

CIEP 537

School Discipline Reform: Linking Law, Policy and Practice

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- **Other means of contact:** If there is a more convenient way for me to get in contact besides email, Zoom or telephone, please let me know.
- **Online Presence:** I will have an online presence in our course at least once every 72 hours.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS AND READINGS

Losen, Daniel J., Ed. (2015). *Closing the School Discipline Gap: Equitable Remedies for Excessive Exclusion*. Teachers College Press. ISBN: 978-0-8077-5613-3.

Skiba, Russell J.; Mediratta, Kavitha; Rausch, M. Karega, Ed. (2016). *Inequality in School Discipline: Research and Practice to Reduce Disparities*. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN: 978-1-137-51256-7.¹

¹These texts were previously assigned as part of the System Consultation in School Discipline Reform (CIEP 535) and remain instructive for the work in this class. At times, previously assigned chapters may be re-assigned for the purpose of reviewing and revisiting.

Articles as posted on Sakai throughout the course.

PRIMARY PURPOSE AND OVERARCHING COURSE GOALS

The purpose of this course is to examine in-depth several major themes in the field of school discipline from the perspectives of law, policy and practice. The focus is on analyzing “best practice” examples as a means to address the challenges relating to fundamental reform of school discipline practices. The themes to be addressed include: (1) addressing disparities in school discipline with respect to race/ethnicity and disability; and (2) strategies and professional development to reduce the use of exclusionary school discipline. As part of this course, participants will develop an action plan for school discipline reform in their respective settings. They will determine how potential system-wide barriers will be addressed (e.g., resources for teaming, support for MTSS planning, implementation and evaluation, teaming, leadership/administrative support, teacher buy-in and support, community engagement) as they plan and begin to implement interventions as part of their action plan. The course will be used as opportunity for school leaders to collaborate and problem solve issues that arise in school discipline reform efforts.

The course objectives are as follows:

- 1) to build understanding of how to apply best practices in the field to reduce the use of exclusionary school discipline and address inequities in its administration;
- 2) to build students’ capacity to lead school discipline reform efforts in their school or district;
- 3) to deepen students’ understanding of the underlying legal frameworks that impact the administration of school discipline and their application to the discipline policies and practices in their respective settings; and
- 4) to provide a framework for students to develop an action plan specific to their local school or district that can guide school discipline reform over the next 3-5 year period.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

The School of Education Conceptual Framework *Social Action through Education* is available at: <http://www.luc.edu/education/mission/>. The course seeks to embody the tenets of the SOE Conceptual framework by deepening students’ knowledge with respect to factors that need to be addressed in order to reduce the use of exclusionary school discipline practices as well as the disproportional impact of these practices on certain vulnerable population of students. This course also seeks to build students’ capacity to address this disproportionality through culturally responsive practices. In addition, the course aims to translate scholarship into action by

supporting students to develop action plans to bring knowledge gained through coursework to address these problems in their schools and districts.

DISPOSITIONS

All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our school of education programs: *Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice*. You will be assessed on all three areas of growth within the course. In this course, we focus on **professionalism** in applied school contexts related to system change through demonstration of effective working relationships with peers. Professionalism includes prompt communication with the instructor and peers (e.g., returning messages and responding to inquiries within 48 hours). We engage in this process through a **social justice** and equity lens. Students will engage in reflection to understand and respect other points of view. Students will be sensitive to cultural differences of the participants in this course and colleagues within their schools/districts to understand how cultural differences and implicit bias contribute to discipline practices that hinder access to equity in education for certain groups of students. The **inquiry** is focused on the ability to effectively search and identify evidence-based interventions to address priority areas identified in needs analyses completed in previous coursework (e.g., CIEP 535) to improve access to education and academic outcomes for students and families whose experiences have been affected by the forces of systematic racism and discrimination. The disposition rubric is located on page 72-74 at the following link

https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/education/pdfs/handbk_spsy-phd_2018-19.pdf

COURSE OBJECTIVES TIED TO IDEA ONLINE COURSE EVALUATION

This course is an applied course in which students will gain clinical skills within a framework tied to cognitive behavioral treatments for children and adolescents. As such, students will gain theoretical knowledge tied to cognitive behavioral interventions and will learn to apply that knowledge through case applications within their practicum settings. The following major learning objectives are considered essential to this course and are therefore evaluated as part of the IDEA online course evaluation system completed by students. The IDEA online course evaluation system, along with the link, is described in more detail within the Appendix of this syllabus.

IDEA OBJECTIVES FOR THE OBJECTIVES SELECTION FORM

The following course objectives are considered to be important objectives for the course:

- Gaining a basic understanding of the subject (e.g., factual knowledge, methods, principles, generalizations, theories), and
- Develop specific skills, competencies, and points of view needed by professionals in the

field most closely related to this course.

The following course objective is considered to be an essential objective for the course:

- Learning to apply knowledge and skills to benefit others or serve the public good.

Please see the syllabus addendum to access important Loyola University Chicago School of Education Course Policies and Procedures.

COURSE STRUCTURE

A range of written and audiovisual methods will be used to teach core course content, including the following:

- **Individual Consultation:** The instructor will check in individually by phone or Zoom with each student in the capstone at the beginning of the semester, in the middle of the course and on an as-needed basis.
- **Problem-Solving Teams:** You and your classmates are expected to form problem-solving teams to support your system change efforts at the school or district level. You will be divided into small groups of students.
- **Synchronous Classes:** There will be three synchronous classes (“live classes”) where students will discuss with the professors and colleagues specific issues associated with the course. The focus will be on case studies in school discipline reform. We will use **Zoom meeting** for live sessions. If you are unable to make a live class session, the class will be recorded and a short assignment required following the live class. You receive reduced credit for attending the recorded session in lieu of the live class.
- **Asynchronous Classes:** The remainder of the class will be asynchronous and will utilize a mixture of reading and audiovisual materials. In some modules, brief asynchronous lectures with PowerPoint slides will be provided to describe specific issues of importance.
- **VoiceThread Discussions:** In a number of modules, VoiceThread will be used to explore a course-related topic. In several of the modules, team members will be required to comment on their classmates’ VoiceThreads.
- **Discussion Forums:** Students are required to contribute periodically to online discussion forums.

CLASS ASSIGNMENTS

- 1) **INDIVIDUAL ACTION PLAN PROJECT:** Through the action planning process, you will

begin to apply the findings from your needs assessment and other relevant school data to determine key stakeholders (e.g., administration, department chairs, teachers, students, etc.) in your building to support your plan for change. You will identify members for a prototype of your school team (e.g., one administrator, one dean, general and special educators, school social worker, school counselor, school psychologist, community mental health partner, etc.) which will select and implement an intervention to address a priority for change. You will also determine a method for evaluating your selected intervention (e.g., surveys, office discipline data, graduation rates, standardized assessment scores, etc.). The intervention should be part of a larger system change effort in your school or district over the next 3-5 year period. This will be done in stages and must involve other relevant stakeholders in the school or district. This action plan should include an analysis of your school or district's policies and practices with respect to the areas addressed in the major themes of the courses: what are the areas of strength, the areas of deficiency, and major areas needing improvement? **[50 points for 4 action plan assignments + 100 points for final action plan = 300 points]**.

- a) As part of the action planning process, you will complete three separate assignments, starting in the first week. The first assignment is described below and the two additional assignments will be described in more detail later in the course.
- b) **VOICETHREAD INTRODUCTION ASSIGNMENT (Action Planning Assignment #1):** Produce a 5-8 minute introduction of your goals for the capstone class. Summarize:
 1. the major challenges facing your school or district that were identified in the needs assessment completed in CIEP 535.
 2. 1-3 priority areas for change in your school or district and explain why these have been selected.
 3. An intervention related to these priority areas that you intend to implement this semester as your capstone project.
 4. The team at your school or district with whom you plan to consult to accomplish your goals (this could be an existing team or one that you will create) and any needed administrators who will need to provide approval to proceed with your work.
 5. Specific action steps that you plan to take during the spring semester to:
 - (a) share the needs assessment results,
 - (b) implement the intervention you identified
 6. Please use the action plan rubric to guide completion of this assignment with regard to identification of priority area(s) for change and description of the school team

You should post your VoiceThread in Sakai. The members of your team will be responsible for commenting in VoiceThread to two others in your group. **[40 points, plus 5 points each for commenting = 50 points]**. **Assignment due: Sunday January 27. Feedback to two team members is due Friday February 1.**

- 2) **VOICETHREAD CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE PBIS SELF-ASSESSMENT:** For individuals currently working within a school (e.g. principals, deans, school social workers, teachers, security, etc.), please recruit a minimum of three people in your building to complete the [Culturally Responsive School-Wide PBIS Self Assessment Tool v3.0](#) (CR-SWPBIS Tool). Include, when possible, individuals who represent a cross-section of roles in the school: Administration; Instruction (general, or special education); Deans; Security; Paraprofessionals; School-based clinicians (e.g., school social workers, school counselors, school psychologists); Students (if in middle/junior high school). For individuals in schools that implement School-Wide PBIS, if possible, have at least one member from the universal/tier 1, secondary/tier 2, and tertiary/tier 3 team complete the CR-SWPBIS Tool.

For individuals who are not currently assigned to a school, or have access to school staff, you have the option of completing the tool yourself based upon information that you are able to obtain for your district, or a selected school in your district.

- a. Graph the results for Universal data, systems, practices and the secondary/tertiary data, systems, practices results. You are welcome to either use the excel tool that has been provided, or create one of your own.
- b. Review and revise your needs assessment to incorporate your findings from the CR-SWPBIS data.
- c. Complete a voicethread with powerpoint describing the revised needs assessment:
 - How does this new data (CR-SWPBIS Tool) tie into the needs assessment results and inform action planning? For example, does the lack of culturally-responsive interventions or absence of diversity in school planning teams help explain/illustrate the impact of certain discipline policies on different groups of students? How would you share this information with key stakeholders in your school/district?

[50 points]. Assignment due: Sunday February 10.

- 3) **VOICETHREAD IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING ASSIGNMENT:** Develop an overview of a short training that you could present to staff or teachers at your school. Prepare a VoiceThread presentation that identifies: who you would invite, how you would invite them, how (if at all) you would ask them to prepare in advance, the amount of time you would spend on the training, the major topics you would cover, a summary (from the PBIS self-assessment tool above) of major concerns related to discipline disparities facing your school), a definition of implicit bias and an example, and discussion of one relevant strategy to mitigate implicit bias and its application to the school setting. **[50 points]. Assignment due: Sunday February 24.**
- 4) **DISCUSSION FORUMS:** In four modules, you will be asked to respond to a discussion board post. Your initial discussion board post is due on Wednesday of the module week, and

you are to respond to two discussion forum posts of your classmates by Sunday [**6 points for discussion post; 2 points for each reply post = 10 points for each discussion module = 50 points**]

- 5) **CONTRIBUTION TO PROBLEM-SOLVING TEAM:** You are expected to work in teams throughout the course of the semester in order to provide support to you and enhance your professional development. You are expected to comment on your classmates' work, support their action planning and work together as part of a team throughout the semester. You will be graded on your contribution to the team and will be asked to complete a self-assessment and peer assessment regarding the functioning of the team at the conclusion of the course. [**50 points**]

GRADING GUIDE

ASSIGNMENT POINT VALUES

| ASSIGNMENT | MODULE DUE | POINT VALUE |
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| Action Plan*: 200 of these points will be accrued throughout the course by completing three individual assignments related to the action plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VoiceThread Introduction Assignment (Action Plan Assignment #1) (40 points, plus 5 points for each of 2 comments) • Action Plan Assignment #2 • Action Plan Assignment #3 • Action Plan Assignment #4 | Modules 1, 9, 11, 12, Final plan due April 26 | 300 |
| Voice Thread Culturally Responsive PBIS Self-Assessment | Module 2 | 50 |
| Voice Thread Implicit Bias Training Assignment | Module 4 | 50 |
| Discussion Forums (4) | Modules 3, 6, 7 & 10 | 6 plus 2 points for responses (2) = 40 |
| Participation in Live Classes (3) | Modules 3, 4, & 7 | 30 each = 90 |
| Contribution to Problem-Solving Team | Throughout the Semester | 50 |
| Check-In Calls with Course Faculty | Modules 2, 9, & 12 | 20 each = 60 |
| TOTAL POINTS | | 640 |

Grades:

A= 92.5% or more

A-= 89.5-92.49% or more

B+= 87.5-89.49% or more

B= 82.5-87.49% or more

B- = 80.00-82.49% or more

C+ =77.5-79.49% or more

C=82.5-87.49% or more

C-=70.00-72.49% or more

D+=67.5-69.49%

D=69.99 -60.00

D-=60.00-62.49%

F=59.99 and below

MODULE PROGRESS

One of the benefits of online education is its time flexibility. For that reason, within any given week, students may complete assignments at their own pace. However, students are expected to complete all assignments for a given Module no later than the end of the week during which the Module was assigned. Failure to keep pace with the class not only harms individual students but also can have a potentially negative impact on other students' learning in the course.

General Due Dates of Assignments:

- Module weeks start on Monday and end on Sunday.
- All initial Discussion Forum posts are due on Wednesdays.
- The two responses to the Discussion Forum posts of your classmates are due on Sundays.
- All other graded assignments are due by 11:30 PM CST on Sunday of the module week.

Discussion Forum: Your initial post is 6 points and each reply post is 2 points, for a maximum of 10 points. Any post submitted after the current module, but within one week after module has ended - one point deduction. Two points will be deducted if the post is submitted within one to two weeks after the module has ended. Any post submitted later than two weeks after module has ended - no points. See Discussion Forum Rubric.

Written Assignments – Late Submission: A student will receive a letter grade reduction for an assignment that is submitted after the due date unless he or she has a valid reason for the late submission and receives an extension from the instructor PRIOR TO THE DUE DATE FOR

SUBMISSION.

Rubrics (4): See Discussion Forum Rubric, Assignment Rubric, Problem-Solving Team Rubric and Final Project Rubric.

RECORDING OF LIVE CLASSES

In this class software will be used to record live class discussions. As a student in this class, your participation in live class discussions will be recorded. These recordings will be made available only to students enrolled in the class, to assist those who cannot attend the live session or to serve as a resource for those who would like to review content that was presented. All recordings will become unavailable to students in the class when the Sakai course is unpublished (i.e. shortly after the course ends, per the Sakai administrative schedule: <https://www.luc.edu/itrs/sakai/sakaiadministrativeschedule/>). Students who prefer to participate via audio only will be allowed to disable their video camera so only audio will be captured. Please discuss this option with your instructor.

The use of all video recordings will be in keeping with the University Privacy Statement shown below:

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Assuring privacy among faculty and students engaged in online and face-to-face instructional activities helps promote open and robust conversations and mitigates concerns that comments made within the context of the class will be shared beyond the classroom. As such, recordings of instructional activities occurring in online or face-to-face classes may be used solely for internal class purposes by the faculty member and students registered for the course, and only during the period in which the course is offered. Students will be informed of such recordings by a statement in the syllabus for the course in which they will be recorded. Instructors who wish to make subsequent use of recordings that include student activity may do so only with informed written consent of the students involved or if all student activity is removed from the recording. Recordings including student activity that have been initiated by the instructor may be retained by the instructor only for individual use.

COURSE OUTLINE

The course outline below is subject to change. Please consult each module for the most complete and accurate description of the required and recommended readings and the assignment for that module.

| Date | Course Outline |
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| <u>Theme 1: Addressing Disparities in School Discipline with Respect to Race/Ethnicity and Disability</u> | |
| Module #1 Week of January 14 | <p>Creating a Culturally Responsive School Climate with Structured Supports and Interventions</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Review social-emotional supports in place for tiers 1-3 within the MTSS framework</p> <p>Analyze your supports in tiers 1-3 to determine alignment with culturally responsive supports</p> <p>Consider intersection of culture, race, language and gender identity and how that influences the needs of all learners in line with best practices</p> <p><u>ASSIGNED READINGS:</u></p> <p>McIntosh et al., Recommendations for Addressing Discipline Disproportionality in Education, OSEP Technical Assistance Center, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (February, 2018).</p> <p>Freeman, J., Measuring and Improving Attendance and Reducing Chronic Absenteeism. Safe and Healthy Students Preconference Meeting, 2018 National Forum at Chicago.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED:</u></p> <p>OSEP Technical Assistance Center, Using Discipline Data within SWPBIS to Identify and Address Disproportionality: A Guide for School Teams (Sep. 2014)</p> <p>Morgan, E. et al., The School Discipline Consensus Report: Strategies from the Field to Keep Students Engaged in School and Out of the Juvenile Justice System (New York: The Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2014), Conditions for Learning (23-70).</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT:</u></p> <p><u>Voicethread Introduction Assignment:</u></p> <p>Please post your VoiceThread personal introduction in Sakai in Assignments under “Voice Thread Introduction Assignment” by Sunday, January 27. Problem-solving</p> |

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| | <p>group members are required to comment on the voice thread with specific feedback on recommended approaches for sharing the needs assessment to school teams by Friday, February 1.</p> |
| <p>Module #2 Week of January 21</p> | <p>Creating and Sustaining Comprehensive Teams to Promote a Culturally Responsive School Climate</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Identify logistics for healthy teaming processes and effective communication.</p> <p>Assess school policies and practices for cultural responsiveness.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Read <u>Top 5 TIPS Tips for Teams:</u></p> <p>https://www.pbisapps.org/community/Pages/Top-5-TIPS-Tips-for-Teams.aspx</p> <p>View narrated powerpoint on the PBIS Self-Assessment Tool</p> <p>View <u>TIPS Model Videos:</u></p> <p>https://www.pbis.org/training/tips/tips-model-videos</p> <p>(Each video is 1:30-2:30 minutes each for a total viewing time of 15-20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · TIPS Overview · Meeting Foundations · Identify Problem with Precision · Identify Goal for Change · Identify Solution and Create Implementation Plan with Contextual Fit · Implement Solution with High Integrity · Monitor Impact of Solution and Compare against Goal · Make Summative Evaluation Decision |

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| | <p><u>RECOMMENDED READINGS:</u></p> <p>David M. Osher et al., “Avoid Quick Fixes: Lessons Learned from a Comprehensive Districtwide Approach to Improve Conditions for Learning,” Losen, Chapter 13. (read/revisit)</p> <p>Claudia G. Vincent et al., “Effectiveness of Schoolwide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports in Reducing Racially Inequitable Disciplinary Exclusion,” Losen, Chapter 14. (read/revisit)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT:</u></p> <p>Check-in call with course faculty.</p> <p>Begin Culturally Responsive School-Wide PBIS Self Assessment Tool v3.0 (CR-SWPBIS Tool) assessment</p> <p>Complete CR-SWPBIS Tool assessment and post your VoiceThread assignment by Sunday February 10.</p> |
| <p>Module #3</p> <p>Week of January 28</p> <p>Live class via zoom (implicit bias) & 7PM-8:30 PM CST</p> | <p>Exploring Implicit Bias and its Impact on Discipline Decision-making</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Define implicit bias</p> <p>Explore your own biases</p> <p>Analyze the role of implicit bias in discipline inequities</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Implicit Association Test (Race IAT plus sexuality)</p> <p>Clark, P. & Zygmunt, E. (2014). A close encounter with personal bias: Pedagogical implications for teacher education. <i>The Journal of Negro Education</i>, 83(2), 147-161.</p> <p>Race Forward Video</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED READING:</u></p> <p>Yale Child Study Center, Do Early Educators’ Implicit Biases Regarding Sex and Race Relate to Behavior Expectations and Recommendations of Preschool Expulsions and Suspensions? (Sept. 18, 2016)</p> |

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| | <p>Jason A. Okonofua and Jennifer L. Eberhardt, Race and the Disciplining of Young Students, <i>Psychological Science</i> (April 2015)</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u></p> <p>Discussion Forum #1: All students should post on this week’s thread in the Forum: What I learned from the IAT. After taking the Implicit Association Test, please write 3-4 paragraphs on your reactions to the IAT. You do not need to reveal your results. If you are questioning the methodology of the IAT, please explore the resources available on the website regarding the methodology. Assignment Due: Wednesday January 30. Discussion forum responses due by Sunday, February 3, 2019.</p> <p>Check-in call with Problem-Solving Teams: Each problem-solving team in the certificate program is required to check-in to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The progress of each team member on their capstone project and potential needs for support from the team. (b) Working expectations for the team, including agreements related to mode/frequency of communication, quality and timeliness of the work, and how you will support each other with each person’s capstone project and action plan. (c) Review the action plan rubric and examples of final projects from last year’s cohort. <p>Teams are encouraged to schedule a check-in via Zoom meeting (go to https://luc.zoom.us/), Skype or Google hangouts. Alternatively, they can use conference calls or, if it is not possible to find a meeting time, teams can use the team posting on the forum.</p> |
| <p>Module # 4</p> <p>Week of February 4</p> <p>Live class via zoom</p> <p>7PM-8:30 PM CST</p> | <p>Strategies to Mitigate Implicit Bias</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Understand the available resources on implicit bias</p> <p>Consider action steps in addressing implicit bias through professional development and ongoing dialogue</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Cheryl Staats, Understanding Implicit Bias: What Educators Should Know, <i>American Educator</i>, v39 n4 p29-33, 43 Win 2015-2016.</p> |

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| | <p><u>RECOMMENDED READING:</u></p> <p>Anne Gregory, “The Promise of a Teacher Professional Development Program in Reducing Racial Disparity in Classroom Exclusionary Discipline.” (Losen, chapter 11) (read or revisit).</p> <p>Cheryl Staats, Implicit Racial Bias and School Discipline Disparities (Kirwin Institute Special Report, May 2014)</p> <p>Susan Fiarman, Unconscious Bias: When Good Intentions Aren’t Enough, Educational Leadership (Nov. 2016).</p> <p>Levenson, M. et al., PBIS Cultural Responsiveness Field Guide, Resources for Trainers and Coaches, OSEP Technical Assistance Center, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (Nov. 2016).</p> <p>You Can’t Fix What You Don’t Look At: Acknowledging Race in Addressing Racial Discipline Disparities. Discipline Disparities Series: Overview. Bloomington, IN: The Equity Project at Indiana University.</p> <p><u>Recommended resources:</u></p> <p>Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity</p> <p>Great Lakes Equity Center</p> <p>Courageous Conversations</p> <p>Midwest PBIS Network - Equity</p> <p>OSEP Technical Assistance Center, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, Equity and PBIS</p> <p><u>VoiceThread Training Assignment:</u></p> <p>Develop an overview of a short training on implicit bias that you could present to staff or teachers at your school. Post your VoiceThread assignment by Sunday, March 3.</p> |
| <p>Module #5</p> <p>Week of February 11</p> | <p>Reducing Discipline Disparities for Students with Disabilities</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Understanding discipline disparities for youth with disabilities, including a review of national trends</p> <p>Understanding the intersectionality among special education status, race, and gender in</p> |

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| | <p>explaining discipline disparities</p> <p>Exploring the linkages between laws and policies around school discipline and federal procedural protections for students with disabilities.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>OSEP Ideas That Work, Supporting and Responding to Student Behavior, Evidence-Based Classroom Strategies for Teachers</p> <p>L. Kate Mitchell, "We Can't Tolerate That Behavior in This School!": The Consequences of Excluding Children with Behavioral Health Conditions and the Limits of the Law, 41 N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change 407 (2017)</p> |
| <p>Module #6</p> <p>Week of February 18</p> | <p>Refining Priority Areas for Change Pt.1</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Review research focused on fostering equity for students in K-12 schools.</p> <p>Identify characteristics of effective action planning, professional development, and program evaluation.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>MiBLSI Disproportionality project powerpoint</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Morgan, E. et al., The School Discipline Consensus Report: Strategies from the Field to Keep Students Engaged in School and Out of the Juvenile Justice System (New York: The Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2014), Targeted Behavioral Interventions (109-182).</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u></p> <p>Discussion Forum #2: Post 1-2 questions on the discussion forum based upon the MiBLSI Disproportionality project and/or your own work on your developing action plan. Assignment due: February 27.</p> |
| <p>Module #7</p> | <p>Addressing Truancy, Attendance and School Refusal/Avoidance</p> |

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| <p>Week of February 25</p> | <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Review data, policies and practices related to truancy and attendance</p> <p>Define trauma.</p> <p>Identify an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE).</p> <p>Understand the connection between exposure to ACE and long-term mental and physical health outcomes.</p> <p>Recognize how exposure to trauma impacts learning and social-emotional development.</p> <p>Identify the characteristics of a trauma-informed school.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Pina, A. A., Zerr, A. A., Gonzales, N. A., & Ortiz, C. D. (2009). Psychosocial Interventions for School Refusal Behavior in Children and Adolescents. Child Development Perspectives, 3(1), 11–20.</p> <p>Dr. Nadine Burke on the ACE study and Childhood Trauma’s Health Risks</p> <p>Creating and Advocating for Trauma-Sensitive Schools</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENTS:</u></p> <p>Discussion Forum #3: Post a voice thread of a 2-5 “elevator speech” on how trauma, anxiety, and depression can affect student attendance and why it’s important for educators to acquire the tools to address these issues. Your voice threads are due Wednesday March 13. Responses are due Sunday March 17.</p> |
| <p align="center">Loyola’s Spring Break (No class): March 4-9</p> | |
| <p align="center"><u>Theme 2:</u> Building Comprehensive Discipline Plans and Developing Disciplinary Policies and Practices to Reduce Use of Suspensions and Expulsions and to Foster Equity</p> | |
| <p>Module #8</p> <p>Week of March 11</p> | <p>Refining Priority Areas for Change Pt.2</p> <p>A Case Study and Guest Lecture: MiBLSI Disproportionality project in Michigan. (Live class)</p> |

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| <p>Live class via zoom (implicit bias) & 6PM-7:30 PM CST</p> | <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Review research focused on fostering equity for students in K-12 schools.</p> <p>Identify characteristics of effective action planning, professional development, and program evaluation.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>MiBLSI Disproportionality project powerpoint</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Morgan, E. et al., The School Discipline Consensus Report: Strategies from the Field to Keep Students Engaged in School and Out of the Juvenile Justice System (New York: The Council of State Governments Justice Center, 2014), Targeted Behavioral Interventions (109-182).</p> |
| <p>Module #9</p> <p>Week of March 18</p> | <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Consider the feasibility of implementing an alternative to suspension program in your school/district and how such an approach can be integrated into other existing practices that support the behavioral, academic and social-emotional needs of students</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Claudia Hernandez-Melis, Pamela Fenning & Elizabeth Lawrence (2016): Effects of an Alternative to Suspension Intervention in a Therapeutic High School, Preventing School Failure: Alternative Education for Children and Youth.</p> <p><u>RECOMMENDED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Daniel J. Losen et al., “Disturbing Inequities: Exploring the Relationship Between Racial Disparities in Special Education Identification and Discipline,” <i>Closing the School Discipline Gap</i> (chapter 6).</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u></p> <p>Action Planning Assignment #2 due: March 24</p> <p>Refer to the action plan rubric. Based on the 1-3 priority areas for change that you identified for the semester at the beginning of the course, assess what you have done to</p> |

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| | <p>date to move forward the needs assessment, elements in progress, and what is yet to be done.</p> <p>Concretely describe the following components of your action plan: (1) Describe the link with systemic change with a focus on the policies, interventions and supports that your district will initiate and/or revise (e.g., restorative practices, universal schoolwide positive behavior supports, Courageous Conversations, teacher consultation, problem solving); (2) Explicitly describe how you will integrate restorative practices in your plan. Explain the role of restorative practices in your plan. Include plan for training, implementation, and monitoring for fidelity implementation of restorative practices.</p> <p>Check in call with instructor</p> |
| <p>Module #10</p> <p>Week of March 25</p> | <p>Parent Engagement Strategies</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Understand barriers to effective communication with families</p> <p>Identify strategies to improve parent engagement</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS:</u></p> <p>Cherng, H. (2016). Is all classroom conduct equal? Teacher contact with parents of racial/ethnic minority and immigrant adolescents. Teachers College Record, 118, 1-37.</p> <p>Communities Organizing for Family Issues (COFI), (2016), Strategies for Parent Engagement, Transforming School Discipline Collaborative.</p> <p>View narrated powerpoint on how to navigate difficult meetings with parents.</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE</u></p> <p>Discussion Forum #4: Describe how you will communicate the details of your action plan to parents. What strategies will you use to foster parent buy-in and support for your action plan?</p> <p>Assignment Due: Wednesday March 27. Responses are due Sunday March 31.</p> |
| <p>Module #11</p> <p>Week of</p> | <p>Professional Development and Coordination of Supports Across a Continuum</p> |

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| <p>April 1</p> | <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Identify key internal (e.g., teachers, deans, school-based mental health service providers, counselors, administrators, school board members) and external stakeholders (e.g., families/parents, school resource officers, juvenile justice/court, community mental health service providers, youth serving agencies) necessary to implement comprehensive discipline supports.</p> <p>Understand and assess the professional development needs of school stakeholders, including teachers, paraprofessionals and security officers.</p> <p><u>REQUIRED READINGS AND REVIEW:</u></p> <p>Four minute video:</p> <p>Equity in School Discipline</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u></p> <p>Action Plan Assignment #3 Due: April 7. Please refer to the action plan rubric for additional details and guidance.</p> <p>(1) Describe the professional development that will be needed to prepare staff to implement your action plan.</p> <p>(2) Define how you will address the priorities for the action plan through professional development, training and redistribution of resources</p> <p>Identify questions you have for your peers regarding your action plan. Share action plan with team members for their feedback.</p> |
| <p>Module #12</p> <p>Week of April 8</p> | <p>Monitoring and Evaluating Implementation of Your Plan of Action</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Establish a method for evaluating the outcome of your action plan, such as reviewing changes in aggregate and disaggregated discipline data, academic outcomes, school climate and changes in restorative practices and beliefs.</p> <p>Consider decision rules for when you will change/add modify the items on your action plan, based on review of data.</p> |

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| | <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u> Action Plan Assignment #4 Due: Sunday April 14</p> <p>(1) Complete Check in call with instructor (2) Complete program evaluation plan component</p> <p>Please refer to the action plan rubric. Prepare to discuss your approach for your program evaluation plan component to share during the check-in call with instructor.</p> |
| <p>Week of April 15</p> | <p>Easter Holiday April 18-22 No Classes</p> |
| <p>Module #13 Week of April 22</p> | <p>Tying it all together: Completing your Plan of Action</p> <p><u>OVERVIEW/OBJECTIVES:</u></p> <p>Demonstrate comprehension of principles of effective data analysis to identify root cause and develop intervention plan. Evaluate and select appropriate evidence-based interventions to address priority areas of need. Explain the role of various stakeholders (e.g., educators, staff, families, and students) in implementation of action plan. Incorporate professional development and outreach strategies to foster buy-in and support for action plan. Incorporate evaluation plan to measure progress toward long-term goals</p> <p><u>ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE:</u></p> <p>Final Version of Action Plan Due By Friday April 26th</p> |

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IDEA Course Evaluation Link for Students

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Dispositions

All students are assessed on one or more dispositional areas of growth across our programs: **Professionalism, Inquiry, and Social Justice**. The instructor in your course will identify the dispositions assessed in this course and you can find the rubrics related to these dispositions in LiveText. *For those students in non-degree programs, the rubric for dispositions may be available through Sakai, TaskStream or another platform.* Disposition data is reviewed by program faculty on a regular basis. This allows faculty to work with students to develop throughout their program and address any issues as they arise.

LiveText

All students, *except those who are non-degree*, must have access to LiveText to complete the benchmark assessments aligned to the Conceptual Framework Standards and all other accreditation, school-wide and/or program-wide related assessments. You can access more information on LiveText here: [LiveText](#).

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