

**VIRGINIA CONSORTIUM FOR TEACHER PREPARATION  
IN SPECIAL EDUCATION ADAPTED CURRICULUM**

**Spring 2021  
Positioning and Handling, 3 Credits**

**Consortium Courses:**

- GMU: EDSE 669 Individualized Supports and Specialized Care of Students with Severe Disabilities
  - EDSE 669 DL1: CRN: 16252, EDSE 669 6U1: CRN 24451, EDSE 669 6Y1: CRN: 24470
- RU: EDSP 665 Individualized Supports and Specialized Care of Students with Significant Disabilities
- VCU: SEDP 658 Educating Students with Severe Disabilities
- NSU: SPE 641A Physical and Occupational Therapy Procedures Adapted
- ODU: SPED 678 Interdisciplinary Approaches for Children with Sensory/Motor Disabilities
- JMU: EXED 625 Medical and Technological Aspects of Special Education

<b>Instructor: Dr. Cornelia Jacob</b>	<b>Meeting Dates: 1/25/21 – 5/10/21</b>
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<b>Office Hours: by appointment</b>	<b>Meeting Location: N/A; Online</b>
<b>Office Location: online</b>	<b>Instructing University: GMU</b>

**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

**GMU Course Description**

Focuses on the unique physical, sensory, communication, and health and medical needs of students with severe disabilities. Examines how these needs impact the educational program, how special education and related services are delivered, and how to design academic, functional, and behavioral instruction and adaptations to meet those needs.

**Course Overview**

EDSE 669 provides an understanding and application of service delivery for students with severe disabilities and their unique care needs, including: the ability to identify the physical, sensory, communication, and health and medical needs of students with severe disabilities, and understand how these needs impact the educational program; and understanding of the roles and

responsibilities of related services and support staff working in a collaborative setting and the process and procedures related to initiating a related service request; and knowledge of instruction that blends and incorporates academic, functional, communication, and behavioral goals and objectives, while integrating positioning, self-help, feeding, grooming, sensory, and toileting programs into the instructional delivery.

### **GMU Advising Contact Information**

Please make sure that you are being advised on a regular basis as to your status and progress in your program. Students in Special Education and Assistive Technology programs can contact the Special Education Advising Office at 703-993-3670 or [speced@gmu.edu](mailto:speced@gmu.edu) for assistance. All other students should refer to their assigned program advisor or the Mason Care Network (703-993-2470).

### **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

This course will be delivered online (76% or more) using an asynchronous format via the Blackboard Learning Management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard (Bb) course site using your Mason email name (everything before [@masonlive.gmu.edu](mailto:@masonlive.gmu.edu)) and email password. The course site will be available on August 25, 2021 at 12:01 AM.

Under no circumstances, may candidates/students participate in online class sessions (either by phone or Internet) while operating motor vehicles. Further, as expected in a face-to-face class meeting, such online participation requires undivided attention to course content and communication.

### **Technical Requirements**

To participate in this course, students will need to satisfy the following technical requirements:

- High-speed Internet access with standard up-to-date browsers. To get a list of Blackboard's supported browsers see: [Browser support \(https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#supported-browsers\)](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers)

To get a list of supported operation systems on different devices see: [Tested devices and operating systems](#)

[https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting\\_Started/Browser\\_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems](https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems)

- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their University email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students may be asked to create logins and passwords on supplemental websites and/or to download trial software to their computer or tablet as part of course requirements.
- The following software plug-ins for PCs and Macs, respectively, are available for free download:
  - [Adobe Acrobat Reader](https://get.adobe.com/reader/) (<https://get.adobe.com/reader/>)
  - [Windows Media Player](https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player) (<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/14209/get-windows-media-player>)
  - [Apple Quick Time Player](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/) ([www.apple.com/quicktime/download/](http://www.apple.com/quicktime/download/))

## Expectations

- **Course Week:**  
Because asynchronous courses do not have a “fixed” meeting day, our week will start on Tuesday and finish on the following Monday at the end of the day.
- **Log-in Frequency:**  
Students must actively check the course Blackboard site and their GMU email for communications from the instructor, class discussions, and/or access to course materials at least 3 times per week.
- **Participation:**  
Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which includes viewing all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions.
- **Technical Competence:**  
Students are expected to demonstrate competence in the use of all course technology. Students who are struggling with technical components of the course are expected to seek assistance from the instructor and/or College or University technical services.
- **Technical Issues:**  
Students should anticipate some technical difficulties during the semester and should, therefore, budget their time accordingly. Late work will not be accepted based on individual technical issues.
- **Workload:**  
Please be aware that this course is not self-paced. Students are expected to meet *specific deadlines* and *due dates* listed in the Class Schedule section of this syllabus. It is the student’s responsibility to keep track of the weekly course schedule of topics, readings, activities and assignments due.
- **Instructor Support:**  
Students may schedule a one-on-one meeting to discuss course requirements, content or other course-related issues. Those unable to come to a Mason campus can meet with the instructor via telephone or web conference. Students should email the

instructor to schedule a one-on-one session, including their preferred meeting method and suggested dates/times.

- **Netiquette:**  
The course environment is a collaborative space. Experience shows that even an innocent remark typed in the online environment can be misconstrued. Students must always re-read their responses carefully before posting them, so as others do not consider them as personal offenses. *Be positive in your approach with others and diplomatic in selecting your words.* Remember that you are not competing with classmates, but sharing information and learning from others. All faculty are similarly expected to be respectful in all communications.
- **Accommodations:**  
Online learners who require effective accommodations to insure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services or their home university..

### **Learner Outcomes**

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

1. Describe the impact of the unique physical, sensory, communication, and health and medical needs of students with significant disabilities on development, academics, behavior, and social interaction and engagement.
2. Discuss the role muscle tone plays in the positioning and handling of students and familiarity with common positioning equipment used in the classroom.
3. Identify common medical diagnoses and medical terms associated with students with significant disabilities, and the specialized health care interventions that may be required.
4. Identify the roles and responsibilities of related and support staff working in a collaborative setting and the process and procedures related to initiating a related service report.
5. Read and understand evaluation reports written by medical and therapy professionals in order to understand and communicate their impact on the student's functioning in school and community settings and to determine the need for medical and related services as part of the IEP for students with severe disabilities.
6. Discuss and evaluate the range of augmentative and alternative communication devices and systems/assistive technology available for individuals with severe disabilities and identify an appropriate communication strategy or system based on the needs of the individual student.
7. Discuss typical physical and sensory development of children and apply this knowledge to develop adapted learning experiences, environments, and equipment for students with significant disabilities with atypical physical and sensory development and functioning.
8. Write educationally relevant IEP goals and objectives that address individual physical, sensory, communication, and/or medical needs and that also enhance academic success and develop lesson plans that blend and incorporate the academic, functional, communication, and behavioral goals and objectives, while integrating positioning, self-care, self-management, feeding, grooming, sensory, and toileting programs into the instructional delivery.
9. Design physical or sensory management plans that incorporate positioning and handling

- strategies and assistive technology.
10. Identify and use evidence-based strategies for instruction and adaptations to address physical, sensory, communication, and health and medical needs.

### **Professional Standards**

(Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC). Upon completion of this course, students will have met the following professional standards: CEC Standard 1: Learner development and individual differences (InTASC 1,2); 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).

This course contains at least one Common Assessment developed by the College of Education and Human Development to assess our candidates' performance on nationally accepted standards for beginning teachers (InTASC) and our programs' performance on national accreditation standards (CAEP).

### **Required Texts**

Articles as assigned in each module.

### **Recommended Texts**

American Psychological Association. (2020). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). <https://doi.org/10.1037/0000165-000>

### **Required Resources**

Access to Blackboard.

### **Course Performance Evaluation**

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

### **VIA 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 VIA (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, InTASC 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 VIA.

For EDSE 669, the required PBA is Physical Management Plan with Assistive Technology. Please check to verify your ability to upload items to VIA before the PBA due date.

## Assignments and/or Examinations

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

The performance-based VIA assignment is the Physical Management Plan with Assistive Technology. Please refer to *course assignments* for assignment details.

### College Wide Common Assessment (VIA submission required)

None

### Course Assignments

- Physical Management Plan: (100 points).  
For this assignment, students will select one of the case study students who has a severe or multiple disabilities including physical, sensory and/or medical needs. Students will
  1. Write a detailed description of this student by gathering information from the case study packet and from careful observation of video footage.
  2. Determine a functional goal for this individual.
  3. Describe the type of Assistive technology needed to support this goal and how it will be used by the individual.
  4. Establish how the laws and case laws support these individuals' rights to the educational opportunities that will allow them to obtain this goal.
  5. Describe a how this functional goal will improve this student's ability to participate across environments and in the educational opportunities presented to them.
- Modules (13 modules x 30 points each = 390 points)  
Except for Module 1, Modules will open on Tuesday morning at 12:01 AM. Each module will consist of recorded lectures, readings and graded activities to complete. Module assignments will be due on Mondays by 11:59 PM. See the course calendar for dates each Module will open and close.
- Research Review and Analysis: (100 points)  
Conduct a research review in which you locate at least three academic research articles pertaining to the instructional or educational issues relating to students who have physical and/or sensory disabilities who also have significant intellectual disabilities and complete a research review template.

Assignment	Due Date	Points possible
Weekly Module 1- 13	1/25 to 5/4	390 (each module = 30 pts)
Research Review Analysis	Monday April 12	100
Physical Management Plan	Monday April 26	100
<b>Total Points Possible</b>		590

## Course Policies and Expectations

### Attendance/Participation

Students are expected to actively engage in all course activities throughout the semester, which include viewing of all course materials, completing course activities and assignments, and participating in course discussions and group interactions. Grading for work completed in *Learning Modules* is specifically outlined in *Weekly Learning Modules* within the Other Assignments section of the syllabus. Please note that while only certain learning elements are assessed through “grades”, the instructor can still assess student involvement and engagement using other measures. Blackboard enables the instructor to view such data as login dates, duration of time spent online, access to specific content elements, and more. The instructor will use this data along with course grades to ensure that students are actively engaged in the course. Students struggling to complete work on time or who appear to not be engaging fully with course content will be asked to conference with the instructor

### Late Work

**All activities and assignments should be submitted through Blackboard by 11:59 pm on the dates indicated.**

In fairness to students who make the effort to submit assignments on time, there will be progressive cost reduction per day for late work within each learning module. Work that is submitted one day late will receive a 20% cost reduction, work that is submitted two days late will receive a 30% cost reduction, and work that is submitted 3 days late will receive a 50% cost reduction. After three days past due, students will receive a 0 for any missing work within that learning module.

*One-time Extension:* The instructor recognizes that unexpected challenges may arise during the semester and, therefore, will allow students to request a one-time extension that they can apply to one Weekly Learning Module (Modules 1-13 only). Students must request the extension by sending a Message on Blackboard to the instructor prior to the original due date; requests made after 11:59 pm on the specified due date will not be honored. Students do not need to receive confirmation from the instructor to assume they have received the extension; it will be automatic as long as it is the first request. The deadline for extended work will be Saturday at 10:00 am following the Monday at 11:59 pm specified in the Course Calendar for the specific learning module. All extensions will be tracked in the Blackboard gradebook.

## Other Requirements

### Communication

The best way to contact me is through Messages on Blackboard. There is a Messages icon on the left navigation bar in the course. I will check Messages at least once a day on weekdays. I will respond to Messages within 24 hours, if not sooner, on weekdays. On the weekends, I will check email on Sunday evening only.

If you do not have access to Blackboard, you may contact me via Email. There is a Send Email icon on the left navigation bar for the course. My email (as well as emails of your classmates) is located here. Please note: I receive much email in my role as a professor. Email may get lost in the shuffle. It is best to use Messages on Blackboard to communicate with me whenever possible.

### Sample Assignments

In an effort to provide samples of assignments to students in future semesters, I sometimes save exemplary submissions from the current semester. All identifying information (e.g. your name) will be removed from the sample assignment. If you do not wish to have your submissions used as sample assignments, please let me know in writing by the end of the first week of class.

### Grading Scale

93-100% = A	87-89% = B+	70-79% = C
90-92% = A-	80-86% = B	< 70% = F

**\*Note:** The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. See [Academic Integrity Site](https://oai.gmu.edu/) (<https://oai.gmu.edu/>) and [Honor Code and System](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>). 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 be your own new, original work for this course or with proper citations.

### Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See [Policies and Procedures](https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/) (<https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/policies-procedures/>). Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. In the College of Education and Human Development, dispositions are formally and separately evaluated in at least two points in each student’s program – a self-evaluation at the start of their program, and a university supervisor’s evaluation during internship. In special education licensure programs, the



self-evaluation is an online survey distributed via email upon program entry for graduate students and within initial courses (EDSE 241, EDSE 361, and EDSE 311) for undergraduate students. 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>.

### 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: See [Core Values \(http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/\)](http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/).

### Class Schedule

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

Module	Module Available at 12:01 AM	Module Topic	Module Due by 11:59 PM	Reminders on Large Assignments Due for Course
1	Monday 1/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Course Overview</li> <li>Quality of Life Alternative</li> </ul>	Monday 2/1	
2	Tuesday 2/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reading and Using Research</li> </ul>	Monday 2/8	
3	Tuesday 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motor Development</li> <li>Common Medical Terminology</li> </ul>	Monday 2/15	
4	Tuesday 2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Muscle tone, reflexes &amp; postural adjustment</li> </ul>	Monday 2/22	
5	Tuesday 2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Positioning equipment &amp; models</li> </ul>	Monday 3/1	<b>Reminder: Research Review Analysis due by Monday April 12 @ 11:59 PM</b>
6	Tuesday 3/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adaptations in the classroom</li> </ul>	Monday 3/8	
7	Tuesday 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Therapeutic feeding and assistive technology</li> </ul>	Monday 3/15	
8	Tuesday 3/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sensory Integration and SIB</li> </ul>	Monday 3/22	
9	Tuesday 3/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Writing IEP goals for self-care &amp; working with Related Service Providers</li> </ul>	Monday 3/29	

10	Tuesday 3/30	• The Law & Abuse	Monday 4/5	<b>Research Review and Analysis Due 4/12</b>
11	Tuesday 4/6	• Independent Living and Family Perspectives	Monday 4/12	
12	Tuesday 4/13	• Check in / Check up	Monday 4/19	
13	Tuesday 4/20	• Reflect, Explore, Expand	Monday 4/26	<b>Physical management Plan is due Monday April 26 @ 11:59 PM</b>

## ADAPTED CONSORTIUM SYLLABUS STATEMENTS AND POLICIES

### Honor Code

Each university has its own honor code and it is important for you to review the honor code at your university. However, all students taking this course, regardless of the university they are enrolled in, are expected to follow this honor code and may be asked to pledge all assignments and their exam to indicate that they have followed the honor code. A pledge means that you have not cheated or plagiarized, nor have you given or received assistance that violated the description of how assignments are to be completed for this course. The shortened version may be used: “Pledged” followed by the date and your full name (typed “signatures” will be OK for assignments/tests submitted electronically).

Students at all universities pledge not to cheat, plagiarize, steal, or lie in matters related to academic work.” Work submitted must be your own or with proper citations

A complete copy of each university’s Honor System document is available through

GMU: <http://oai.gmu.edu/the-mason-honor-code/>

VCU: [www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/rg7honor.html](http://www.students.vcu.edu/rg/policies/rg7honor.html).

Radford: [http://www.radford.edu/~dos-web/handbook02-03/Honor\\_Code.pdf](http://www.radford.edu/~dos-web/handbook02-03/Honor_Code.pdf)

NSU: [http://www.nsu.edu/student\\_judicial/policy.html](http://www.nsu.edu/student_judicial/policy.html)

JMU: <http://www.jmu.edu/honor/code.shtml>

ODU: <https://www.odu.edu/about/monarchcitizenship/student-conduct>

### Accommodations for Disability

At all the participating universities, accommodations can be made with the instructor if a student has a documented disability. University specific information regarding eligibility, services and accommodations can be found at:

GMU: <http://www.gmu.edu/student/drc/>

VCU: <http://www.students.vcu.edu/dss/index.html>

Radford: <http://www.radford.edu/~dro/>

NSU: <http://www.nsu.edu/disabilityservices/index.html>

JMU: <https://www.jmu.edu/ods/>

ODU: <https://www.odu.edu/life/diversity/accessibility>

### Student Support Resources

At all the participating universities, students have access to free counseling and support services. University specific information can be found at:

GMU: <https://caps.gmu.edu/>

VCU: <https://counseling.vcu.edu/>

Radford: <https://www.radford.edu/content/student-counseling/home.html>

NSU: <https://www.nsu.edu/Campus-Life/Services-Resources/Counseling-Center>

JMU: <https://www.jmu.edu/counselingctr/>

ODU: <https://www.odu.edu/counselingservices>

### Course Materials

This course gives you access to PowerPoint files, class lecture notes, handouts, and copyrighted articles. All of these materials should be regarded as authored materials, which if used or referred to must be fully credited through reference to the author, the class, and date. If used beyond citation, permission of the instructor/author is required.

### Technology Proficiencies

All students participating in this course are expected to be proficient in several technology skills. Students are expected to be proficient in using the Internet and have reliable and consistent Internet access. Students are expected to have an active university email account and to check email regularly. This course requires students to use Blackboard, which is our online course management system located at <http://mymason.gmu.edu> under the COURSES tab.

Students are expected to login to this system frequently and be proficient in using its features. Students are expected to be proficient in using the computer, which includes downloading and saving files, typing, and word processing skills. Students participating in this course are expected to use Microsoft Word for all written assignments. Furthermore, students are expected to use Microsoft PowerPoint and Adobe Acrobat Reader for class documents located on the Blackboard website.

### Blackboard Access and Non-Mason Students

NON GMU students will be required to activate and utilize their GMU login credentials to access Blackboard. NEW students this semester should have received an email with activation directions from Marci Kinas Jerome. Any questions please contact Marci Kinas Jerome, [mkinas@gmu.edu](mailto:mkinas@gmu.edu). Passwords must be reset every 6 months. If students do not receive the change password email request, they will need to request a password reset if they can no longer login. Students can reset their password at <https://password.gmu.edu>

### GMU Email and Non-Mason Students

NON GMU students will be required to activate their GMU email account and either check the account regularly or forward their mail to their home university account. By default all accounts in the Blackboard system are GMU accounts. Directions for activating your GMU email account

can be found at: <http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/instructions.cfm> and directions for forwarding your mail are located at: <http://masonlive2.gmu.edu/tutorials/forwardemail.cfm>

### Blackboard Assistance

This course requires that you be a regular email user and be able to use various features of Blackboard (sign on, download materials, hand in completed assignments electronically through the assignment submission link). You may direct your questions about Blackboard to Marci Kinan Jerome (mkinan@gmu.edu). She will be the best resource.

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

### **Policies**

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code. See [Honor Code and System](https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/) (<https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/>).
- Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing. See [Responsible Use of Computing](http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/policies/responsible-use-of-computing/) (<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 [Disability Services](https://ds.gmu.edu/) (<https://ds.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 either Tk20 or VIA should be directed to <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments/>
- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to [Blackboard Instructional Technology Support for Students](https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/) (<https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>).

### **Notice of mandatory reporting of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking:**

- As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Responsible Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, interpersonal violence, and stalking to Mason’s Title IX Coordinator per University Policy 1202. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason’s confidential resources, such as Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC) at 703-380-1434 or Counseling and Psychological

Services (CAPS) at 703-993-2380. You may also seek assistance from Mason's Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing the [Title IX Coordinator \(titleix@gmu.edu\)](mailto:titleix@gmu.edu).

- **For information on student support resources on campus, see [Student Support Resources on Campus \(https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus\)](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 [College of Education and Human Development \(http://cehd.gmu.edu/\)](http://cehd.gmu.edu/).

**Appendix**  
**Assessment Rubric(s)**

	Does Not Meet Expectations 1	Meets Expectations 2	Exceeds Expectations 3
Student Description CEC/IIC Standard 1	Candidate provides partial demographic and background information, giving only a limited view of the context of student’s physical, sensory, medical and academic needs, and levels of support. Candidate provides a limited discussion of the educational impact of the student’s exceptionality and current physical, sensory, and/or medical needs, attitude, interests, values, and behavior and the effect these conditions can on the life of a student with severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate provides demographic and background information related to the target student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs as well as academic needs and levels of support. Candidate discusses the educational impact of the student’s exceptionality and current physical, sensory, and/or medical needs, attitude, interests, values, and behavior and the effect these conditions can on the life of a student with severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate provides demographic and background information related to the target student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs as well as academic needs and levels of support. Candidate discusses the educational impact of student’s current physical, sensory, and/or medical needs, attitude, interests, values, and behavior and effect these conditions can on the life of a student with severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate provides an extensive discussion of the educational impact of the student’s exceptionality that clearly justifies the need for the development of functional goals and planned instruction.
Relationship to IEP CEC/IIC Standard 6	Candidate provides an incomplete description of specific supports and services available to the target student and fails to establish a clear link between laws, policies, and rights and the provision of specialized health care to meet the medical needs of the student with severe exceptional learning needs.	Candidate outlines laws, policies, and rights related to the provision of specialized health care and/or medical needs for students with severe exceptional learning needs. This description includes specific supports and services available to the target student based on both the legal, judicial and educational systems to which they are entitled, and the student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs.	Candidate outlines laws, policies, and rights related to the provision of specialized health care and/or medical needs for students with severe exceptional learning needs. This description is thorough and comprehensive and includes a range of specific supports and services available to the target student based on both the legal, judicial and educational systems to which they are entitled, and the student’s physical,

			sensory, and/or medical needs.
Functional Goal CEC/IIC Standard 5	Candidate develops an instructional goal that is not age or ability related and/or does not target appropriate self-care or self-management skills based on the physical, sensory, and/or medical needs of students with severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate's use of functional assessment data to inform functional assessment goals is limited.	Candidate develops an age-and ability-appropriate functional goal that enhances self-care and/or self-management skills for students with severe exceptional learning needs based on their physical, sensory, and/or medical needs. Candidate also uses assessment data to inform functional, instructional goals.	Candidate develops an age-and ability-appropriate functional goal that enhances self-care and/or self-management skills for students with severe exceptional learning needs based on their physical, sensory, and/or medical needs. Candidate also uses assessment data to inform functional, instructional goals. Candidate develops a functional goal which is designed to enhancing functioning across multiple environments.
Assessment Plan CEC/IIC Standards 4 & 5	Candidate provides an incomplete or partial outline of procedures for obtaining functional assessment data in a variety of environments. Candidate fails to describe an assessment plan which makes responsive adjustments to instruction based on continual observations. Candidate fails to describe methods of maintaining records and does not outline a plan for modifying instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.	Candidate outlines procedures for obtaining functional assessment data in a variety of environments. Candidate describes an assessment plan which makes responsive adjustments to instruction based on continual observations. Candidate describes methods of maintaining records and outlines a plan for modifying instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.	Candidate outlines procedures for obtaining functional assessment data in a variety of environments. Candidate selects, adapts, and modifies assessment procedures including individual response methods to meet the unique abilities and needs of individuals with severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate describes an assessment plan which makes responsive adjustments to instruction based on continual observations. Candidate describes methods of maintaining records and outlines a plan for modifying instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.
Instructional Procedures CEC/IIC Standard 5	Candidate fails to select and adapt instructional strategies and materials which incorporate evidence-based practices validated for the	Candidate selects and adapts instructional strategies and materials which incorporate evidence-based practices validated for the	Candidate selects and adapts instructional strategies and materials which incorporate evidence-based practices validated for the

	<p>characteristics of learners with severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate provides an incomplete description of a variety of accommodations and/or modifications which fails to demonstrate how these learners with severe exceptional learning needs will receive access to the curriculum. Candidate fails to describe strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across learning environments and multiple service providers. Candidate fails to describe appropriate adaptations to meet the student’s sensory, physical, medical and/or health needs and develops a plan to evaluate and modify instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.</p>	<p>characteristics of learners with severe exceptional learning needs. Candidate provides a thorough description of a variety of accommodations and/or modifications which demonstrate how these learners with severe exceptional learning needs will receive access to the curriculum. Candidate describes strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across learning environments and multiple service providers. Candidate describes appropriate adaptations to meet the student’s sensory, physical, medical and/or health needs and develops a plan to evaluate and modify instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data.</p>	<p>characteristics of learners with severe exceptional learning needs that are responsive to the student’s cultural, linguistic, and gender differences. Candidate provides a thorough description of a variety of accommodations and/or modifications which demonstrate how these learners with severe exceptional learning needs will receive access to the curriculum. Candidate describes strategies to facilitate maintenance and generalization of skills across learning environments and multiple service providers. Candidate describes appropriate adaptations to meet the student’s sensory, physical, medical and/or health needs and develops a plan to evaluate and modify instructional practices in response to ongoing assessment data. Candidate describes instructional procedures which include a plan for individualized reinforcement systems and environmental modifications.</p>
<p>Assistive Technology CEC/IIC Standard 3 and 5</p>	<p>Candidate fails to incorporate appropriate assistive technology devices, tools and/or strategies that are specifically related to the instructional plan and/or based on the student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs that support the student in reaching criterion for the identified functional goal.</p>	<p>Candidate incorporates appropriate assistive technology devices, tools and/or strategies into the instructional plan based on the student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs that support the student in reaching criterion for the identified functional goal.</p>	<p>Candidate incorporates a range of appropriate low tech and high tech assistive technology devices, tools and/or strategies into the instructional plan based on the student’s physical, sensory, and/or medical needs. These technology options support the student in reaching criterion for the identified functional goal as well as improving student’s behavior,</p>



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