

EDUC 3370, Instructional Strategies CRN 60279
Summer, 2021
Texas A&M University-Central Texas

COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION

June, 7th 2021 – July 9th, 2021

This is a hybrid course, with some virtual meetings using the A&M-Central Texas Canvas Learning Management System [<https://tamuct.instructure.com/>], and at least one face-to-face campus visit to take the representative exam.

INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION

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Student-instructor interaction You can meet with me during scheduled office hours or by appointment (either in-person or virtually). Often, multiple students ask the same questions via email. In these instances, I typically respond through canvas in an announcement to clarify concerns for the entire class.

I will get back to emails within 24 hours. I will usually respond to text messages or phone calls immediately. If I am in a meeting or engaged, I will respond the same day. Whether texting or leaving a voice mail, please tell me your name (text) and which class you are taking. Please do not hesitate to text my cell number if you are stressed about an assignment or if anything is unclear. Just begin the text with your name and the class.

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

This course addresses understanding, demonstrating knowledge of, and implementing effective instructional strategies. Students will learn how to communicate effective instructional strategies; how to create student engagement in the classroom through instructional strategies; how to select appropriate materials and resources to design and develop effective instructional strategies; and, promote students' use of feedback, grouping techniques, and other effective instructional strategies.

Prerequisite: Admission to teacher education program.

Overview: Topics include the effective instructional strategies, including use of feedback, grouping techniques, and other effective instructional strategies.

Course Objective or Goal

Upon completion of this course students will understand and be able to implement effective instructional strategies in the classroom. These include: use of feedback, grouping techniques, and other effective instructional strategies.

Upon successful completion of this course, the pre-service teacher will:

- Know how to use instructional strategies to promote student engagement
- Know how to effectively communicate instructional strategies
- Know how to implement effective instructional strategies, such as leading discussions
- Know how to implement effective feedback strategies
- Know how to use resources and materials to create effective instructional strategies

This course will focus on **High Leverage Practice #1**, with the intention of **expanding** preservice teacher candidates' use and awareness of the strategy:

Eliciting and interpreting student thinking: Teachers pose questions that create space for students to share their thinking about specific academic content. They seek to understand student thinking, including novel points of view, new ideas, ways of thinking, or alternative conceptions. Teachers draw out student thinking through carefully chosen questions and tasks and attend closely to what students do and say. They consider and check alternative interpretations of student ideas and methods. Teachers are attentive to how students might hear their questions and to how students communicate their own thinking. Teachers use what they learn about students to guide instructional decisions, and to surface ideas that will benefit other students. By eliciting and interpreting student thinking, the teacher positions students as sense-makers and centers their thinking as valuable.

Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs)

The learner will be able to:

1. use effective communication techniques, including questioning and discussion

techniques, to foster active student inquiry, higher-order thinking, problem solving, and productive, supportive interactions

2. apply skills for leading discussions that engage all students in exploring important questions and that extend students' knowledge.
3. create activities and assignments that are appropriate for students and that actively engage them in the learning process
4. select and use instructional materials, resources, and technologies that are suitable for instructional goals and that engage students cognitively.
5. encourage students' self-motivation and active engagement in learning.
6. promote students' ability to use feedback to guide and enhance their learning and base feedback on high expectations for student learning.
7. use effective approaches to address varied student learning needs and preferences
8. use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach skills
9. select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement, and engage students in learning
10. use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and meet instructional goals and objectives

Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards)

-- Please see the PPR EC-12 Standards at the following website:

<https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/PPR%20EC-12%20Standards.pdf>

Required Reading and Textbook(s)

Marzano, R. J. (2017). *The New Art and Science of Teaching*. Solution Tree Press: Bloomington, IN.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS):

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/curriculum-standards/teks/texas-essential-knowledge-and-skills>

College and Career Readiness Standards (CCRS):

<http://www.highered.texas.gov/institutional-resources-programs/public-community-technical-state-colleges/texas-college-and-career-readiness-standards/>

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

* See assignment handouts for specific rubric and conversion details.

1. Exit Slips-Four @ 5 pts each (20 pts): Using information in Canvas for each assignment, complete the assignment. Refer to the rubric in Canvas to determine all required components.

2. Discussion Posts-Four @ 5 pts each (20 pts): Using information in Canvas for each assignment, complete the assignment. Refer to the rubric in Canvas to determine all required components.

3. Strategy Assignment: Lesson Plan Creation and Reflection (40 pts): Use the assignment in canvas to complete this lesson.

4. Reflections on Observations (45 pts): You will be assigned videos to observe teachers conducting lessons. You will write a reflection on each lesson using information in Canvas for

each assignment, complete the assignment. Refer to the rubric in Canvas to determine all required components.

5. 240 Tutoring (25 pts): This will help you prepare for the representative exam.

6. Certify Teacher (10 pts total): Required for EPP application. Score of 80% or greater on each certification area. Can be taken multiple times.

7. Accuplacer (5 pts): Required for EPP application. Must be taken at a testing center.

Assessment	Total Points	SLO
1. Exit-Slips Four @ 5 pts each	20	1, 2, 3, 5
2. Discussion Posts Four @ 5 pts each	20	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
3. Strategy Assignment: Lesson Plan Creation and Reflection	40 pts	3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10
4. Reflections on Observations Three @ 15 pts each	45 pts	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10
5. 240 Tutoring	25 pts	TE _x ES
6. Certify Teacher Account	5 pts	App to EPP
7. Certify Teacher Completed Exam(s)	5 pts	App to EPP
8. Accuplacer	5 pts	App to EPP
Total	165 pts	

Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

See assignment handouts for specific rubric and conversion details.

Grade	Percentage
A	90% – 100%
B	80% – 89%
C	70% – 79%
D	60% – 69%
F	< 60%

Posting of Grades

All assignments will be graded, and grades posted, in a timely manner, typically within one to three days of due date. Longer assignments, such as the papers and projects, will be graded and grades posted in approximately five to seven days.

The student may lose 10% of the total grade for any assignment for *each week* the assignment is late.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR

Complete Course Calendar

*****The instructor reserves the right to modify assignments and due dates to enhance student learning outcomes. Assignments may be altered/modified/changed, but no additional assignments will be added.**

Date	Module Topics	Assignment Due Dates
Module 1 June 6-13	Topics: Assessment-formal and informal Theorists of the week: Piaget and Vygotsky Webex Meeting June 7 th @ 6:00 pm.	Discussion--Start Here 1: due 6/9 @ 11:59 pm. Certify Teacher Screenshot: due 6/9 @ 11:59 pm. Discussion 1 due: 6/11@11:59pm. Exit Slip 1 due: 6/12@11:59pm. 240 Diagnostic Test: Science due: 6/13@11:59pm.
Module 2 June 14-17	Topics: Instructional Strategies-Jigsaw and Jigsaw II, Reciprocal Teaching Theorists of the week: Gardner and Skinner	Discussion 2 due 6/15@11:59. Exit Slip 2 due: 6/16@11:59. 240 Diagnostic Test: Mathematics due: 6/17@11:59pm.
Module 3 June 18-21	Topics: Behavior in the classroom, planning effective lessons, and promoting a positive classroom environment. Theorists of the week: Maslow and Bronfenbrenner	Discussion 3 due 6/13@11:59pm. Exit Slip 3 due 6/20@11:59pm. 240 Diagnostic Test 3: Social Studies due: June 21@11:59pm.
Module 4 June 22-25	Topics: Motivation-students and motivation, readers' theater, Theorists of the week: Vroom, Theory of the Week: Self-efficacy	Discussion 4 due 6/23@11:59. Exit Slip 4 due 6/24@11:59. Certify Teacher @80% on all sections in your certification area. Reflection 1 due: June 21@11:59pm. Accuplacer due 6/25 @11:59pm. EPP Interviews June 23
Module 5 June 26-29	Topics: Special education, classroom set-up and rules, and direct instruction. Laws and Education: IDEA, ESSA, ADA, 504	Reflection 2 due: June 27@ 11:59 pm. EPP Application due June 28-Upload Email Confirmation from Ms. Cummings
Module 6 June 30-July 2	Topics: Professional development, collaborative learning groups, Theorists of the week: Erikson and Piaget	240 Diagnostic Test: ELAR due: due 6/30@11:59. Reflection 2 due: July 1 @ 11:59pm. Double check that you have completed all required application materials for EPP.

Module 7 July 3-6	Topics: Professional development, collaborative learning groups, metacognitive strategies, Philosophies of education Theorists of the week: Watson, Dewey, Bloom	240 Diagnostic Test: Fine Arts due: Reflection 3 due: July 5 @11:59pm.
Module 8 July 7-9	Catch up on everything!	Representative Exam on campus last week TBD.

Important University Dates

See academic calendar for important university dates:
<https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

This class will be primarily online. Access to the internet, a computer with a video camera (optional) and microphone, and the capacity to use an online learning platform to support learning are required. If you need assistance with any of these, contact TAMUCT IT.

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

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.

Online Proctored Testing

A&M-Central Texas uses Proctorio for online identity verification and proctored testing. This service is provided at no direct cost to students. If the course requires identity verification or proctored testing, the technology requirements are: Any computer meeting the minimum computing requirements, plus web camera, speaker, and microphone (or headset). Proctorio also

requires the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in.

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 the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[<https://dynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com/casAuthentication.ashx?InstID=eaed95b9-f2be-45f3-a37d-46928168bc10&targetUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fdynamicforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2FSubmit%2FForm%2FStart%2F53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty 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. Once you submit the completed 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. Any deviation by students from this expectation may result in a failing grade for the assignment and potentially a failing grade for the course. All academic misconduct concerns will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. 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>].

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].

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](#) 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/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html>]. Students may also contact the institution's Title IX Coordinator. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](#) 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, on a remote online basis. Visit the Academic Support Community in Canvas to view schedules and contact information. Subjects tutored on campus include Accounting, Advanced Math, Biology, Finance, Statistics, Mathematics, and Study Skills. Student success coaching is available online upon request.

If you have a question regarding tutor schedules, need to schedule a tutoring session, are interested in becoming a tutor, success coaching, 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 except writing support. Access Tutor.com through Canvas.

University Writing Center

University Writing Center: The University Writing Center (UWC) at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMUCT) is a free service open to all TAMUCT students. For the Spring 2021 semester, all services will be online as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday with satellite hours Monday thru

Thursday from 6:00-9:00 p.m. The UWC is also offering 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. 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. While tutors will not write, edit, or grade papers, they will assist students in developing more effective composing practices. 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 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 400,000 eBooks and 82,000 journals, in addition to the 96,000 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 virtually through WebEx, Microsoft Teams 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].

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 Wellness and 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/compliance/titleix.html) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html>].

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, 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

Please contact me immediately if your success in this course is at risk.

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