

EDMS 5040

Teaching in the Middle School

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Meeting Times: Variable/conference format

Course Objectives: This course is designed to provide opportunities for

- explore the various roles of middle school teachers with emphasis on classroom, team, school and community issues;
- reflect on previous course work; and
- discuss issues, needs and concerns related to teaching in the middle school during induction years.

Topical Outline:

- job applications
- interview techniques
- portfolio design
- certification issues
- school law
- preplanning strategies
- first days of school
- time management
- organizational tips
- documentation strategies
- parent communication
- sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression
- identification of learning disabilities
- second language learners
- bullying
- students-in-need
- strategies for getting to know students
- service learning
- community resources
- professional development activities
- graduate school opportunities

Attendance Policy:

It is expected that students will show evidence of a sense of responsibility commensurate with being a professional. As a professional, **courtesy**, **promptness**, and **regular attendance** should be the rule. If you are going to be absent, please discuss it with the instructor prior to your absence. Missing more than thirty minutes of a class will be considered an absence. Absentees are responsible for all materials distributed or discussed. Students will be expected to sign the attendance sheet twice daily.

Academic Honesty:

The University of Georgia's policies on academic honesty (in the Undergraduate Bulletin) are strictly enforced in this class. Please familiarize yourself with these policies.

Assessment:

EDMS 5040 is graded with an A-F designation (90-100=A; 80-89=B; 70-79=C; 60-69=F). Assessment will be determined by attendance, participation, and completion of assignments.

Date/Time/Place	Sessions	Materials Needed
Wednesday, February 13th	6:30pm - 9:00pm Applications and Cover Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications • portfolio
Monday, February 25th	5:30pm - 8:30pm Job Interviews Guest Speakers: Ken Hansing, UGA Career Center Warren Burwell, Clarke Middle School Dr. Katherine Thompson, Clarke Middle School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • interview information

<p>Monday, April 8th Room 417</p>	<p>9:00am - 9:30am Introductions/Conference Agenda Questions for Special Needs Students Sound Off Sign-In Sheet Working Lunch Agenda 9:30 am - 10:00am Book Contracts 10:00am - 10:15am Break 10:15am - 10:30am EBTI/Student Teaching Evaluation 10:30am - 12:00noon First Year of Teaching Video: <i>Beginning the School Year</i> 12:00noon - 1:00pm Working Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm First Week of School 2:00pm - 2:15pm Break 2:15pm - 4:00pm Service Learning Video: <i>National Commission on Service Learning</i> Web Sites: http://www.coe.uga.edu/~epate/classes http://www.servicelearningcommission .org/ Guest Speakers: Kathryn Hoffman Emily Boggs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch and snacks • trade book
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<p>Tuesday, April 9th Room 409</p>	<p>9:00am - 9:45am Certification Issues Guest Speaker: Dr. Ed Grandpre, Director of Student Services 9:45am - 10:15am Early Experiences Guest Speaker: Dr. Nancy Vandergrift, GSTEP 10:15am - 10:30am Break 10:30am - 12:00noon Accountability Video: Frontline: <i>Testing Our Schools</i> Web Site: http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/schools/ 12:00noon - 1:00pm Working Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm Diversity Guest Speaker: Dr. Robert J. Hill, Adult Education 2:00pm - 2:15pm Break 2:15pm - 2:45pm Middle School Program Evaluation/OIT Service Survey 2:45pm - 4:00pm Professional Development Web Site: http://www.nmsa.org/</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch and snacks • trade book
<p>Wednesday, April 10th Room 430 9:00am-1:00pm Room 418 1:00pm-4:00pm Honor's Day Activities</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:30am School Law Guest Speaker: April Hammond 10:30am - 10:45am Break 10:45am - 12:00noon School Law Video: <i>Code of Ethics</i> Web Site: http://www.gapsc.com/Professionalpractices/NEthics.asp 12:00noon - 1:00pm Working Lunch with Dr. John Dayton, Educational Leadership/Professor Anne Dupre, School of Law 1:00pm - 2:30pm Parents Web Site: http://www.middleweb.com/ParnInvl.html 2:30pm - 2:45pm Break 2:45pm - 4:00pm Sharing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch and snacks • trade book • things to share
<p>Thursday,</p>	<p>9:00am - 10:45am Service Learning</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lunch and

<p>April 11th Room 409 9:00am - 12:30pm Room 412 12:30pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Project: Book Contracts 10:45am - 11:00am Break 11:00am - 12:00noon Special Needs Students Guest Speaker: Dr. Tom Clees, Special Education 12:00noon - 1:00pm Working Lunch 1:00pm - 2:00pm Sharing Book Contracts 2:00pm - 2:15pm Break 2:15pm - 3:00pm Course Discussion and Evaluation</p>	<p>snacks • trade book • folders • glue • color markers</p>
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