

**EDUC 3320, CRN 10067, Professional Development in Learner Centered Schools
Spring 2020**

Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

Spring 2020, M 11:00am – 1:45am

WH 316

This course meets face-to-face, with supplemental materials made available online through the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>].

This course also has required field hours.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Office Hours (by appointment only)

Mondays 10 - 4pm

Thursdays 10 - 4pm

Student-instructor interaction

As your professor, my role is to facilitate in your learning and help assist you in your college journey. Please take advantage of the office hours provided – they are your time to visit.

I will do my best to help you in any way. I will be checking email daily. My response time will be returned within 48 hours. When sending an email, please put the course name in the subject line. For the body of the email, remember to address me as Dr. Harris, include your detailed information with a possible solution, if needed, and include a salutation with your W#.

Professional communication is expected at all times.

WARRIOR SHIELD

Emergency Warning System for Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Warrior Shield is an emergency notification service that gives Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate health and safety emergency information quickly via email, text message, and social media. All students are automatically enrolled in Warrior Shield through their myCT email account.

Connect to Warrior Shield by [911Cellular](https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login) [<https://portal.publicsafetycloud.net/Account/Login>] to change where you receive your alerts or to opt out. By staying enrolled in Warrior Shield, university officials can quickly pass on safety-related information, regardless of your location.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Overview and description

Examine students in learner centered schools. Study lesson planning, learning styles and strengths of diverse learners, learner-centered instructions, instructional strategies, lesson plans, TEKS educational equality, and the professional standards of educators. Technology lab and documentation of field experiences are required. Certification Fee - \$150.

Course Objective or Goal

Student Learning Outcomes

Outcome 1: Texas has a learner-centered vision for schools. The students will:

1. Assess the social, physical, and emotional needs of learners as related to instruction and student success.
2. Develop an action plan for family involvement in schools and classrooms.
3. Analyze student backgrounds and study the impact of SES and culture on school success.
4. Analyze the climate, teacher behaviors, and student behaviors in a learner-centered classroom compared to traditional educational contexts.
5. Develop a personal philosophy of education.

Outcome 2: Effective teachers must know their students and use a variety of strategies to meet the needs of all learners. The students will:

1. Analyze the characteristics and instructional needs of students with varied backgrounds, skills, interests, and learning needs.
2. Analyze different approaches to learning that students may exhibit and what motivates students to become active, engaged learners. Students will focus on using best practices.
3. Explain the importance of creating a learning environment in which diversity and the individual differences of student, faculty, and staff are respected, celebrated, and used to foster academic success and identity development.
4. Analyze the impact of teacher-student interactions and interactions among students on the classroom climate and student learning and development.
5. Evaluate methods to establish a positive classroom climate that will foster active engagement in learning among students.
6. Align TEKS, goals, and Objectives.

Outcome 3: Effective teachers are professionals and engage in thoughtful ongoing reflection of their professional practice: The student will:

1. Develop and practice professional vocabulary (academic language) related to principles of teaching and learning.
2. Reflect on their own learning using metacognitive strategies. Translate those strategies to possible teaching methodologies.
3. Set high expectations for themselves as teachers and learners.
4. Practice ethical standards related to the teaching profession.
5. Communicate effectively advocating for future students and self.

Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)

PPR Standard 1

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

Borich, G. D. (2017). *Effective teaching methods: research-based practice*. 9th Ed. Boston: Prentice Hall.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course Requirements:

Community Building Activity	SLO (Outcome 1)	5 points
PPR I Standards Chart	SLO (Certification)	10 points
Lesson Cycle Concept Map	SLO (Outcome 2)	10 points
Lesson Plan 1	SLO (Outcome 2)	10 points
Lesson Plan 1 presentation	SLO (Outcome 2)	10 points
Lesson Plan 2	SLO (Outcome 2)	10 points
Lesson Plan 2 presentation	SLO (Outcome 2)	10 points
Field Experience (11 hours) Time Log	SLO (Outcome 3)	20 points
Field Journal (DAP)	SLO (Outcome 3)	25 points

**Students are unable to receive an "A" if they receive a zero on any assignment.*

***Field Log and Journal:* Each student will complete a minimum of 11 hours of documented student/child centered service during this semester. To document these field experiences, please use the Field Experiences Documentation Log in Canvas. In addition to documentation of the 11 hours, each student will write a 5-page observation reflection on "Lessons Learned from Field Experiences". Students will maintain reflective field notes as a basis for the summative, reflective paper. Failure to complete the required hours will result in a fail in the course. A student who incorrectly completes the field experience component will fail the course.

****Students will be applying for the Teacher Education Program during PDI. It is the expectation that all lower division courses and pre-requisites be completed no later than the end of this course.*

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

Grades will be assigned at the end of the semester on the following basis:

A = 100-90 points

B = 89-80 points

C = 79-70 points

D = 69-60 points

F = 59-0 points

Posting of Grades

Grades will be posted on the Canvas Grade book where students can monitor their status. Turn-around time for grades to be posted are within 2 weeks. Larger projects may take more time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me or come by my office.

Grading Policies

All assignments must be submitted on time to receive full credit. Any late assignment submitted will have an automatic 25% deduction or not accepted per the instructor's decision. Note: Arrangements in exceptional circumstances (hospitalization, catastrophe, etc.) are the responsibility of the student. This means you must meet with the instructor to discuss the situation and provide documentation. If you are having technology difficulties, email the assignment to yourself and print in the library. Paper copies and/or Canvas copies of assignments are necessary to receive a grade.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

Date	Topic	Assignment(s) Due [all assignments due on Canvas (11:59pm) on Friday after class]
1-13-19	Getting to know you, Syllabus, PPR Overview, Community Activity	Community Building Activity
1-20-19	MLK Holiday	PPR I Standards Chart
1-27-19	The Effective Teacher	
2-3-19	Understanding your Students	
2-10-19	Online Day	
2-17-19	Establishing the Learning Climate	Concept Map (Bring to Class)
2-24-19	Promoting Student Engagement	
3-2-19	Goals, Standards, Objectives	
3-9-19	Spring Break	Spring Break
3-16-19	Unit and Lesson Planning	
3-23-19	Technology Integration	Lesson Plan 1 Lesson Plan 1 Presentation
3-30-19	Questioning Strategies	
4-6-18	Direct Instruction	
4-13-19	Indirect Instruction	
4-20-19	Self-Directed Learning	Lesson Plan 2 Lesson Plan 2 Presentation
4-27-19	Cooperative Learning	Field Experience Log
5-4-19	Assessing Learners	Field Experience Reflection

Important University Dates

<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome or Firefox browsers. Canvas no longer supports any version of Internet Explorer.

Logon to A&M-Central Texas Canvas [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>] or access Canvas through the TAMUCT Online link in myCT [<https://tamuct.onecampus.com/>]. You will log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password
This course will also utilize Microsoft Office applications and videos.

Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help link, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can select “Chat with Canvas Support,” submit a support request through “Report a Problem,” or call the Canvas support line: 1-844-757-0953.

For issues related to course content and requirements, contact your instructor.

Other Technology Support

For log-in problems, students should contact Help Desk Central
24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Email: helpdesk@tamu.edu

Phone: (254) 519-5466

[Web Chat](http://hdc.tamu.edu): [<http://hdc.tamu.edu>]

Please let the support technician know you are an A&M-Central Texas student.

UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES

Drop Policy

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete a [Drop Request Form](https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf) [https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/docs/Drop_Request_Form.pdf].

Professors cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Registrar’s Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed, signed and returned. Once you return the signed form to the Registrar’s Office, you must go into Warrior Web and confirm that you are no longer enrolled. If you still show as enrolled, FOLLOW-UP with the Registrar’s Office immediately. You are to attend class until the procedure is complete to avoid penalty for absence. Should you miss the drop deadline or fail to follow the procedure, you will receive an F in the course, which may affect your financial aid and/or VA educational benefits.

Academic Integrity

Texas A&M University -Central Texas values the integrity of the academic enterprise and strives for the highest standards of academic conduct. A&M-Central Texas expects its students, faculty, and staff to support the adherence to high standards of personal and scholarly conduct to preserve the honor and integrity of the creative community. Academic integrity is defined as a commitment to honesty, trust, fairness, respect, and responsibility. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. Academic misconduct is any act that improperly affects a true and honest evaluation of a student’s academic performance and includes, but is not limited to, working with others in an unauthorized manner, cheating on an examination or other academic work,

plagiarism and improper citation of sources, using another student's work, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the university's Office of Student Conduct. Ignorance of the university's standards and expectations is never an excuse to act with a lack of integrity. When in doubt on collaboration, citation, or any issue, please contact your instructor before taking a course of action.

For more [information regarding the Student Conduct process](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html), [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-conduct.html].

If you know of potential honor violations by other students, you may [submit a report](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0), [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=0].

Academic Accommodations

At Texas A&M University-Central Texas, we value an inclusive learning environment where every student has an equal chance to succeed and has the right to a barrier-free education. The Office of Access and Inclusion is responsible for ensuring that students with a disability receive equal access to the university's programs, services and activities. If you believe you have a disability requiring reasonable accommodations please contact the Office of Access and Inclusion, WH-212; or call (254) 501-5836. Any information you provide is private and confidential and will be treated as such.

For more information please visit our [Access & Inclusion](https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717) Canvas page (log-in required) [https://tamuct.instructure.com/courses/717]

Important information for Pregnant and/or Parenting Students

Texas A&M University-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights, the Dean of Student Affairs' Office can assist students who are pregnant and/or parenting in seeking accommodations related to pregnancy and/or parenting. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/index.html]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf) online, please visit the website [http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.pdf].

Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex and gender—including pregnancy, parenting, and all related conditions. A&M-Central Texas is able to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to pregnant and parenting students. All pregnant and parenting students should contact the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs at (254) 501-5909 to seek out assistance. Students may also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both on-campus and online. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Tutors are available at the Tutoring Center in Warrior Hall, Suite 111. Tutor.com tutoring **will not offer writing support** beginning August 1, 2019,

but will continue to offer other tutoring support.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, or have any other question, contact Academic Support Programs at (254) 501-5836, visit the Office of Student Success at 212F Warrior Hall, or by emailing studentsuccess@tamuct.edu .

Chat live with a tutor 24/7 for almost any subject from on your computer! Tutor.com is an online tutoring platform that enables A&M-Central Texas students to log in and receive online tutoring support at no additional cost. This tool provides tutoring in over 40 subject areas. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center

Located in Warrior Hall 416, the University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free workspace open to all TAMUCT students from 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours in the University Library Monday thru Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. This semester, the UWC is also offering online only hours from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Saturdays.

Tutors are prepared to help writers of all levels and abilities at any stage of the writing process. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. By providing a practice audience for students' ideas and writing, our tutors highlight the ways in which they read and interpret students' texts, offering guidance and support throughout the various stages of the writing process. In addition, students may work independently in the UWC by checking out a laptop that runs the Microsoft Office suite and connects to WIFI, or by consulting our resources on writing, including all of the relevant style guides. Whether you need help brainstorming ideas, organizing an essay, proofreading, understanding proper citation practices, or just want a quiet place to work, the UWC is here to help!

Students may arrange a one-to-one session with a trained and experienced writing tutor by visiting the UWC during normal operating hours (both half-hour and hour sessions are available) or by making an appointment via [WCOonline](https://tamuct.mywconline.com/) [https://tamuct.mywconline.com/]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu if you have any questions about the UWC and/or need any assistance with scheduling.

University Library

The University Library provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 200 electronic databases containing approximately 250,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 85,000 items in our print collection, which can be mailed to students who live more than 50 miles from campus. Research guides for each subject taught at A&M-Central Texas are available through our website to help students navigate these resources. On campus, the library offers technology including cameras, laptops, microphones, webcams, and digital sound recorders.

Research assistance from a librarian is also available 24 hours a day through our online chat

service, and at the reference desk when the library is open. Research sessions can be scheduled for more comprehensive assistance, and may take place on Skype or in-person at the library. Assistance may cover many topics, including how to find articles in peer-reviewed journals, how to cite resources, and how to piece together research for written assignments.

Our 27,000-square-foot facility on the A&M-Central Texas main campus includes student lounges, private study rooms, group work spaces, computer labs, family areas suitable for all ages, and many other features. Services such as interlibrary loan, TexShare, binding, and laminating are available. The library frequently offers workshops, tours, readings, and other events. For more information, please visit our [Library website](http://tamuct.libguides.com/index) [http://tamuct.libguides.com/index].

OPTIONAL POLICY STATEMENTS

A Note about Sexual Violence at A&M-Central Texas

Sexual violence is a serious safety, social justice, and public health issue. The university offers support for anyone struggling with these issues. University faculty are mandated reporters, so if someone discloses that they were sexually assaulted (or a victim of Domestic/Dating Violence or Stalking) while a student at TAMUCT, faculty members are required to inform the Title IX Office. If you want to discuss any of these issues confidentially, you can do so through Student Counseling (254-501-5955) located on the second floor of Warrior Hall (207L).

Sexual violence can occur on our campus because predators often feel emboldened, and victims often feel silenced or shamed. It is incumbent on ALL of us to find ways to actively create environments that tell predators we don't agree with their behaviors and tell survivors we will support them. Your actions matter. Don't be a bystander; be an agent of change. For additional information on campus policy and resources visit the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php) [https://www.tamuct.edu/departments/compliance/titleix.php].

Behavioral Intervention

Texas A&M University-Central Texas cares about the safety, health, and well-being of its students, faculty, staff, and community. If you are aware of individuals for whom you have a concern, who are exhibiting concerning behaviors, or individuals causing a significant disruption to our community, please make a referral to the Behavioral Intervention Team. Referring your concern shows you care. You can complete the [referral](https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2) online [https://cm.maxient.com/reportingform.php?TAMUCentralTexas&layout_id=2].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html) website for more information [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/bat.html]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5800.

OTHER POLICIES

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