

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
ADVANCED STUDIES IN TEACHING AND LEARNING PROGRAM**

EDUC 613: 6H1 CRN 85992; DL1 CRN 71136

How Students Learn

3 credits, Fall 2022

August 22 – December 14, 2021

Meeting Days/Times

Online: Our week runs Tuesday-Monday starting August 23 through December 12

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For COVID-19 procedures in Fall 2022: Be aware of and follow all policies and procedures for Mason's Safe Return to Campus: <https://www2.gmu.edu/Safe-Return-Campus>

Prerequisite

EDUC 612

Course Description

Advanced course in the study of learning based on research and theory from different disciplines. Focuses on increasing students' learning through the study of different learning systems and understanding each learner in the context of the learning process itself.

Course Overview

Not Applicable

Course Delivery Method

This course will be delivered 100% online using both synchronous & asynchronous formats via the Blackboard learning management system (LMS) housed in the MyMason portal. You will log in to the Blackboard course site using your Mason email name (everything before "@" and email password. The course site will be available by the first day of the semester.

Under no circumstances, may 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.
 - For a list of Blackboard's supported browsers, see:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#supported-browsers
 - For a list of supported operation systems on different devices, see:
https://help.blackboard.com/Learn/Student/Getting_Started/Browser_Support#tested-devices-and-operating-systems
- Students must maintain consistent and reliable access to their GMU email and Blackboard, as these are the official methods of communication for this course.
- Students will need a **headset microphone and web camera** for use with the Blackboard Zoom web conferencing tool.
- 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/>
 - Windows Media Player:
<https://windows.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/downloads/windows-media-player/>
 - Apple Quick Time Player: 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 Monday.

We will have regularly scheduled synchronous Zoom sessions throughout our semester. Attendance is required. You will be informed of the dates for synchronous meetings.

- 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. In addition, students must log-in for all scheduled online synchronous meetings.
- 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 ensure accessibility must be registered with George Mason University Disability Services.

Learner Outcomes/Objectives

This course is designed to enable students to do the following:

- A. define learning and learner-centered teaching (*ASTL Outcomes 1 & 4*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 1.2 & 2.1*),
- B. develop the ability to link observational data of learners to individualizing learning in the classroom (*ASTL Outcome 3*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 2.2, 2.3, & 2.4*),
- C. examine a teacher's role as a facilitator and scaffolder of learning (*ASTL Outcomes 2 & 4*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 1.2 & 2.1*),
- D. identify and apply learning theories (*ASTL Outcomes 1 & 5*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, & 3.4*),
- E. read, analyze, and reflect on course readings to examine influences on the processes of learning (*ASTL Outcomes 2, 4 & 6*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 3.2 & 3.3*),
- F. develop an in-depth case study of one student (*ASTL Outcomes 1, 3, 4, & 7*) (*IB Adv Cert Domains 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, & 4.4*).

Professional Standards

EDUC 613 is the second of five courses in the ASTL Core. It is aligned with the following GSE Priorities: Diversity and Equity, Children, Families, and Communities, and High Standards and Research-Based Practices. EDUC 613 is also aligned with the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards' (NBPTS) five core propositions, which provide the guiding principles for *what teachers should know and be able to do*.

- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards I – Teachers are committed to students and their learning.
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards III – Teachers are responsible for managing and monitoring student learning
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards IV – Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.

EDUC 613 is aligned with the additional two learning outcomes that guide the ASTL core:

- Teachers account for the needs of culturally, linguistically, and cognitively diverse learners
- Teachers are change agents, teacher leaders, and partners with colleagues

The content of EDUC 613 also aligns with aspects of the International Baccalaureate Certificate in Teaching and Learning Research, with a particular focus on the following Domains of Knowledge, specifically:

- Domains 2.2, 2.3, & 2.4: Research practice – Collection, analysis, interpreting and reporting of evidence, and Evaluation of research activity, and Reflection on and dissemination of findings and implications for practice
- Domains 3.2 & 3.4: Linking theory to practice in an IB context -- Critical reading and reflection and Synthesizing research and experiential evidence
- Domains 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4: Building capacity for practitioner inquiry – Modes of research and methods of data collection, and Research design, and Analyzing, interpreting and reporting research findings

Required Text

Dana, N. F., & Yendol-Hoppey, D. (2019). *The reflective educator's guide to classroom research: Learning to teach and teaching to learn through practitioner inquiry*. Corwin.

Note that the Dana & Yendol-Hoppey text will also be used in EDUC 606.

We will also read chapters from the following texts – these are available for download from Mason Libraries OR elsewhere online and will be linked in our course Blackboard site.

Hattie, J., & Yates, G. (2014). *Visible learning and the science of how we learn*. Routledge.
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. (2018). *How people learn II: Learners, contexts, and cultures*. National Academies Press.

van Aalst, J., Mu, J., Damşa, C., & Msonde, S. E. (2017). *Learning Sciences Research for Teaching*. Routledge.

Recommended Resources

American Psychological Association. (2009). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (7th ed.). Author.

The OWL at Purdue is an excellent resource for APA style:

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Additional selected readings to be available via Blackboard and/or through Mason Libraries

(<http://library.gmu.edu/>)

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).

To access the course, go to the MyMason portal login page at

<https://mymasonportal.gmu.edu>. Your GMU email username is also your MyMason Portal ID and your GMU email password is also your MyMason Portal password. After logging in, click on the COURSES tab at the top of the page to see your list of courses, then select EDUC 613.

Assignments

Course Outcome Alignment	Assignment	Points
A, C, D, E	Class Participation, Discussion Groups, CFG, & Professionalism	35
D, E	Cooperative Learning Theory Group Project	20
B, C, D, E, F	Integrative Case Study of a Learner (PBA) Journal Entries	40
C	Portfolio Reflection Point: EDUC 613	5
	Total Points	100

1. Class Participation and Professionalism (25%)

Class participation and professionalism include multiple aspects of engagement in our course content, including: in-class experiences, article discussions, participation in the cooperative group project, in and out of class work to advance the developing case study, reflective journaling, and peer evaluation and support in critical friends groups.

In addition to being present in each class (physically and mentally), this part of your grade also includes quality participation in class discussions and professionalism in all

communication with your professor and your peers. Please note: EDUC 613 operates under the assumption that knowledge is socially constructed, and the most meaningful learning opportunities include those where learners have the opportunity to offer and explore diverse perspectives with peers. It is expected that you actively build upon your prior knowledge developed in EDUC 612, as well as your personal and educational experiences to connect, question, and extend class discussions. The rubric can be found in this syllabus.

2. Cooperative Learning Theory Group Project (30%)

Each student will be part of a cooperative learning-theory group that applies a theoretical perspective to learning and discusses its implications for teaching. Each cooperative learning theory group should prepare a 5-8 minute digital presentation, a 1-2 page handout and a list of discussion board questions, all of which will be incorporated into our online modules. Group members will also be responsible for moderating a small group discussion board related to the learning theory in the week linked to their learning theory project (see syllabus).

Each student will be part of a cooperative learning theory group that applies a theoretical perspective to learning and discusses its implications for teaching.

In the presentation and handout each group should:

- 1) **Describe the learning theory:** address the key principles and assumptions about learning,
- 2) **Connect the theory to relevant, current literature:** reference current articles that address learning from that theoretical perspective,
- 3) **Critically analyze the theory:** what does the theory center? What is at the margins of the theory? What does it not consider?
- 4) **Connect the theory to practice:** how does it conceptualize the teacher's role in facilitating learning?

The required elements of the Cooperative Learning Theory Group Project are:

- **Presentation:** The digital presentation should highlight the major points and concepts of the learning theory. Groups should determine the ideal format to use to share the information and salient points to class members, including technology (e.g., a narrated Prezi with embedded media (using a Screencast tool), a photo story, an online poster (e.g. using Glogster), YouTube video, podcast, or an interactive website). (*Note that a PowerPoint presentation is NOT an acceptable format for this project.*)
- **Handout:** Your group handout should be 1-2 pages long and include images & text that summarize the learning theory, connect it to literature and connect it to classroom practice. Your handout will supplement the presentation & may be referenced by your classmates in the Case Study of a Learner. The handout should address the four guiding questions listed above.
- **Relationship to weekly readings:** Examine the readings assigned for the week tied to your learning theory (see course schedule). Submit three potential questions that could be used for the Discussion Board in that week. These questions should provide

other students an opportunity to comment on connections between the weekly readings and the relevant learning theory project.

- **Discussion Moderation:** The learning theory projects will be incorporated into our online modules during weeks 7, 8, 9, 10, & 11 (see syllabus). During the week corresponding to each learning theory project, students will be assigned to small groups for discussion. The small groups will include students from all learning theory groups. Each student will take a turn moderating the discussion, during the week in which their learning theory is discussed.

Your grade on the learning theory group project will include a peer-collaboration assessment (see rubric) and a content assessment completed by your instructor (see rubric).

3. Integrative Case Study of a Learner (40%) (Performance-Based Assessment)

Each student will identify one learner and follow that learner over the course of the semester. Knowing a learner deeply enables the professional educator to make appropriate instructional decisions. The purpose of this case study is to help you create a full and varied picture of an individual learner, recognizing both strengths and areas of need. The case study provides an opportunity to apply the course content on how students learn to a learner in your classroom. The data you collect, including descriptive narratives, anecdotal records, artifacts, and interview results will provide the evidence for the statements you make about the learner. You will identify goals for the learner and make some recommendations for working with your case study student based on insights from your data collection and the course content. You will reflect on your learning about the student and the course. Additional instructions and the rubric containing criteria for evaluation are included later in the syllabus.

The performance-based assessment (*Integrative Case Study of a Learner*) MUST be uploaded and submitted to VIA via Blackboard for evaluation when the assignment is due. Only PBAs posted to VIA via Blackboard will be graded. Failure to submit the assignment to VIA via Blackboard by its due date will result in the instructor recording a zero (0) for the assignment.

4. Portfolio Reflection Point: EDUC 613 (5%)

As a part of the ASTL Core, participants will continue to build their Professional Portfolio and will add Reflection Point: EDUC 613 at the conclusion of EDUC 613. For additional detailed information about this Reflection Point, as well as the remainder of the Portfolio, please refer to the Portfolio Guidelines posted in the ASTL Program Organization site. You will submit your Reflection Point to the ASTL Program Org site and also upload it to your Professional Portfolio. Additional instructions and the rubric containing criteria for evaluation are included later in the syllabus.

- **Other General Requirements**

- A. Class “attendance” is both important and **required**. If, due to an emergency, you will not be in class, you must contact your instructor prior to class time.

- B. All assignments are due no later than **11:59 PM EST** of the date indicated in each week's assignments published in the **COURSE SCHEDULE AND TOPICS** section of this Syllabus. Due dates are also posted on our Bb course site.
- a. **Grades for assignments date-stamped in Blackboard after the due date will be reduced by 10% unless prior approval from instructor has been granted. No late submissions will be accepted after the course end date.**
 - b. Assignments earning less than a passing grade may be rewritten and resubmitted so that the assignment is satisfactorily completed. In fact, because learning is the goal, I may *require* you to redo an assignment that is far below expectations.
- C. Please adhere to the assignment submission instructions listed in this syllabus. Only assignments submitted as indicated will be graded; incorrect submissions will result in a grade of zero for those assignments.
- a. All assignments submitted should have the filename format **LASTNAME-ASSIGNMENT TITLE**. Please do not upload written assignments in PDF format. Other editable formats are acceptable (i.e., .doc, .docx, .rtf, .ppt, .pptx, .xlsx, .xlsx). Supporting documents for assignments can be in PDF format.
- D. *All written work* should be carefully edited for standard grammar and punctuation, as well as clarity of thought. All submitted work should be prepared through word processing and reflect **APA style (7th edition), as well as double-spaced, with 1" margins, and 12-point font (Times New Roman, Calibri, or Arial).**

- **Grading Scale**

| 95-100 =A | 90-94 =A- | 86-89=B+ | 83-85=B | 80-82= B- | 70-79=C | Below 70=F |

Professional Dispositions

Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. See <https://cehd.gmu.edu/students/polices-procedures/>

CLASS SCHEDULE EDUC 613: Fall 2020

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary, with notification to students. **Required Zoom sessions & conferences are highlighted in green, Assignments due highlighted in yellow, Drafts and peer feedback are highlighted in blue.**

Part 1: Intro & Learning Theory Group Work				
Wk	Date	Topic	Readings Due	Assignments Due *In Addition to All Weekly Module Content*
1 & 2	August 22-29 & August 30 -September 5	Introduction to How Students Learn	Hattie & Yates, Introduction, chapters 1 & 2	Zoom Session in week 2 (Dates/Times TBD)
3	September 6-12	Case Study and Learning Theory Group Work	Dana & Yendol-Hoppey, chapter 1 AND Lake, An Indian Father's Plea Optional: Falk & Blumenreich, The Power of Questions chapter 1	Learning Theory Group Work-time (meet virtually - Zoom room available)
4	September 13-19	Research Planning and Learning Theory Group Work	Dana & Yendol-Hoppey, chapter 2 AND Gorski & Pothini, selected cases Optional: Pine, Teacher Action Research, chapter 11	Select student for case study by this week: Journal entry 1 due by Monday 9/19.
5	September 20-26	Individual Differences Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapter 19 AND choose ONE article from selection of readings on Blackboard	Zoom Session (Dates/Times TBD)
6	September 27 - October 3	Motivation and Affective Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapters 3 & 4 AND Rosiek, Emotional Scaffolding	Learning Theory Group Projects due to Bb by Friday 9/30.

Part 2: Deep Dive Into Learning Theories				
Wk	Date	Topic	Readings Due	Assignments Due *In Addition to All Weekly Module Content*
7	October 4-10	Motivation and Affective Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapters 8, 27, & 31 AND Dweck, excerpt from Mindset <i>Socio-Emotional Learning Theory Project</i>	Submit Journal 2: Research Planning Graphic Organizer by Monday 10/10.
8	October 11-17	Cognitive and Metacognitive Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapters 6, 7, & 11 AND Brown excerpt from Make it Stick <i>Behaviorist Learning Theory Project</i>	Submit Journal 3: Data Collection Planning by Monday 10/17. Zoom Session (Dates/Times TBD).
9	October 18-24	Cognitive and Metacognitive Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapters 13 & 16 AND Joseph, Metacognition Needed <i>Cognitivist Learning Theory Project</i>	
10	October 25 - 31	Developmental and Social Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapter 9 & 15 AND Sharan, Cooperative Learning <i>Social Learning Theory Project</i>	Individual conference in week 10, 11, or 12.
11	November 1-7	Developmental and Social Learning Factors	Hattie & Yates, chapters 24, 25, & 26 AND Bailey, Are Critical Periods Critical? <i>Constructivist Learning Theory Project</i>	Individual conference in week 10, 11, or 12. Draft of Case Study of a Learner Part I due to CFG for peer review by Friday, 11/4. Feedback to your CFG due by Monday 11/7.

Part 3: Case Study Focus				
Wk	Date	Topic	Readings Due	Assignments Due *In Addition to All Weekly Module Content*
12	November 8-14	Individual Differences Learning Factors	Jensen, chapter 4: Movement and learning AND Hawley & Nieto: Another Inconvenient Truth	Individual conference in week 10, 11, or 12. Draft of Case Study of a Learner Part II due to CFG for peer review by Friday, 11/11. Feedback to your CFG due by Monday 11/14.
13	November 15-21	Bringing it all Together	Hattie & Yates, chapters 29 & 30	Work on Case Study Part III, due to CFG 12/2.
14	November 22-28 Thanksgiving Break	Thanksgiving Break: No online module	None	Draft of Case Study of a Learner Parts I & II due to Instructor by Monday, 11/29.
15	November 29 - December 5	Sharing Our Findings, Finalizing Feedback and Looking Forward	Cochran-Smith, Does Learning to Teach Ever End?	Draft of Case Study of a Learner Part III due to CFG for peer review by Friday, 12/2. Feedback due to your CFG by Monday, 12/5.
16	December 6-9	Final Work Week: No Online Module	None	Schedule individual conferences with instructor if needed. PBA: Case Study of a Learner due to Bb by Thursday 12/8. Portfolio Reflection 2 due to Bb site by Friday 12/9.

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 <https://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 <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 VIA should be directed to viahelp@gmu.edu or <https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments>.
- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/>.
- For information on student support resources on campus, see <https://ctfe.gmu.edu/teaching/student-support-resources-on-campus>

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

As a faculty member, I am designated as a “Non-Confidential Employee,” and must report all disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment, 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 or support measures from Mason’s Title IX Coordinator by calling 703-993-8730, or emailing titleix@gmu.edu.

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

Cooperative Learning Theory Groups

Peer evaluation rubric

All group members should complete & submit this rubric for each other group member.

Name of Student Completing Rubric					
Name of Group Member Being Evaluated					
	No Evidence 0	Beginning (Limited evidence) 1	Proficient (Clear evidence) 2 - 3	Exceptional (Clear, convincing, substantial evidence) 4	SCORE
Research & Information Gathering	Does not collect any useful information	Collects very little useful information	Collects some information related to topic	Collects a great deal of useful information for the group	
Attendance & Punctuality	Does not attend meetings or have work ready as assigned within group	Sometimes attends meetings and has work ready as assigned within group	Usually attends meetings and has work ready when assigned within group	Always attends meetings and has work ready as assigned within group	
Sharing Tasks (Preparing the Presentation, Handout, Discussion)	Relies on others to do the work; does not help with the presentation, handout, or discussion in any way	Rarely does their share; makes some contributions to presentation, handout, and discussion	Usually does their share of work; Makes many useful contributions to the presentation, handout, and discussion	Always does their share; completes all tasks as assigned; plays an integral role in the presentation, handout, and discussion (may include providing substantial feedback)	
Communicating	Dominates OR does not participate in the conversation & decision making	Often dominates discussion and decision making OR makes few contributions	Makes some useful contributions based on group conversations	Listens carefully, makes useful comments, facilitates decision making	
Cooperation	Consistently hard to get along with	Sometimes makes getting along difficult	Is a good team player; follows others' leads	Helps the team work together for success; leads <i>and</i> follows as appropriate	
<i>Adapted from Freeman & Brown's Collaboration Rubric</i>					
Total (out of 20)					

Explanation of scores (this is required):

Cooperative Learning Theory Groups
Project content rubric
 To be completed by the course instructor

GROUP MEMBERS:					
	No Evidence 0	Beginning 1	Proficient 2 - 3	Exceptional 4	SCORE
Describe the learning theory	Provides <i>no</i> information about the learning theory	Presents <i>limited</i> information about the learning theory	<i>Adequately</i> presents & organizes <i>a great deal of</i> accurate information about the learning theory's key principles and assumptions	<i>Clearly, concisely, and thoroughly</i> presents & organizes <i>a great deal of</i> accurate information about the learning theory's key principles and assumptions	
Connect the learning theory to literature	Provides <i>no</i> references to connect theory to current literature	Provides 2 references to current, relevant literature but <i>does not connect</i> theory & literature OR Provides only 1 reference and <i>clearly connects</i> the theory & the literature	Provides <i>at least 3</i> references to current relevant literature AND <i>adequately</i> connects the learning theory to the literature	Provides <i>at least 3</i> references to current, relevant literature AND <i>thoroughly, clearly and convincingly</i> connects the learning theory to the literature	
Critically analyze the learning theory	<i>Does not</i> analyze the learning theory	Analysis is <i>limited</i> , mainly descriptive	<i>Adequately</i> presents thoughts about the learning theory, although there may not be a strong rationale; examination of theory is cursory but present	<i>Clearly, convincingly, and thoroughly</i> provides a critical analysis of the theory with attention paid to what the theory offers our understanding of learning and what it doesn't	
Connect the learning theory to practice	Neither the presentation nor the handout explains how the learning theory connects to teacher's role in facilitating learning.	Both the presentation AND the handout provide <i>limited</i> explanation of the connection between the learning theory & teacher's role in facilitating learning	Both the presentation AND the handout <i>adequately</i> explain how the learning theory explains/ describes the teacher's role in facilitating learning.	Both the presentation AND the handout <i>thoroughly, clearly, and convincingly</i> explain how the learning theory explains/ describes the teacher's role in facilitating learning.	
Presentation and discussion quality	No presentation and/or discussion	Quality is <i>limited</i> , discussion may not connect learning theory to weekly readings; presentation may not be engaging and/or it is not focused; Time guidelines may not be followed	<i>Adequately</i> presents information on the learning theory; Discussion somewhat connects learning theory with weekly readings; technology is utilized; Presentation is focused; Time guidelines are followed	Presentation <i>teaches</i> the class about the theory; Discussion connects learning theory with weekly readings; Technology is utilized well; Presentation and discussion are engaging and focused; Time guidelines are followed	
Total of above: Project content rubric (out of 20)					
Peer evaluation rubric mean total (out of 20)					
TOTAL SCORE (out of 40)					
Total Score is then cut in half, as the Learning Theory Project is worth 20 points					

Participation and Professionalism Rubric (25 points total)

	Evolving	Competent	Accomplished
Overall Participation	Very few tasks are completed on time AND/OR completed tasks do not demonstrate thoughtful consideration of the content. Zoom session, if scheduled, may not have been attended.	Most tasks for all weeks are completed on time and demonstrate thoughtfulness. Zoom sessions, if scheduled, were attended and student somewhat engaged with peers and instructor.	All tasks for all weeks are completed on time and demonstrate thoughtfulness. Zoom sessions, if scheduled, were attended and student actively engaged with peers and instructor
Discussion Quality	Discussion posts and most replies are limited; Readings are not at all integrated to support posts; Some to no posts utilize and demonstrate learners' prior and/or new knowledge; Replies do not go beyond superficial responses; Replies may not build on others' responses to create connected threads.	Most discussion posts and most replies are one <i>robust</i> paragraph to three paragraphs; Readings are somewhat integrated to support posts; Most but not all posts utilize and demonstrate learners' prior and/or new knowledge; Replies typically go beyond superficial responses; Most replies build on others' responses to create connected threads; Questions may be posed for further thought and discussion; Some questions from peers may be addressed (there is some evidence that you went back to read discussion replies)	All discussion posts and all replies are one <i>robust</i> paragraph to three paragraphs; Readings and weekly content are integrated to support thoughtful posts (<i>and explicitly referenced</i>); Posts utilize and demonstrate learners' prior <i>and</i> new knowledge; All replies go beyond superficial responses; Replies build on others' responses to create connected threads; As appropriate, questions are posed for further thought and discussion; Questions from peers are addressed (there is evidence that you went back to read discussion replies).
CFG Engagement	Rarely or never participates in Critical Friends Group work. Feedback is not meaningful, detailed, and constructive. Discounts critical friends' perspectives and questions.	Mostly participates in critical friend(s) group work; meets almost all CFG deadlines; provides meaningful, detailed, and constructive feedback OR consistently participates in critical friends groups on time but feedback is not meaningful, detailed, and constructive; there is no evidence that critical friend perspectives have been considered.	Consistent participation in critical friend(s) work; meets all CFG deadlines; Quality work/questions provided to critical friends for discussion; Thoughtfully considers all perspectives raised by critical friends; Meaningful, detailed, and constructive feedback provided to critical friends.

ASTL Portfolio Reflection Point: EDUC 613 Rubric

<p>ASTL Portfolio Reflection Point: EDUC 613</p>	<p>May not completely or thoroughly respond to the prompt; May not have been completed on time or at all; may not have been submitted to Core Organization site on Blackboard <i>0 pts.</i></p>		<p>Completely and thoroughly responds to the reflection prompt; Completed on time; submitted to Core Organization site on Blackboard <i>5 pts.</i></p>
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Guidelines for Case Study of a Learner (PBA)

The goal of this case study is to create a rich, meaningful picture of *one learner* by synthesizing the information you collect on that learner. By describing one student as fully and in as balanced a way as possible, you begin to gain access to that student's modes of thinking and learning. You will identify strengths and needs of the learner, use APA learning factors (APA, 1997) to examine the student's learning needs, and make use of learning theories discussed in class to explain the student's learning. You will identify research-based recommendations to use in the future and reflect on your learning through the case study process.

Part I: Learner Profile (5 or more double-spaced pages)

In part 1 of the case study, the teacher will develop a student learning profile that captures important dimensions of the learner. The profile should include a description of the learner and a statement of the educational strengths and needs of the student:

- **Introduction**
 - Introduce your student and explain why you selected the student for the case study.
 - Provide a brief description of the instructional setting to provide context.
- **Description of learner:**
 - **Biological & other traits:** *This may include student's age, physical development, sex/gender, physical dis/abilities, health, motor skills, coordination, and diagnosed learning disabilities.*
 - **Cultural and Societal Factors:** *May include student's ethnic and racial background, cultural identity, language (include current EL status, if appropriate), religion, norms and values, gender expectations or influences, and economic status.*
 - **Emotional and Social Influences:** *May include family structure, family history, recent change or loss in the family, attitude, disposition, peer status, and self-esteem.*
 - **Academic Performance:** *Includes relevant information on current or recent student academic performance.*
- **Educational strengths & needs and connections to learning theories:**
 - **Strengths:** *Specific strengths of the learner, with evidence to support this (based on data collected by the teacher)*
 - **Needs:** *Overall educational need(s) of this student (based on data collected by the teacher).*
 - **Learning Theories:** *Discuss how the student's learning strengths AND needs may be explained by learning theories learned in class (e.g., behaviorism, cognitivism,*

constructivism, social learning theories, socio-emotional learning theories). At least two different learning theories (and thus related peer projects) should be referenced.

Part II: Goals for the Learner and Recommendations (5 or more double-spaced pages)

In part 2 of the case study, the teacher will identify goals for the learner and connect these goals to the learner strengths and needs identified in part 1. Research-based recommendations for achieving these goals will be discussed.

- **Goals for the Learner– Connections to learning factors and learner strengths and needs:**
 - Identify specific goals for the individual student. A minimum of four goals should be identified, utilizing the APA learning factors (APA, 1997) as a reference.
 - Strive to identify at least one learning goal from within each category of learning factors (I. Cognitive and Metacognitive, II. Motivational and Affective, III. Developmental and Social, IV: Individual Differences)
 - Note that learning goals may include content-specific goals but must incorporate goals that extend beyond specific course content.
 - For each learning goal:
 - Provide explicit connection to learner strengths and learning needs identified in part 1 of the case study
 - Explain how your data support the learning goal you have identified
 - Connect to relevant learning theories discussed in class AND to literature (including course readings)
 - Be specific when connecting the goal to a learning factor described within the learning factors document provided in class (APA, 1997).
- **Research-based Recommendations**
 - Identify one or more research-based recommendations for EACH learning goal. These recommendations may include instructional strategies or approaches but should focus on how YOU (the teacher) can best support the student's strengths and meet their learning needs. Course readings (minimum of 3) and outside literature should be referenced to support the recommendations using APA style in-text citations.
 - These recommendations may be included with the discussion of the goals for the learner or may be a separate section with part 2 of the case study.

Part III: Reflective Discussion (5 or more double-spaced pages)

In part 3 of the case study, you will reflect on your own learning through the case study process, including each of the following reflection headings:

- **Reflecting on the learner:** Discuss how you now understand the individual learner. What particular lessons did this student teach you about you about learning or anything else? Have your ideas and feelings about this student and your relationship with him or her changed during this study?
- **Reflecting on self as teacher:** Discuss how you now understand yourself as a teacher. What personal biases or beliefs did you uncover throughout the case study research? How did these biases impact you throughout the study? What did you do to reduce the impact of your personal biases and beliefs on your research, especially within your interpretation of data? Did this study change your thinking or reinforce any beliefs you had at the beginning?
- **Reflecting on the classroom and teaching:** Discuss what you learned about students (in general) and about teaching. What did you learn about other students in the class or about the group as a whole as a result of your study? How has this process affected the way you teach, think about, or relate to students as learners?
- **Reflecting on future action:** What changes will you make in the classroom as a result of what you learned from the case study? How will these changes potentially impact student learning? Consider specific lessons, units, activities or assessments that you could add or change as a result of what you have learned about this individual student. Describe what you will do differently (than now) and how it will potentially impact student learning. Cite literature to support your ideas.

References: Use APA (7th edition) guidelines for the reference list and in-text citations.

Appendix A: Data collection methods used in the case study

- Create a summary table of the data sources (e.g., parent survey, student interview, student records, teacher observations), information provided (i.e., what was learned from that data source), and what learning factors the data addressed. Be sure to reference this table in your Part I.

<i>Data source</i>	<i>Information provided</i>	<i>Learning factors addressed</i>

Appendix B: Data collection tools

- Provide blank copies of surveys, questionnaires, interview questions, writing prompts, observation protocols, or other tools used to aid in data collection. Do not include the actual data, just samples of the tools used to collect the data.

Appendix C: Part II Overview

- Include an overview table that aligns your goals for the learner, related APA learning factors, related learning theories, research based recommendations, and related literature.

<i>Goals for learner (minimum of 4) and how it connects to needs identified in part 1*</i>	<i>Related APA learning factor</i>	<i>Relevant learning theory</i>	<i>What could I do differently to help student reach goal? (Research-based recommendations)</i>	<i>What literature supports these recommendations (readings from class or other classes)</i>

General Recommendations:

- Use headings and subheadings within each section to organize your writing.
- When citing literature, aim to discuss *ideas* with citation of sources rather than discussion of sources:
 - *Less of:* Jensen (2005) discusses ways to improve learning in the classroom.
 - *More of:* One way to improve learning in the classroom is to involve the student in setting their own goals (Pappano, 2013).
- Submit your complete drafts to your Critical Friends Group (CFG) and to your instructor *on time*. There are 6/40 points allotted for timely submission of your complete drafts.

Case Study Timeline

Weeks	Tasks to be Accomplished
1-5	Choose your case study student. Get to know him/her and begin collecting relevant data. Plan data collection and begin drafting Part I of your case study.
6-11	Collect data related to learning factors. Write a (draft) of Part I (Learner Profile). Get critical friend (CF) feedback on Part I. Integrate CF feedback from Part I.
12-14	Collect data (evidence) of learning factors and complete draft of Part II (Learning Objectives & Recommendations). Get critical friend (CF) feedback on Part II. Integrate CF feedback. Submit a draft of Parts I and II to BB in week 14 for instructor feedback.
14-15	Continue analysis and data collection. Revise Parts I and II.
14-16	Write Part III (Reflective Discussion). Get CF feedback during week 15. Share case study findings during week 15. Complete final version of case study to submit.
16	Submit FINAL version of case study to VIA via Blackboard by December 10th.

Case Study of a Learner (PBA) Rubric

	Pts	Does not meet standard (Little or no evidence)	Approaches standard (Some evidence)	Meets standard (Clear evidence)	Exceeds standard (Clear convincing and substantial evidence)
		0	1	2	3
Part I: Description of Learner <i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 1</i> <i>IB Adv Cert Domain 1.1, 2.1, 4.1, 4.2, & 4.3</i>	4	Description of learner includes few of the required elements.	Description of learner may be missing some of the required elements (instructional setting, biological traits, cultural and societal factors, emotional and social influences, & academic performance.)	Description of learner includes complete description of learner, including instructional setting, biological traits, cultural and societal factors, emotional and social influences, & academic performance.	Description of learner includes thorough and meaningful description of learner, including instructional setting, biological traits, cultural and societal factors, emotional and social influences, & academic performance.
Part I: Strengths, Needs, & Learning Theories <i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 2</i> <i>IB Adv Cert Domain 1.1, 2.1, 4.1, 4.2, & 4.3</i>	4	Relevant data are not used or used ineffectively in description of learner strengths & needs. Learning theories are not connected or not addressed.	Relevant data are rarely used as evidence to identify learner strengths, learning needs. Connections to learning theories.	Sometimes uses relevant data as evidence to identify learner strengths, learning needs. Connects student learning to learning theories.	Consistently uses relevant data as evidence to identify learner strengths, learning needs. Clearly and convincingly connects student learning to learning theories.
Part II: Learning Goals <i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 4</i> <i>IB Adv Cert Domain 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 3.4, & 4.4</i>	6	No learning objectives are included, or what is provided is only cursory.	Only two specific goals for learners are identified, but goals clearly connect to learning factors, strengths, needs, theories, and data. OR Fewer than 3 specific goals for learner are identified, but not clearly connected to learning factors, strengths, needs, theories, and data.	Only 3 specific goals for learner are identified and goals connect to all 4 learning factor categories, strengths, needs, theories, & data. OR Fewer than 4 specific goals for learner are identified, but not clearly connected to learning factors, strengths, needs, theories, and data.	Identifies a minimum of 4 specific goals for learner. Goals connect to all 4 APA learning factor categories. Goals are explicitly connected to learner strengths & needs. Clear and convincing connections to data and to relevant learning theories are made.
Part II: Recommendations	6	No recommendations are included, or what is provided is only cursory.	Fewer than three distinct research based recommendations are	Fewer than four distinct research based recommendations are	Identifies a minimum of 4 distinct research-based recommendations.

<p><i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 4</i></p> <p><i>IB Adv Cert Domain 2.2, 2.3, 3.3, 3.4, & 4.4</i></p>			<p>included with some but limited connection to learner strengths & needs; sufficient literature may not be cited.</p>	<p>included with some but limited connection to learner strengths & needs; sufficient literature may not be cited.</p>	<p>Recommendations address strategies or methods the teacher may use to support learner’s strengths and address learning needs. Relevant literature is cited (at least 3 sources within this section) to support recommendations.</p>
<p>Part III: Reflective Self-Evaluation</p> <p><i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 4</i></p> <p><i>IB Adv Cert Domain 2.4, 3.4, & 4.4</i></p>	8	<p>No reflection included, or what is provided is only cursory.</p>	<p>Very limited discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflecting on the learner ● Reflecting on self as teacher ● Reflecting on the classroom and teaching ● Reflecting on future action <p>One or more of the four elements may be missing</p>	<p>Cursory discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflecting on the learner ● Reflecting on self as teacher ● Reflecting on the classroom and teaching ● Reflecting on future action 	<p>Rich, thorough, meaningful reflective discussion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reflecting on the learner ● Reflecting on self as teacher ● Reflecting on the classroom and teaching ● Reflecting on future action
<p>Appendices</p> <p><i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 3</i></p> <p><i>IB Adv Cert Domain 2.2, 4.2, & 4.4</i></p>	2	<p>No appendices are included.</p>	<p>Appendices are incomplete, one of the appendices may be missing.</p>	<p>Appendices include data collection chart connecting data sources, information sought, and learning factors. At least one sample data collection tool is included.</p>	<p>Appendices include thorough data collection chart connecting data sources and information sought, with clear and relevant connection to learning factors. Multiple sample data collection tools are included.</p>
<p>Draft Submitted by Due Dates and CFG Participation</p> <p><i>ASTL – Learning Outcome 5</i></p>	6	<p>No drafts submitted. No participation with CFG.</p>	<p>One or two drafts submitted to CFG and instructor by due date. Limited feedback given to CFG on their drafts. Very little feedback from CFG or instructor is thoughtfully considered and may not be incorporated at all.</p>	<p>Three of the four drafts submitted to CFG and instructor by due dates. Most feedback given to CFG on their drafts is meaningful and constructive. Most feedback from CFG and instructor is thoughtfully considered and incorporated, as appropriate.</p>	<p>All complete drafts submitted to CFG and to instructor by due dates. All feedback given to CFG on their drafts is meaningful and constructive. All feedback from CFG and instructor is thoughtfully considered and incorporated, as appropriate.</p>

APA Style	2	No evidence of APA style references or in-text citations.	Limited use of in-text citations. References contain errors.	Relevant course readings and other current readings are cited & appropriately referenced. References contain minor errors.	Relevant course readings and other current readings are cited & appropriately referenced throughout using APA style in-text citations and references. <i>A minimum of five sources are cited within the paper.</i>
Overall Style	2	Contains many grammatical errors or error patterns.	Case study is disorganized, lacks in grammatical or stylistic form. May contains multiple errors or error patterns	Grammatically and stylistically well written but contains some errors or error patterns.	Case study is well organized, grammatically and stylistically well written with few errors or error patterns.