

**EDUC 3371-115, 80610, Educational Technology and Assessment**  
**Texas A&M University-Central Texas**  
**Summer, 2023**

**COURSE DATES, MODALITY, AND LOCATION**

This course will run from Jun 05, 2023 - Jul 28, 2023, but the course is a blended hybrid, with at least 50% of the course being online, with some synchronous meetings.

\*\*\*On June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 28<sup>th</sup>, class will be online asynchronous.

**Face-to-face day and time:** Wednesdays from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

**Face-to-face location:** Warrior Hall 304

**Eight Week Course:** Jun 05, 2023 - Jul 28, 2023

**INSTRUCTOR AND CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**Office Hours**

Virtual by appointment-schedule via email

In person: Wednesday 12-1:30. 4:30-5:00

**Student-instructor interaction**

You can meet with me by appointment (either in-person or virtually). I will try to respond 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.

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

**SAFEZONE.** SafeZone provides a public safety application that gives you the ability to call for help with the push of a button. It also provides Texas A&M University-Central Texas the ability to communicate emergency information quickly via push notifications, email, and text messages. All students automatically receive email and text messages via their myCT accounts.

Downloading SafeZone allows access to push notifications and enables you to connect directly for help through the app.

You can download SafeZone from the app store and use your myCT credentials to log in. If you would like more information, you can visit the [SafeZone](http://www.safezoneapp.com) website [www.safezoneapp.com].

To register SafeZone on your phone, please follow these 3 easy steps:

1. Download the SafeZone App from your phone store using the link below:
  - o [iPhone/iPad](https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756): [https://apps.apple.com/app/safezone/id533054756]

- [Android Phone / Tablet](#)  
[<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.criticalarc.safezoneapp>]
- 2. Launch the app and enter your myCT email address (e.g. {name}@tamuct.edu)
- 3. Complete your profile and accept the terms of service

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**[<https://www.tamuct.edu/covid19/>]**

### **Course Information**

**Catalogue Course Description:** This course is designed to develop the capacity of preservice educators to plan, organize, deliver, and assess instruction for diverse learners through the effective use and integration of current and innovative educational technology to enhance academic outcomes for K-12 students. Use of technology for ethical and professional communication with colleagues, community, and students. 3 Credit Hours.

**Prerequisite(s):** N/A

**\*\*\*This course has been designated as a Service-Learning Course (see information in SLOs)**

**Definition:** A course-based, credit-bearing, educational experience in which students learn to relate theory to practice by participating in an organized service activity that meets identified community needs and then by reflecting upon the service activity in such ways as to meet instructional objectives and gain a broader appreciation for the discipline and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility.

#### **Service Learning:**

You will learn to relate theory to practice by participating in an organized service activity at Oak Creek Academy. This will meet an identified community need; and before, during, and after engaging in activities to support the needs of the organization, you will reflect on service-learning with the hope that you have gained a broader appreciation of differentiated education, insight into community needs, and an enhanced sense of civic responsibility.

#### **Service-Learning Course Criteria:**

1. Service-learning is integrated within course content and supports its educational technology academic focus, with a **minimum of 10 hours of direct service or project-based community engagement** by each student in the course.
2. Students are involved in engagement of value to the community, as evidenced by collaboration with students, faculty, and/or staff at Oak Creek Academy.
3. Three structured opportunities for guided reflection.

#### **Course Objective:**

After completing this coursework, the student will make effective educational decisions that support the creation of dynamic learning environments that incorporate technology. The student will demonstrate effective practices in developing assessments and using data from assessments to make informed instructional decisions.

#### **Student Learning Outcomes:**

1. Design instruction, based on continuous and appropriate assessment, to enhance academic outcomes for diverse learners.
2. Utilize technology ethically and legally to promote and model digital citizenship and responsibility.
3. Explain ISTE Standards and apply them to real teaching situations through lesson planning.
4. Compare and contrast social, ethical, and legal issues surrounding technology, including cyber-bullying, distance education, online communication, social media platforms, and online learning environments.

5. Identify, describe, and apply emerging technologies in teaching and learning environments.
6. Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, and skills of digital literacy and digital citizenship.
7. Explain the concept of flipped classroom and apply its elements to a real situation.

The above Course Learning Objectives are based on ISTE Standards for Educators (2017).

**Required Textbook/Reading:**

This course does not require that you purchase any textbooks. All materials will be available online on Canvas.

**Suggested supplemental text:**

Popham, W. J., *Classroom Assessment: What teachers need to know*

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS (look for detailed rubrics for all these assignments on Canvas)**

***Sample assignments (including service-learning)***

**Pre-Course Activities (10 pts)** Prior to and after reading posted articles, take a pre and post survey. Submit screenshot in canvas.

1. Brief Pre-Survey (2 parts)
2. Brief Post-Survey (2 parts)

**Discussion Boards (40 pts)**

Four discussion boards on the topics below. You will read the assigned article and respond in the discussion board, analyzing the article and applying it to the theme of the discussion (8 pts). Respond to two peer posts (2 pts).

1. Flipped classrooms
2. Distance education
3. Digital citizenship
4. Teachers and Technology

**Service Learning (60 pts-three@20 pts. each)**

You will write three reflections. The first reflection will be written prior to your first visit to Oak Creek Academy. The second reflection will be written after you have been once. The final reflection will be completed after you have finished your 10 hours and the digital assignment tied to Oak Creek Academy. Each reflection will have different criteria (see rubrics).

**Assessment Quizzes (4@10 pts each)**

**Digital portfolio (60 pts.)**

Using Google Sites every student will create his/her digital portfolio. Your digital portfolio is where you compile some of the content you create during this semester. You need to start working on this assignment right from the beginning of the semester. Your digital portfolio must contain *at least the following pages*:

1. Home page
2. About me page
3. Teaching philosophy page
4. Technology integration page
5. ISTE standards for Educators and Students reflection page

**Do not forget to refer to the rubric for this assignment for specific requirements on the above five pages.**

Once your digital portfolio (Google Site) is complete at the end of the semester, you need to share your digital portfolio through TK20 with a designated person, Dr. Hooten, in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Below is the instruction from Dr. Hooten to share your digital portfolio:

“In the students 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week binder there is a tab that allows for the uploading of the certificates and extra documents. This is where the student will upload the “link” to their technology portfolio. A simple pdf document, maybe with a cover page and then the link is all that is needed.”

**Projects (60 pts. total)** You will complete three projects during this semester.

3. Project (20 pts)-tied to the needs of the community organization and service-learning.
4. Roamer (20 pts)-tied to educational technology. You will write a lesson that incorporates a Roamer floor-robot into instruction.
5. VR Worlds (20 pts)-tied to educational technology. You will write a 2-3 page paper that describes how VR worlds might be incorporated into instruction.

Detailed instructions and rubrics on these projects can be found in course modules.

**Assessment Development Project** (75 pts.) Each student will develop 25 ORIGINAL multiple question types (10 T/F, 10 M/C, 2 matching, 2 S/A, and 1 Essay) for assigned objectives/TEKS (50 pts). Students will design instruction for diverse students based on relevant assessment (15 pts). Students will differentiate instruction based on assessment (10 pts).

### Grading Criteria Rubric and Conversion

<b>Pre-course activities</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Class Participation (exit slips-6@10 pts)</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Discussion boards (4@10 points each)</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Service Learning Reflections</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Assessment Quizzes</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Digital portfolio</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Projects (publisher, roamer, VR)</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Assessment project</b>	<b>75</b>
<b>Total points</b>	<b>405</b>

### Digital Polarization Tutorials :

1. Introduction to Web Literacy: <http://tamuct.libsurveys.com/WebLiteracyIntroduction>
2. Investigate the Source: <http://tamuct.libsurveys.com/InvestigateSource>
3. Find the Original Source: <http://tamuct.libsurveys.com/FindOriginal>
4. Look for Trusted Work <http://tamuct.libsurveys.com/TrustedWork>

- Student learning outcomes (SLOs) are listed above.
- Rubrics for all assignments will be available in Canvas.
- Grades for papers/written assignments will be assigned based on student’s work and grade will align with rubric guidelines.

**COURSE OUTLINE AND CALENDAR**  
**Complete Course Calendar**

**Sample schedule**

Date	Topics	Assessments Due
Module 1 Week 1	Digital Portfolio Service Learning	<b>Module based: OUT of CLASS Asynchronous Activities (June 7)</b>  Pre-Activities Surveys due 6/11 @ 11:59. Service-learning Pre-Reflection Due 6/11 @ 11:59 pm. Initial link to ePortfolio due 6/11 @ 11:59 pm.  Discussion 1 (Flipped Classrooms) due 6/11 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 2 Week 2	Oak Creek Academy VR, Thymio, Roamer	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b>  ePortfolio introduction due 6/18 @ 11:59 pm. Assessment Quiz 1 due 6/18 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 3 Week 3	Digital Portfolio	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b>  Project 1: Roamer LP due 6/25 @ 11:59 pm. Discussion 2 (Distance Ed) due 6/25 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 4 Week 4	Oak Creek Academy	<b>Module based: OUT of CLASS Asynchronous Activities (June 28)</b> ePortfolio ISTE standards page due 7/2 @ 11:59 pm. Assessment Quiz 2 due 7/2 @ 11:59 pm. Discussion 3 (Digital Citizenship) due 7/2 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 5 Week 5	Digital Portfolio Oak Creek Academy	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b> Service-learning Reflection 2 due on 7/9 @ 11:59. ePortfolio Technology Integration page due 7/9 @ 11:59 pm. Assessment Quiz 3 due 7/9 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 6 Week 6	VR Oak Creek Academy	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b> Project 2: VR Paper due on 7/16 @ 11:59 ePortfolio Philosophy of Education page due 7/16 @ 11:59 pm. Discussion 4 due 7/16 @ 11:59 pm
Module 7 Week 7	Publisher Digital Portfolio Oak Creek Academy	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b> Project 3: Publisher file due in Canvas on 7/23 @ 11:59. ePortfolio website (all components) due 7/23 @ 11:59 pm.
Module 8 Week 8	Oak Creek Academy	<b>In-class Meeting: Class 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Wed., Warrior Hall 304</b> Service-learning Reflection 3 due 7/26 @ 11:59 Assessment Quiz 4 due 7/26 @ 11:59

## 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.

**Important University Dates (including add/drop/holiday etc.)** <https://www.tamuct.edu/registrar/academic-calendar.html>

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPORT

You will need access to Canvas to complete modules during weeks when class will not meet. You will also need to upload assignments to Canvas as needed.

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system.

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

### Technology Requirements

This course will use the A&M-Central Texas Instructure Canvas learning management system. We strongly recommend the latest versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari browsers. Canvas will run on Windows, Mac, Linus, iOS, android, or any other device with a modern web browser. **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/>] by clicking on the “TAMUCT Online Canvas” tile. You will then log in through our Microsoft portal.

Username: Your MyCT email address. Password: Your MyCT password

### Canvas Support

Use the Canvas Help tab, located at the bottom of the left-hand menu, for issues with Canvas. You can search the support articles or use the Email, Call, or Chat buttons at the bottom of the support pop-up to contact the Canvas Help Desk.

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 requires use of the Chrome web browser with their custom plug in installed.

### 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](mailto: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.*

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## **UNIVERSITY RESOURCES, PROCEDURES, AND GUIDELINES**

### **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 Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity 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>]

### **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 referral](#), [<https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas>].

### **Drop Policy**

If you discover that you need to drop this class, you must complete the [Drop Request](#) Dynamic Form through Warrior Web.

[<https://federation.ngwebsolutions.com/sp/startSSO.ping?PartnerIdpId=https://eis-prod.ec.tamuct.edu:443/samlso&SpSessionAuthnAdapterId=tamuctDF&TargetResource=https%3a%2f%2fdynamiforms.ngwebsolutions.com%2fSubmit%2fStart%2f53b8369e-0502-4f36-be43-f02a4202f612>].

Faculty cannot drop students; this is always the responsibility of the student. The Records and Admissions Office will provide a deadline on the Academic Calendar for which the form must be completed. Once you submit the completed form to the Records and Admissions 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 Records and Admissions 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.

### **Pregnant and/or Parenting Students Rights and Accommodations**

A&M-Central Texas supports students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting. In accordance with requirements of [Title IX and related guidance from US Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights](#), the Associate Dean in the Division of Student Affairs, (254) 501-5909, can assist students who are pregnant, experiencing pregnancy-related conditions, and/or parenting by provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodations. Students should seek out assistance as early in the pregnancy as possible through the [Pregnancy & Parenting webpage](#) [<https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and->

parenting-students.html]. For more information, please visit [Student Affairs](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/pregnant-and-parenting-students.html]. If you would like to read more about these [requirements and guidelines](https://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](https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.html) specifically prohibits discrimination against a student based on pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, or recovery from any of these conditions [https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/pregnancy.html].

Students experiencing any form of discrimination due to any of these conditions are encouraged to reach out to the Title IX Coordinator, 254.519.5716, [titleix@tamuct.edu](mailto:titleix@tamuct.edu), Founders Hall 317B, or the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 254.501.5909, Warrior Hall 105.

### **Title IX Rights and Reporting Responsibilities**

A&M-Central Texas is committed to creating a safe and open learning environment for all students. If you or another student has experienced any form of gender discrimination or sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating/domestic violence, and/or sex-based stalking, help and support are available. Our university strongly encourages all members of our campus community to report incidents and seek support for gender discrimination and sexual misconduct through the Title IX Office. You may contact the Title IX Office at 254.519.5716, [titleix@tamuct.edu](mailto:titleix@tamuct.edu), Founders Hall 317B, or learn more by visiting the [Title IX webpage](https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html) [https://www.tamuct.edu/compliance/titleix.html].

Please be aware that that under [Title IX](https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf), [Texas Senate Bill 212](https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf), and [System Regulation 08.01.01](https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf), [https://policies.tamus.edu/08-01-01.pdf] all university employees are mandated reporters and are required to disclose information about suspected or alleged violations as listed above and defined in System Regulation 08.01.01. If the Title IX Office receives information about an incident, they will reach out to offer information about resources, rights, and procedural options as a member of the campus community. Although I have an obligation to report, you will, in most cases, control how your case will be handled. When working with the Title IX Office you will have access to resources and accommodations but also have the opportunity to express if you wish to move forward with an investigation. Our goal is to make sure you are aware of the options available to you as a student. Community members are not required to respond to this outreach.

If you or another student wishes to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact the [Student Wellness & Counseling Center](https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-counseling.html), [https://www.tamuct.edu/student-affairs/student-counseling.html], 254.501.5955, or [swacc@tamuct.edu](mailto:swacc@tamuct.edu), located in Warrior Hall Room 207L or the Student Support Advocate, 254.501.5978 or [ssa@tamuct.edu](mailto:ssa@tamuct.edu), located in founder Hall Room 317D.

### **Tutoring and Success Coaching**

Tutoring and success coaching services are available to all A&M-Central Texas students, both virtually and in-person.

To schedule tutoring sessions or view tutor availability, please contact [Warriorcenter@tamuct.edu](mailto:Warriorcenter@tamuct.edu) or visit Warrior Hall, 111.

If you have questions about these or other academic support services or are interested in becoming a tutor, please contact the Warrior Center for Student Success, Equity and Inclusion at (254) 501-5836, email us at [WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu](mailto:WarriorCenter@tamuct.edu). You are welcome to visit the Warrior Center at Warrior Hall, suite 212.

*Chat live with a remote 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 Library & Archives**

The University Library & Archives provides many services in support of research across campus and at a distance. We offer over 350 electronic databases containing approximately 631,525 eBooks and 75,149 journals, in addition to the 97,443 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. [Schedule an appointment here](#)

[<https://tamuct.libcal.com/appointments>]. 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 workspaces, 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](#) [<https://tamuct.libguides.com/index>]

## **University Writing Center**

University Writing Center: For the summer semesters, all University Writing Center (UWC) tutoring services are entirely online. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday with additional hours Monday through Thursday nights 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. 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 making an appointment via [WCOnline](#) [<https://tamuct.mywconline.com/>]. In addition, you can email Dr. Bruce Bowles Jr. at [bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu](mailto:bruce.bowles@tamuct.edu) if you have any questions about the UWC, need any assistance with scheduling, or would like to schedule a recurring appointment with your favorite tutor.

## **OTHER 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 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/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas) online [<https://cm.maxient.com/reporting.php?TAMUCentralTexas>].

Anonymous referrals are accepted. Please see the [Behavioral Intervention Team](https://www.tamuct.edu/bit) website for more information [<https://www.tamuct.edu/bit>]. If a person's behavior poses an imminent threat to you or another, contact 911 or A&M-Central Texas University Police at 254-501-5805.

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## **INSTRUCTOR POLICIES**

*Late work will be accepted. Contact Dr. Casey if you fall behind so that arrangements can be made. Points may be deducted based on circumstances.*

### **Copyright Notice**

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### **Competency Goals Statements (certification or standards):**

**Standard I: The teacher designs instruction appropriate for all students that reflects an understanding of relevant content and is based on continuous and appropriate assessment. (Domain I. Competencies 001004 Domain III. Competencies 007- 010)**

1.7k the importance of the state content and performance standards as outlined in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS);

1.8k relevant content of the discipline being taught, including concepts, principle relationships, methods of inquiry, and key issues;

1.9k the significance of the vertical alignment of content, including prerequisite knowledge and skills; 1.10k how lesson content and skills connect with other disciplines and within the discipline; and 1.11k current research on best pedagogical practices.

1.13k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that can be assessed;

1.14k the importance of developing instructional goals and objectives that are suitable for students with varied learning needs; and

1.19k the importance of designing instruction that reflects the TEKS;

- 1.20k features of instruction that maximize students' thinking skills;
- 1.21k the importance of planning lessons and structuring units so that activities progress in a logical sequence;
- 1.22k how materials, technology, and other resources may be used to support instructional goals and objectives and engage students in meaningful learning;
- 1.23k the benefits of designing instruction that integrates content across disciplines; and
- 1.24k the importance of engaging in continuous monitoring and self-assessment of instructional effectiveness.
- 1.25k the role of assessment in guiding instructional planning;
- 1.26k the importance of creating assessments that are congruent with instructional goals and objectives;
- 1.27k the characteristics, uses, advantages, and limitations of various assessment methods and strategies;
- 1.29k the benefits of and strategies for promoting student self-assessment;
- 1.30k the connection between the Texas statewide assessment program, the TEKS, and instruction; and
- 1.7s exhibit appropriate knowledge of a subject to promote student learning;
- 1.8s demonstrate awareness of common student misconceptions or likely sources of student error in relation to particular content;
- 1.9s plan instruction that reflects an understanding of important prerequisites relationships;
- 1.10s plan instruction that makes connections within the discipline and across other disciplines
- 1.11s use a variety of pedagogical techniques to convey information and teach
- 1.13s develop instructional goals and objectives that are able to be assessed;
- 1.14s develop instructional goals and objectives that reflect students' age, developmental level, prior skills and knowledge, background, and interests; and
- 1.19s plan instructional activities that progress sequentially and support stated instructional goals based on the TEKS;
- 1.20s select instructional resources that support instructional goals, enhance student achievement, and engage students in learning;
- 1.21s use varied activities and instructional groupings to engage students in instructional content and meet instructional goals and objectives;

**Standard II: The teacher creates a classroom environment of respect and rapport that fosters a positive climate for learning, equity, and excellence. (Domain II. Competencies 005-006)**

- 2.1k the importance of creating a learning environment in which diversity and individual differences are respected; 2.3k ways to establish a positive classroom climate that fosters active engagement in learning among students.
- 2.4k the importance of communicating enthusiasm for learning; and
- 2.5k the necessity of communicating teacher expectations for student learning

**Standard III: The teacher promotes student learning by providing responsive instruction that makes use of effective communication techniques, instructional strategies that actively engage students in the learning process, and timely, highquality feedback. (Domain III. Competency 007-010)**

- 3.1k the importance of clear, accurate communication in the teaching and learning process;
- 3.2k principles and strategies for communicating effectively in varied teaching and learning contexts; 3.3k spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' age, interests, and background; and
- 3.4k skills and strategies for engaging in skilled questioning and leading effective student discussions 3.5k criteria for selecting appropriate instructional activities and assignments for students with varied characteristics and needs;
- 3.6k how to present content to students in relevant and meaningful ways
- 3.7k the use of instructional materials, resources, and technologies that are appropriate and engaging for students in varied learning situations;
- 3.8k the importance of promoting students' intellectual involvement with content and their active development of understanding;

- 3.9k strategies and techniques for using instructional groupings to promote student learning;
- 3.10k different types of motivation, factors affecting student motivation, and effective motivational strategies in varied learning contexts; and
- 3.11k techniques for structuring and pacing lessons in ways that promote student engagement and learning.
- 3.12k characteristics of effective feedback for students;
- 3.13k the role of timely feedback in the learning process; and
- 3.14k how to use constructive feedback to guide each student's learning.

**Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness**

- 3.15k the significance of teacher flexibility and responsiveness in the teaching/ learning process; and 3.16k situations in which teacher flexibility can enhance student learning.
- 3.1s communicate directions, explanations, and procedures clearly, accurately, and with an appropriate level of detail, both orally and in writing;
- 3.2s use effective interpersonal skills (including both verbal and nonverbal skills) to reach students and communicate the teacher's commitment to students;
- 3.3s use spoken and written language that is appropriate to students' ages, interests, and backgrounds;
- 3.4s use effective communication techniques, including questioning and discussion techniques, to foster active student inquiry, higherorder thinking, problem solving, and productive, supportive interactions;
- 3.5s use carefully framed questions to enable students to reflect on their understanding of content and to consider new possibilities; and
- 3.6s apply skills for leading discussions that engage all students in exploring important questions and that extend students' knowledge
- 3.7s create lessons with a clearly defined structure around which activities are organized;
- 3.8s create activities and assignments that are appropriate for students and that actively engage them in the learning process
- 3.9s select and use instructional materials, resources, and technologies that are suitable for instructional goals and that engage students cognitively;
- 3.10s represent content effectively and in ways that link with students' prior knowledge and experience;
- 3.11s use flexible grouping to promote productive student interactions and enhance learning;
- 3.12s pace lessons appropriately and flexibly in response to student needs;
- 3.13s engage students intellectually by teaching meaningful content in ways that promote all students' active and invested participation in the learning process; and
- 3.14s encourage students' self-motivation and active engagement in learning.
- 3.15s use appropriate language and formats to provide each student with timely feedback that is accurate, constructive, substantive, and specific;
- 3.16s promote students' ability to use feedback to guide and enhance their learning;
- and 3.17s base feedback on high expectations for student learning.
- 3.18s respond flexibly to various situations, such as lack of student engagement in a learning activity or the occurrence of an unanticipated learning opportunity;
- 3.19s adjust instruction based on ongoing assessment of student understanding; and
- 3.20s use alternative instructional approaches to ensure that all students learn and succeed.

**Standard IV: The teacher fulfills professional roles and responsibilities and adheres to legal and ethical requirements of the profession (Domain IV. Competencies 011-013)**

- 4.1k the importance of families' involvement in their children's education; and
- 4.4k appropriate ways for working and communicating effectively with other professionals in varied educational contexts; 4.13k legal requirements for educators (e.g., those related to special education, students' and families' rights, student discipline, equity, child abuse); legal requirements for educators (e.g., those related to special education, students' and families' rights, student discipline, equity, child abuse);

- 4.14k ethical guidelines for educators in Texas (e.g., in relation to confidentiality, interactions with students and others in the school community);
- 4.15k policies and procedures in compliance with Code of Ethics and Standards Practices for Texas Educators as adopted by the State Board for Educator Certification;
- 4.1s interact appropriately with families that have diverse characteristics, backgrounds, and needs;
- 4.13s enhance content and pedagogical knowledge through a variety of activities (e.g., reading journals, joining professional associations, attending conferences, engaging in coursework);
- 4.14s use evidence of self-assessment (e.g., portfolio) to identify strengths, challenges, and potential problems; improve teaching performance; and achieve instructional goals; and
- 4.15s use appropriate resources and support systems inside and outside the school to address professional development needs.