TLLSC 260: Specializing in an Area of Teaching and Learning:
Supporting Students with Special Needs
Sequence 1: Typical and A-Typical Development
Teaching, Learning, and Leading with Schools and Communities
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Module Information
Dates: January 13-January 31, 2014
Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
Times: 8:15 - 11:15 AM
Location: Cuneo 107
Clinical Sites: TBD

Module Description
By focusing on the typical and a-typical development of children, this module addresses multiple perspectives on diversity, including the diversity in students’ backgrounds (i.e., culture, language, ability) and classroom and school contexts (e.g., bilingual education, instructional contexts for students with special needs). This module engages teacher candidates in looking at how developmental milestones can be used and applied in daily practice with diverse students in urban schools. Ideas such as advocacy and how to support and enhance the whole child will be addressed within a field setting. Through this module, teacher candidates: (a) learn the different developmental stages and how they manifest in a school setting, (b) see how the educational community contributes to student learning, and (c) become familiar with the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process.

Module Goals
Essential Questions:
• What are the key developmental milestones in the physical, cognitive, and social-emotional domains for typical development, and what are indications of a-typical development at each stage?
• How does knowledge of typical and a-typical development support the design of Individualized Education Plans?
• What does it mean to be an advocate for a person who has developed a-typically at some stage of life?
As a part of this module, candidates will understand that effective educators:

- Explain the roles of an advocate, the process of advocacy, and how it can be used to challenge or promote policies and practices affecting students.
- Analyze the social construction of statuses such as race, class, disability, and gender and how these social constructs have been traditionally used to stereotype families and communities.
- Describe the necessary professional knowledge to support and enhance the whole child, including meeting student needs across physical, social, psychological, linguistic, and intellectual contexts.
- Explain how relevant core concepts and constructs from theories and research relate to specific TLLSC EUs and EU indicators.
- Explain how relevant working principles from theories and research relate to specific TLLSC EUs and EU indicators.

As a part of this module, candidates will:

- Serve as advocates for all students, with special attention to those who are marginalized. (h2G, i2I)
- Notice and critique implicit messages about families, communities and individuals. (i1F, i2I)
- Analyze connections between assessments, educational opportunities, access and standards in order to implement socially just instructional practice. (a2A, g2I)
- Incorporate verbal and written discourse that is stereotype-free, person first, and acknowledges and honors the inherent equality among diverse learners and communities. (i2A)
- Make developmentally appropriate choices in selecting teaching strategies to assist diverse learners in meeting instructional strategies. (a2C, b1E) (IB)
- Explain how and why core concepts, constructs and working principles from theories and research were used in their decisions and actions related to specific TLLSC EUs and EU indicators. (b2A, d2D, i2C) (IB)

**IDEA Objectives:**
- Gain factual knowledge (terminology, classifications, methods, trends)
- Developing specific skills, competencies and points of view needed by professionals in the field most closely related to this course

**Candidates will be assessed on the following Disposition outcomes:**

D12: Demonstrating that his/her personal and professional expectations and capacities influence the motivation, positive learning results and achievement of students. (d1D)

D2: Ground advocacy efforts in ethical convictions that promote social justice and affect policy design and implementations. (i2I) (IB)

D3: Value diversity and advocate for all students, particularly those from populations that are historically disenfranchised, underserved and/or overrepresented (including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, culture, language, SES, immigration status, exceptionality, ability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity). (a1A, i1F, i2J)
Grading Policy & Scale:
The final grade is based upon the completion of course requirements, shown below, and following this scale:

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Attendance:
- Arrive promptly and maintain excellent attendance records. Candidates are expected to attend every module session for the scheduled duration as to maintain consistency for students and school professionals. Ask your professor and classroom teacher(s) how they wish to be contacted regarding any special circumstances. Make arrangements and notify everyone involved before a scheduled absence.
- Inform your professor and classroom teacher(s) ahead of time – by phone message or email if possible if you must be absent. If there is an emergency, contact your professor as soon as reasonably possible afterward. After missing a day of the module, it is necessary to contact your professor.
- Assignments are due on the dates listed on course syllabi unless permission to hand them in late is given. Be sure to follow the policies of your specific professor of each module as it relates to policies on assignments.

Module Assignments

- **Module Participation: 10% of final grade**
  - Candidates are expected to consistently and actively participate in all class activities in discussions. Since much of this module takes place in a school, candidates are expected to dress and act professionally. They must arrive on time and stay for the duration of the class session. Class sessions will build directly on assigned readings; candidates must come to class having read all assigned texts and articles, as well as completing a reader response.

Professional Attitude and Demeanor Part I
- 2-Always prompt and regularly attend classes.
- 1-Rarely late to class and regularly attend classes (No more than 1 absence).
- 0-Often late to class and/or poor attendance of classes (More than 2 absences).

Professional Attitude and Demeanor Part II
- 2-Always prepared for class with assignments and required class materials.
- 1-Rarely unprepared for class with assignments and required class materials.
- 0- Often unprepared for class with assignments and required class materials.

Level of Engagement in Class
- 2-Always a willing participant. Contributes by offering ideas and asking questions each class in small groups and the whole class.
- 1-Often a willing participant. Contributes by offering ideas and asking questions each class in small groups or the whole class.
- 0-Rarely a willing participant. Rarely contributes to class by offering ideas or asking questions.
Integration of Readings into Classroom Participation

- 2- Often cite from readings; use readings to support points.
- 1- Occasionally cite from readings; sometimes use readings to support points.
- 0- Rarely cite from readings; rarely use readings to support points.

Listening Skills

- 2- Listen when others talk, both in groups and in class. Incorporate or build off of the ideas of others.
- 1- Listen when others talk, both in groups and in class.
- 0- Rarely listen when others talk, both in groups and in class.

● Developmental Stage/s Handout: 30% of final grade, due 1/17
  ○ Pairs/groups of teacher candidates will select one of the developmental stages we will be covering in the module. The pair will be responsible for reading the chapter/s pertaining to their stage/s. A handout (25% of the grade) will be created that includes an overview of the following information:
    ▪ Important developmental milestones and when they should be reached,
    ▪ Potential warning signs to look for and what type of atypical development that may signify,
    ▪ Key strategies to foster development, and
    ▪ Ten good resources (books, websites, curricula, agencies, etc.) for educators related to this developmental stage.
  ○ This will be posted as new page in the course Forum.

  ○ Students will also need to comment on two of the posted handouts detailing something that they realized about that particular level of development. (5% of the grade), due by class on 1/22.

● Reflections: 30% of final grade, each reflection is 10%
  ○ At the end of each week, candidates will reflect upon their learning and experiences at the school site that week related to module objectives and essential questions. Each class has a different goal of reflection. These should be addressed in the students’ reflections. These reflections will be submitted as a blog on Sakai by Saturday at midnight of each week.
  ○ Students will need to comment on two of their fellow students reflections by Sunday of that week.

● IEP Development Project: 30% of final grade, due 1/31
  ○ Students will participate in a mock IEP meeting during the last on-ground class. Roles will be assigned during 1/22 class. (10% of the grade)
  ○ Students will also complete the development of parts of an IEP that includes Present Levels of Academic Achievement and Functional Performance (PLOP), Educational Accommodations and Supports, and a basic Educational Services and Placement worksheet. These handouts will be related to support needs presented from the areas defined in their Developmental Handout and in conjunction with their mock IEP. (20% of the grade)

Module Readings


Resources

- Misunderstood Minds: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/
School of Education Policies and Information

Conceptual Framework Standards
The School of Education at Loyola University Chicago, a Jesuit and Catholic urban university, supports the Jesuit ideal of knowledge in the service of humanity. We endeavor to advance professional education in the service of social justice, engaged with Chicago, the nation, and the world. To achieve this vision the School of Education participates in the discovery, development, demonstration, and dissemination of professional knowledge and practice within a context of ethics, service to others, and social justice. We fulfill this mission by preparing professionals to serve as teachers, administrators, psychologists, and researchers; by conducting research on issues of professional practice and social justice; and by partnering with schools and community agencies to enhance life-long learning in the Chicago area.

Specifically grounded in the overarching principles of Professionalism in Service of Social Justice, this module focuses on the policies and practices that impact the instruction and assessment of diverse students in urban schools, emphasizing the role of the teacher in making educational decisions and advocating for students. Additionally, candidates must demonstrate understanding of educational policy and critically evaluate practices in a variety of classroom and school settings.

Technology
To complete the policy and practice analysis for this course, candidates will regularly engage with technology. Teacher candidates will (1) seek out information on the internet and in databases about various policies, programs, and contexts, (2) use software to organize and analyze data for the case study, and (3) observe various uses of technology in classroom rounds.

Diversity
By focusing on the policy and practice in urban classrooms, this module addresses multiple perspectives on diversity, including but not limited to: the diversity in students’ backgrounds (i.e., culture, language, ability) and classroom and school contexts (e.g., bilingual education, instructional contexts for students with special needs).

University Policies and Information

Academic Honesty: Academic honesty is an expression of interpersonal justice, responsibility and care, applicable to Loyola University faculty, students, and staff, which demands that the pursuit of knowledge in the university community be carried out with sincerity and integrity. The School of Education’s Policy on Academic Integrity can be found at: [http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_integrity.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_integrity.shtml). For additional academic policies and procedures refer to: [http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_main.shtml](http://www.luc.edu/education/academics_policies_main.shtml)

Accessibility: Students who have disabilities which they believe entitle them to accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act should register with the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) office. To request accommodations, students must schedule an appointment with an SSWD coordinator. Students should contact SSWD at least four weeks before their first semester or term at Loyola. Returning students should schedule an appointment within the first two weeks of the semester or term. The University policy on accommodations and participation in courses is available at: [http://www.luc.edu/sswd/](http://www.luc.edu/sswd/)

Harassment (Bias Reporting): It is unacceptable and a violation of university policy to harass, discriminate against or abuse any person because of his or her race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation,
disability, religion, age or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Such behavior threatens to destroy the environment of tolerance and mutual respect that must prevail for this university to fulfill its educational and health care mission. For this reason, every incident of harassment, discrimination or abuse undermines the aspirations and attacks the ideals of our community. The university qualifies these incidents as incidents of bias.

In order to uphold our mission of being Chicago's Jesuit Catholic University--a diverse community seeking God in all things and working to expand knowledge in the service of humanity through learning, justice and faith, any incident(s) of bias must be reported and appropriately addressed. Therefore, the Bias Response (BR) Team was created to assist members of the Loyola University Chicago community in bringing incidents of bias to the attention of the university. If you believe you are subject to such bias, you should notify the Bias Response Team at this link: http://webapps.luc.edu/biasreporting/
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<td>Overview of development birth to 22 (physical, cognitive and social-emotional)</td>
<td>Berk, 1 (prior to first class)</td>
<td>Bring in a copy of the syllabus (digital or paper)</td>
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<td>In school-reflect on the developmental stages around you</td>
<td>Assigned Berk chapters for handout</td>
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<td>F Jan 17</td>
<td>In school-reflect on differences between typical and a-typical development</td>
<td>Assigned Berk chapters for handout</td>
<td>Week 1 Reflection due by 1/18 at midnight (blog). Comments due by 1/19 at midnight. Developmental Handout is due by 1/17 at midnight in the Forum section of Sakai</td>
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<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>Bring in the front page of the ISBE’s parents rights handbook. Preview the handbook to discuss in class.</td>
<td>Reflections on two of your classmates’ developmental handouts are due prior to class.</td>
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<td>In school-reflect on curriculum and relationships in the community</td>
<td>Dr. Olson will be onground at TBD. She will be online in the Chat room of Sakai from 10:45-11:15 for questions from other sites.</td>
<td>Week 2 Reflection due by 1/25 at midnight (blog). Comments due by 1/26 at midnight.</td>
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<td>M Jan 27</td>
<td>IEP meeting process, handout, mock IEP meetings</td>
<td>Read through the IEP and the IEP team overview (also posted in Sakai) <a href="http://nichcy.org/schoolage/iep/overview">http://nichcy.org/schoolage/iep/overview</a></td>
<td>Rough draft of your IEP Development materials for feedback</td>
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<td>W Jan 29</td>
<td>In school-reflect on disabilities across the developmental span</td>
<td>Dr. Olson will be onground at TBD. She will be online in the Chat room of Sakai from 10:45-11:15 for questions from other sites.</td>
<td>IEP Development and materials due by midnight in assignments box in Sakai</td>
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<td>F Jan 31</td>
<td>In school-IEPs, what is your site doing?</td>
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<td>Week 3 Reflection due by 2/1 at midnight (blog). Comments due by 2/2 at midnight.</td>
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