

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

Fall 2022 EDSE 662 666: Consultation and Collaboration CRN: 84421, 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):

Teaching licensure, or enrollment in graduate degree program in education.

Co-requisite(s):

None

Course Description

Provides professionals in special education, regular education, and related fields with knowledge and communication skills necessary for collaborative consultation and technical assistance to other educators and service providers.

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 for assistance. All other students should refer to their assigned program advisor or the Mason Care Network (703-993-2470).

Advising Tip

Did you know that to receive your teaching license you need to submit your request to VDOE? Depending on your situation, you can either submit your paperwork to VDOE through your county HR office or through GMU. For instructions, visit http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/instructions.

Course Delivery Method

The following learning activities will be applied in an person classroom setting. 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. Define collaboration, consultation, and teamwork and explain the essential characteristics of each;
- 2. Identify variables that may facilitate or constrain participation in collaboration, consultation, or teamwork settings;
- 3. Demonstrate communication skills of listening, avoiding communication roadblocks, dealing with resistance, being appropriately assertive, and resolving conflicts;
- 4. Apply problem-solving techniques in collaborating with professional colleagues, parents, and related and ancillary personnel to provide for students' learning and behavioral needs;
- 5. Develop self-assessment techniques for improving consultative and collaboration skills.
- 6. Plan activities that implement effective consultation and collaboration techniques.
- 7. Develop an Individualized Education Plan

Professional Standards

(Council for Exceptional Children [CEC] and the 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 Learning Differences (InTASC 1,2); CEC Standard 3: Curricular content knowledge (InTASC 4,5); CEC Standard 5: Instructional planning and strategies (InTASC 7,8); CEC Standard 6: Professional learning and ethical practice (InTASC 9) & CEC Standard 7: Collaboration (InTASC 10).

Evidence-Based Practices

This course will incorporate the evidence-based practices (EBPs) relevant to communication, collaboration, and consultation. 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 Texts

Friend & Cook. (2020) Interactions: Collaboration skills for school professionals. (8th ed.) Pearson. ISBN 9780134168548.

Gibb &Dyches. (2016). IEPs: Writing quality individualized education programs. (3rd ed.). Pearson, ISBN 9780133949520

Recommended Texts

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

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 662, the required PBA is Individualized Education Program Project. 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)

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, 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 Tk20.

College Wide Common Assessment (VIA submission required)

In the Individualized Education Program assignment/project, EDSE 662 candidates demonstrate:

- Their abilities to develop the critical components of an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for a student with a mild to moderate exceptional learning need and
- Understanding of how these components come together to build a framework for the K-12 student subject's educational program.

This project is introduced in the section below, "Major Learning Activities". The full project description and accompanying supporting materials, including the project assessment rubric, are posted on the course Blackboard site (Assignments → Individualized Education Program Project - CAEP Assessment).

Other Assignments

Code of Ethics Assignment. See Blackboard for Rubrics

Review the GMU CEHD Professional Dispositions at

http://cehd.gmu.edu/teacher/professional-disposition and the CEC Special Education Professional Ethical Principles at https://www.cec.sped.org/Standards/Ethical-Principles-and-Practice-Standards

Then reflect upon all you've learned about students, families, instruction, and collaborative practices in your program and work-related experiences. Develop a minimum of 10 professional ethics that you will strive to honor and abide by as you work in the field of special education and that represent your core values and beliefs about stakeholders, practices, and non-negotiables. Each ethic should have a thorough rationale accompanying it. You do not need to cite specific research, but it should be clear to the reader that your values are informed by your studies and professional experiences. This paper should have an introduction and conclusion in narrative format and individual ethics may be presented in an expanded list form. Your paper will be approximately 5-8 pages in length, in APA.

Assignment Summary

IEP Assignment	40 points
Code of Ethics	20 points
Professional Development	30 points
Presentation	
Attendance and	10 points
Participation	_

Course Policies and Expectations

Attendance/Participation

* It is expected that students attend all classes and actively participate.

Late Work

*All assignments are required to be completed and submitted on time.

*For late submissions of assignments: 25% of the points will be deducted from your assignment grade for late submissions unless the professor has agreed in advance to an extension (which may be used one time only and only for one assignment). The maximum extension is 7 days, after which the assignment is not awarded any points toward a final grade.

Grading

95-100% = A 90-94% = A 84-89% = B 83-79% = C < 79% = F

*Note: The George Mason University Honor Code will be strictly enforced. See <u>Academic Integrity Site</u> (https://oai.gmu.edu/) and Honor Code and 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/polices-procedures/). Students are expected to exhibit professional behaviors and dispositions at all times. Professional dispositions are an essential function of a special educator's job, indicating that these dispositions are critical to develop and assess in special education licensure programs. 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, a self-evaluation at the mid-point of their program, and a university supervisor's evaluation during internship. In special education graduate licensure programs, the initial self-evaluation is completed in a designated course (EDSE 501), the mid-point self-evaluation is completed in designated courses (EDSE 627, EDSE 661, and EDSE 616), and the internship evaluation is completed by instructors in EDSE 783, EDSE 784, and EDSE 785. In addition to these three designated evaluation times, instructors may complete instructor-rated disposition assessments other times throughout the

program. When dispositions are assessed, it is important that for areas where a positive disposition is rated as "not proficient," the student takes steps to grow as an educator. See https://cehd.gmu.edu/epo/candidate-dispositions.

Class Schedule

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

Class Session	Topic/Learning Experiences	Readings and Assignments (to be completed on or before this session)
1 9/15	Overview of Consultation, Collaboration, and Teamwork Collaborative Work Styles	Friend and Cook Chapters 1 and 2
2 9/22	Collaborative Work Styles in Action With whom do we collaborate?	Friend and Cook Chapters 3 and 4
3 9/22	Preventing and Managing Conflict with Stakeholders pt. 1	Friend and Cook Chapter 5
4 10/6	Preventing and managing Conflict pt. 2	Friend and Cook Chapter 6
5 10/13	Diversity, Equity and Cultural Competence	Friend and Cook Chapter 7
6 10/20	Collaborating with Families and Students Consultation and Coteaching	Friend and Cook Chapter 8 Code of Ethics Paper
7 10/27	Legal Imperatives for Collaboration Writing SMART Goals	Friend and Cook Chapter 9
8 11/3	Collaborative IEPS	Friend and Cook Chapter 10 Collaborative IEP assignment submitted to TK20 after this class session
9 11/10	Leading and Collaborating on Change Efforts in professional learning communities	Friend and Cook Chapter 11
10 11/17	Presentations	Friend and Cook Chapter 12 Coteaching/Collaboration Best Practices
		Presentation due

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 <u>Core Values</u> (http://cehd.gmu.edu/values/).

GMU Policies and Resources for Students

Policies

- Students must adhere to the guidelines of the Mason Honor Code. See <u>Honor Code and System (https://catalog.gmu.edu/policies/honor-code-system/)</u>.
- 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/).
- 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/).
- 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 <u>viahelp@gmu.edu</u> or https://cehd.gmu.edu/aero/assessments.
- Questions or concerns regarding use of Blackboard should be directed to <u>Blackboard Instructional Technology Support for Students</u> (https://its.gmu.edu/knowledge-base/blackboard-instructional-technology-support-for-students/).

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 <u>University Policy 1202</u>. If you wish to speak with someone confidentially, please contact one of Mason's confidential resources, such as the <u>Student Support and Advocacy Center (SSAC)</u> at 703-380-1434 or <u>Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)</u> 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 <u>titleix@gmu.edu</u>.

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/).

Appendix Assessment Rubric(s)

EDSE 662	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds
CAEP Assessment	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations
	1	2	3
Present Levels of Performance CEC/IGC Standards 1 & 4 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.	 Candidate includes irrelevant information statements. 		and areas in need or improvement in relation to Virginia Standards of Learning.
Measurable Annual Goals CEC/IGC Standard 3 Candidate uses knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.	Candidate fails to demonstrate an understanding of the models and theories related to instructional planning by writing annual goals that are not priorities and/ OR do not reflect present levels of performance and/ OR lack direction for student growth.	 Candidate demonstrates an understanding of the models and theories related to instructional planning by writing age and ability appropriate annual goals that: are measurable, reflect present levels of performance, and show direction for student growth. Candidate writes goals that focus on both decreasing and/or increasing learner behaviors. Candidate demonstrates consideration of variations in 	 Candidate demonstrates an understanding of the models and theories related to instructional planning by writing age and ability appropriate annual goals that: are measurable, are and based upon the scope and sequence of the Virginia Standards of Learning (as appropriate), reflect present levels of performance, and show emphasis on increasing skills and/or positive behaviors. Candidate demonstrates consideration of variations in

		beliefs, traditions, and values	beliefs, traditions, and values
		across and within cultures (as appropriate) while integrating affective, social, and life skills with academic curricula.	across and within cultures while integrating affective, social, and life skills with academic curricula.
EDSE 662	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds
CAEP Assessment	Expectations	Expectations 2	Expectations 3
Short Term	Candidate fails to	Candidate demonstrates an	Candidate demonstrates an
Objectives or	demonstrate an	understanding of the models	understanding of the models
Benchmarks	understanding of the	and theories related to	and theories related to
	models and theories related	instructional planning by writing individualized	instructional planning by
CEC/IGC Standard	to instructional planning by writing individualized	learning	writing individualized learning
3	learning	objectives/benchmarks that	objectives/benchmarks that
Candidate uses	objectives/benchmarks that:	o relate to an annual goal AND	 relate to an annual goal AND are sequential age and ability
knowledge of	o are not directly	o are sequential age and	appropriate AND
general and specialized	related to the annual goals OR	ability appropriate AND	o include the condition,
curricula to	o are not sequentially	o include the condition, measurable and observable	measurable and observable learner behavior and
individualize	age and ability	learner behavior and	verifiable criteria AND
learning for	appropriate OR o utilize learner criteria	verifiable criteria.	o a statement of generalization
individuals with exceptionalities.	that are inappropriate	Candidate demonstrates consideration of variations in	AND o a statement of maintenance.
exceptionalities.	to task performance.		Candidate demonstrates
		across and within cultures	consideration of variations in
		(as appropriate) while integrating affective, social,	beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures (as
		and life skills with academic	appropriate) while integrating
		criteria.	affective, social, and life skills with academic criteria.
			with academic criteria.
Services, Least	Candidate lists program or	Candidate lists appropriate	Candidate lists appropriate
Restrictive	primary related services	program and primary services and related services	program and primary services and related services (as
Environment (LRE), Placement	that do not or inconsistently align with areas of need	(as appropriate) that:	and related services (as appropriate) that:
(ERE), I lucement	based on present levels of	o demonstrate an	o demonstrate an
CEC/IGC Standard	performance.	understanding of the continuum of placement	understanding of the continuum of placement and
1		and services available for	services available for
Candidate		individuals with exceptional	individuals with exceptional
understands how		learning needs, and the concept of the least	learning needs, and the concept of the least
exceptionalities		restrictive environment and	restrictive environment and
may interact with		o consistently align with the	o consistently align with the
development and learning and uses		individual's areas of need based on present levels of	individual's areas of need based on present levels of
this knowledge to		performance as well as the	performance as well as the
provide		supports needed to be	supports needed to be
meaningful and		successful in the LRE. • Candidate includes the	successful in the LRE. • Candidate includes the
challenging learning		following:	following:
experiences for		o location	o location
individuals with		o frequencyo setting	o frequency o setting
exceptionalities.		o duration	o duration
		o start and end dates.	o start and end dates.

			Candidate includes statement of how services relate to the individual's needs as well as the rationale for any activities in which the student cannot participate.
EDSE 662 CAEP Assessment Participation in State Assessments CEC/IGC Standard 3 Candidate uses knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.	Does Not Meet Expectations 1 Candidate selects inappropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s), indicating a failure to consider issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment.	Meets Expectations 2 Candidate selects appropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s), indicating consideration of issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment. Candidate lists and justifies all accommodations for state assessments suggested.	Exceeds Expectations 3 Candidate selects appropriate levels of student participation in state assessments based on present levels of performance and student's exceptional condition(s), indicating consideration of issues, assurance, and due process rights related to assessment. Candidate lists and justifies all accommodations for state assessments suggested. Candidate selects and justifies participation levels that reflect the impact (an) exceptional condition(s) can have on an individual's testing abilities, including auditory and information processing skills.
Legal Compliance of IEP CEC/IGC Standard 6 Candidate uses foundational knowledge of the field and his/her ethical principles and practice standards to inform special education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession.	Candidate writes an incomplete IEP which fails to comply with all relevant laws and policies, reflect an understanding of requirements such as 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. Candidate writes the IEP using biased, inflammatory language, with a lack of clarity, numerous acronyms, illegibility, or inaccuracies (including spelling).	 Candidate writes a complete IEP that complies with all relevant laws and policies, reflects an understanding of requirements such as 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. Candidate writes the IEP using neutral, objective, non-inflammatory language, with clarity, minimal use of acronyms, legibility, and accuracy (including spelling). Candidate writes areas of need, goals, objectives/benchmarks, placements and services with a strong connection to the present levels of performance. 	 Candidate writes a complete IEP that complies with all relevant laws and policies, reflects an understanding of requirements such as 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. Candidate writes the IEP using neutral, objective, non-inflammatory language, with clarity, minimal use of acronyms, legibility, and accuracy (including spelling). Candidate writes areas of need, goals, objectives/benchmarks, placements and services with a strong connection to the present levels of performance. Candidate includes documentation for procedural safeguards and advocates for appropriate services for the individual with exceptionalities.

EDSE 662	Does Not Meet	Meets	Exceeds
CAEP Assessment	Expectations 1	Expectations 2	Expectations 3
Accommodations and Modifications CEC/IGC Standard 3 Candidate uses knowledge of general and specialized curricula to individualize learning for individuals with exceptionalities.	 Candidate identifies inappropriate accommodations and/or modifications OR Candidate fails to describe the accommodations and/or modifications which provide the foundation upon which special educators individualize instruction to provide meaningful and challenging learning for individuals with exceptional learning needs. 	 Candidate identifies and prioritizes areas of the general curriculum and the accommodations and/or modifications to individualize instruction to provide meaningful and challenging learning for individuals with exceptional learning needs including appropriate technologies (as needed). Candidate identifies and prioritizes appropriate accommodations and/or modifications based on present levels of performance to provide access to nonacademic and extracurricular activities in educationally related settings. 	 Candidate selects accommodations and/or modifications based on assessment data and reflect the candidate's understanding of the impact exceptionalities may have on auditory and information processing skills, test taking abilities and variations in beliefs, traditions, and values across and within cultures with a statement relating these accommodations to specific instructional goals. Candidate identifies and prioritizes areas of the general curriculum and the accommodations and/or modifications to individualize instruction to provide meaningful and challenging learning for individuals with exceptional learning needs including appropriate technologies (as needed). Candidate identifies and prioritizes appropriate accommodations and/or modifications based on present levels of performance to provide access to nonacademic and extracurricular activities in educationally related settings.

Ethics Paper and Coteaching/Collaboration Project Rubrics are on Blackboard under the Assignments tab.