn? Identification of Learning Objectives**


<p><b>The candidate individually and collaboratively selects and creates learning objectives that are appropriate for curriculum goals and content standards, and are relevant to learners.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 7 VDOE 2 Diversity</i></p> 	<p>The candidate identifies learning objectives that are either incomplete because related outcomes are not identified or the objectives are not directly related to learner educational need.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies learning objectives without relevance to learner educational need.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies learning objectives with related outcomes that are relevant to individual learner needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies distinct learning objectives with related outcomes that are relevant to individual learner needs. These learning outcomes allow for different and individualized learning pathways that can be accessed fluidly during instruction.</p>
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Identification of Rationale for Learning Objectives				
<p><b>The candidate identifies objectives for instruction based on formative and summative assessment data, prior learner knowledge, and learner interest.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 7</i> <i>VDOE 2</i></p> <p><b>Diversity</b></p> 	<p>The candidate does not identify objectives for the learner that are aligned to specific learning goals/outcomes and/or the relationship of the learning objectives to learner educational needs is missing or unclear.</p>	<p>The candidate selects objectives for the learner that are poorly aligned to specific learning goals/outcomes and/or the relationship of the learning objectives to learner educational needs is missing or unclear.</p>	<p>The candidate selects objectives for the learner that are aligned to specific learning goals/outcomes and/or the relationship of the learning objectives to learner educational needs is clear.</p>	<p>The candidate selects objectives for the learner that are aligned to specific learning goals/outcomes and/or the relationship of the learning objectives to learner educational needs is clear. Rationales for the selection of those objectives and how they support the achievement of the learning goals are included.</p>

**Section 3. How will you teach and how will they learn? Description of Instructional Strategies and Adaptations**

<p><b>The candidate plans how to achieve each learner’s learning goals, choosing appropriate strategies and accommodations, resources, and materials to differentiate instruction for individuals and groups of learners.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 7</i> <i>VODE 2</i></p> <p><b>Diversity</b></p> 	<p>The candidate does not identify instructional strategies or identifies instructional strategies that are not related to the learning objectives or learning needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies instructional strategies that are inappropriate for meeting the learning objectives or learning needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies evidence-based instructional strategies that are aligned to the learning objectives and learning needs.</p>	<p>The candidate identifies evidence-based instructional strategies that are aligned to specific learning objectives and learning needs.</p> <p>The candidate provides evidence of the effectiveness of these selected learning strategies through data analysis of the assessment.</p>
<p><b>The candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies to</b></p>	<p>The instructional strategies used by the candidate do not encourage an</p>	<p>The candidate uses a limited instructional strategies to</p>	<p>The candidate uses a variety of instructional strategies that</p>	<p>The candidate provides insight into their own pedagogical and content knowledge</p>

<p><b>encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content and to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 8 VDOE 3</i></p> <p><b>Diversity</b>  <b>College-and-Career-Ready</b> </p>	<p>understanding of content .</p>	<p>encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content and to apply that knowledge in meaningful ways.</p>	<p>encourage learners to develop an understanding of the content and to apply that knowledge in meaningful ways.</p>	<p>to discuss the selection of instructional strategies for the learning experience. These instructional strategies encourage all learners to develop an understanding of the content and also authentic application of the new knowledge.</p>
<p><b>The candidate connects concepts and uses different perspectives and digital resources to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 5 VDOE 2</i></p> <p><b>Technology</b>  <b>Diversity</b>  <b>College-and-Career-Ready</b> </p>	<p>Candidate does not connect concepts, address different perspectives or use digital resources to engage learners in higher-level learning.</p>	<p>Candidate connect concepts, addresses different perspectives or uses digital resources to engage learners but at a basic level of learning and recall.</p>	<p>Candidate connects concepts, addresses different perspectives and uses digital resources to engage learners in higher-level learning in using at least one of these higher-order skills: critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving.</p>	<p>Candidate creates multi-disciplinary opportunities and a range of multiple perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving.</p>
<p><b>Rationale for Instructional Strategies and Adaptations</b></p>				
<p><b>The candidate understands that each learner’s cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and</b></p>	<p>The candidate does not provide rationales that are aligned to the specific instructional strategies and/or</p>	<p>The rationales provided do not align to the specific instructional strategies and, the relationship of the</p>	<p>The rationales provided are aligned to instructional strategies and, the relationship of the instructional</p>	<p>The rationales provided are aligned to the strategies and, the relationship of the instructional strategies to</p>

<p><b>physical development influences learning and knows how to make instructional decisions that build on learners' strengths and needs.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 1</i> <i>VDOE 1</i></p> <p><b>Diversity</b></p> 	<p>the relationship of instructional strategies to the learning objectives and learner educational needs is missing or unclear.</p>	<p>instructional strategies to the learning objectives that meet learner educational needs is unclear.</p>	<p>strategies to the learning objectives that meet learner educational needs is clearly identified.</p>	<p>specific learning objectives that meet learner educational needs is clearly and effectively aligned. Multiple pathways to learner achievement of the learning outcomes are provided.</p>
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**Section 4. How will I know the learning objectives/goals were achieved? Assessment and Documentation of Learner Progress**

<p><b>The candidate designs assessments that match learning objectives with assessment methods and minimizes sources of bias that can distort assessment results.</b></p> <p><i>InTASC 6</i> <i>VDOE 4</i></p>	<p>The candidate does not describe an assessment plan that that evaluates all learning objectives or describes a plan that does not directly measure all of the learning objectives (e.g., is not observable, measurable).</p>	<p>The candidate describes an assessment plan that evaluates all learning objectives but does not include documentation of both formative and summative measures that (and) does not address possible assessment bias.</p>	<p>The candidate describes an assessment plan that evaluates all learning objectives and includes both formative and summative assessments that minimize sources of bias.</p> <p>The candidate describes the assessment results that would prompt modification of instructional plans and those specific modifications.</p>	<p>The candidate describes an assessment plan that evaluates all learning objectives, includes formative and summative assessments that minimize sources of bias and includes multiple data sources for each objective.</p> <p>The candidate describes multiple assessment results that would prompt modification of instructional plans and those specific modifications.</p>
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**Rubric: Transition Plan with Assistive Technology**

	<b>Does Not Meet Expectations 1</b>	<b>Meets Expectations 2</b>	<b>Exceeds Expectations 3</b>
<p>Transition Assessment Information</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standards 1 &amp; 4</p> <p>Candidate understands how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning and uses this knowledge to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities. Candidate uses multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making educational decisions.</p> <p><b>7 points</b></p>	<p>Candidate writes an incomplete description of the student’s interests, OR strengths and capabilities OR career goals in any of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education/training</li> <li>○ Employment</li> <li>○ Independent living (as appropriate).</li> </ul>	<p>Candidate interprets information from formal and informal assessments to write a clear description of the student’s interests, strengths and capabilities, and career goal for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education/training</li> <li>○ Employment</li> <li>○ Independent living (as appropriate)</li> </ul> <p>with reference to age-appropriate transition assessments.</p> <p>The candidate includes evidence of an understanding of the educational implications of the characteristics of various exceptionalities, sensory impairments, and variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures.</p> <p>Candidate describes the impact the learner’s characteristics may have on auditory and information processing skills (as appropriate).</p>	<p>Candidate interprets information from formal and informal assessments to write a clear description of the student’s interests, strengths and capabilities, and career goal for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education/training</li> <li>○ Employment</li> <li>○ Independent living (as appropriate)</li> </ul> <p>Including direct evidence and examples from the student’s age-appropriate transition assessment data.</p> <p>The candidate includes evidence of an understanding of the educational implications of the characteristics of various exceptionalities, sensory impairments, and variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures.</p> <p>Candidate describes the impact the learner’s characteristics may have on auditory and information processing skills (as appropriate).</p>



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<p>Measurable Postsecondary Goals and Instructional Strategies</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standards 3</p> <p>Candidate uses knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.</p> <p><b>7 points</b></p>	<p>Candidate fails to demonstrate understanding of models, theories, and philosophies specific to transition by writing postsecondary goals that are not measurable or age appropriate or responsive to variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate writes goals that fail to reflect the learner’s present levels of performance.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate does not write goals for all areas of consideration (employment, education, independent living).</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate does not identify and describe evidence-based practices to assist student in achieving goals.</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates understanding of models, theories, philosophies, and philosophies specific to transition by writing postsecondary goals that are measurable, age appropriate, and responsive to variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures.</p> <p>Candidate integrates affective, social, and life skills with academic curricula to write goals for each area (employment, education, independent living) that reflect the learner’s present levels of performance.</p> <p>Candidate identifies <i>one</i> evidence-based instructional strategy for each goal that reflects the learner’s present levels of performance and show positive growth towards what the student wants to achieve after high school.</p>	<p>Candidate demonstrates understanding of models, theories, philosophies, and philosophies specific to transition by writing postsecondary goals that are measurable, age appropriate, and responsive to variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures.</p> <p>Candidate integrates affective, social, and life skills with academic curricula to write goals for each area (employment, education, independent living) that reflect the learner’s present levels of performance.</p> <p>Candidate identifies <i>several</i> evidence-based instructional strategies for each goal that reflect the learner’s present levels of performance and show positive growth towards what the student wants to achieve after high school.</p> <p>Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support recommendations.</p>

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<p>Transition Objectives</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standards 3 &amp; 5</p> <p>Candidate uses knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities. Candidate selects, adapts, and uses a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.</p> <p><b>7 points</b></p>	<p>Candidate fails to sequence age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives and/or fails to directly relate objectives to the postsecondary goals.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate writes objectives that fail to integrate models, theories, philosophies and research methods that form the basis for special education practice.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate does not write one objective for each area (education/training, employment, independent living).</p>	<p>Candidate sequences age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives that respond to cultural, linguistic and gender differences, address independent living and career education, enhance social participation across all environments, and relate directly to postsecondary goals. Affective, social, and life skills should be integrated with academic curricula.</p> <p>Candidate writes one objective for each area (education/training, employment, and independent living, as appropriate) that integrates models, theories, philosophies and research methods that form the basis for special education practice.</p>	<p>Candidate sequences age and ability appropriate individualized transition objectives that respond to cultural, linguistic and gender differences, address independent living and career education, enhance social participation across all environments, and relates all benchmarks directly to postsecondary goals. Affective, social, and life skills should be integrated with academic curricula.</p> <p>Candidate writes one objective for each area (education/training, employment, independent living) that integrates models, theories, philosophies and research methods that form the basis for special education practice.</p> <p>Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support objectives or their sequence in relation to the goal.</p>

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<p>Assistive Technology</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standard 5</p> <p>Candidate selects, adapts, and uses a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance learning of individuals with exceptionalities.</p> <p><b>7 points</b></p>	<p>Candidate fails to integrate appropriate forms of augmentative, alternative and assistive technologies to support and enhance communication skills of the student with mild to moderate exceptional learning needs.</p>	<p>Based on assessment information, candidate integrates appropriate forms of augmentative, alternative and/or assistive technologies to support and enhance communication skills and/or outcomes of the individual with an exceptionality.</p>	<p>Candidate integrates appropriate forms of augmentative, alternative and/or assistive technologies and specific communication strategies and resources to support and enhance communication skills and/or outcomes of the individual with an exceptionality.</p> <p>Candidate provides a rationale for all forms of technology chosen.</p> <p>Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support recommendations.</p>
<p>School and Post-Secondary Services</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standards 1 &amp; 4</p> <p>Candidate understands how exceptionalities may interact with development and learning and uses this knowledge to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities.</p>	<p>Candidate lists inappropriate programs, services, and supports that do not align with areas of need based on present level of performance.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate fails to provide a clear plan for evaluating instruction and monitoring progress of the learner with an exceptionality.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate fails to provide a clear plan for explaining the transition plan to the</p>	<p>Candidate identifies appropriate program and primary services which demonstrate an understanding of the continuum of placement and services available for individuals with exceptional learning needs, and the concept of the least restrictive environment within the framework of transition planning.</p> <p>Candidate aligns services and supports with areas of need based on present levels of performance and assessment information.</p>	<p>Candidate identifies appropriate program and primary services which demonstrate an understanding of the continuum of placement and services available for individuals with exceptional learning needs, and the concept of the least restrictive environment within the framework of transition planning.</p> <p>Candidate aligns services and supports with areas of need based on present levels of performance and</p>

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<p>Candidate uses multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making educational decisions.</p> <p><b>7 points</b></p>	<p>learner or fails to consider the impact of the learner’s academic and social abilities, attitudes, interests, and values.</p>	<p>Candidate provides a clear plan for evaluating instruction, monitoring progress, and explaining the transition plan to the learner with consideration given to the impact of the learner’s academic and social abilities, attitudes, interests, and values.</p> <p>Candidate includes in-school and post-school or community service options.</p>	<p>evidence-based practices.</p> <p>Candidate provides a clear plan for enhancing the learning of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills, evaluating instruction and monitoring progress of the student and explaining the transition plan to the learner with consideration given to the impact of the learner’s academic and social abilities, attitudes, interests, and values.</p> <p>Candidate includes in-school and post-school or community service options.</p> <p>Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support recommendations.</p>
<p>Legal Compliance of Transition Plan</p> <p>CEC/IGC Standard 6</p> <p>Candidate uses foundational knowledge of the field and his/her ethical principles and practice standards to inform special</p>	<p>Candidate writes an incomplete transition plan which fails to comply with all relevant laws and policies, including FAPE and LRE (and the history of these points of view) or other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special education.</p>	<p>Candidate writes a comprehensive transition plan which complies with all relevant laws and policies, including FAPE and LRE (and the history of these points of view) and other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special education.</p>	<p>Candidate writes a comprehensive transition plan which complies with all relevant laws and policies, including FAPE and LRE (and the history) and other human issues that have historically influenced and continue to influence the field of special education.</p>

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<p>education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession.</p> <p><b>5 points</b></p>	<p>OR</p> <p>Candidate fails to include a list of services, goals and objectives, and post-secondary outcomes.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Candidate writes the transition plan using biased, inflammatory language, with a lack of clarity, numerous acronyms, illegibility, or inaccuracies (including spelling).</p>	<p>Candidate includes a list of services, goals and objectives, and post-secondary outcomes.</p> <p>Candidate writes areas of need, goals, objectives/benchmarks, placements and services with a connection to the present levels of performance.</p> <p>Candidate demonstrates commitment to developing the highest education and quality-of-life potential for the individual with an exceptionality as well as sensitivity for the culture, language, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, and sexual origination of the individual.</p> <p>Candidate writes the transition plan using neutral, non-inflammatory language, with clarity, minimal use of acronyms, legibility, and accuracy (including spelling).</p>	<p>Candidate includes a list of services, goals and objectives, and post-secondary outcomes.</p> <p>Candidate writes areas of need, goals, objectives/benchmarks, placements and services with a strong connection to the present levels of performance.</p> <p>Candidate demonstrates commitment to developing the highest education and quality-of-life potential for the individual with an exceptionality as well as sensitivity for the culture, language, religion, gender, disability, socioeconomic status, and sexual origination of the individual.</p> <p>Candidate writes the transition plan using neutral, non-inflammatory language, with clarity, minimal use of acronyms, legibility, and accuracy (including spelling).</p> <p>Candidate shows evidence of scholarship by citing additional sources to support conclusions.</p>