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**Dept. Of Curriculum and Instruction**

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**Course Syllabus**

**ED 209 Professional Accountability II Seminar Mathematics**

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Semester **FALL** Semester 2020  
Semester Credit: 3 hours  
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**I. Course Catalog Description**

This course is designed to enhance the content knowledge and skills of teacher candidates who are preparing for the Core Academic Skills for Educators: Mathematics Assessment. Specifically, the course includes interactive activities that focus on math skills, test-taking strategies, and Common Core College and career readiness skills needed to successfully prepare for a career in education.

**II. Format and Hours**

The goal of this course is to provide teacher candidates with relevant content and test-taking strategies to aid in the preparation and mastery of the Core Academic Skills for Educators Mathematics assessment. Special emphasis is placed on mathematics problem solving skills, and test-taking strategies. Students are required to engage in weekly Praxis laboratory activities.

**III. Course Objectives**

Objectives: The candidate will	Assessment Strategies	NCTM	LCET
1. Do problem Solving	A,B	1,2,4,6,7	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIA, IIIB, IIC



2. Understand numbers and number systems by studying place value and the decimal system	A,B	1,2,4,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
3. Perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers, fractions, and decimals	A	1,2,4,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
4. Use visualization in geometry and measure angles and define circles, spheres, and triangles	A,B	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
5. Study the geometry of motion and change	A,B	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
6. Calculate area and perimeter of geometrical objects	A	1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
7. Identify patterns and list sequences; and solve equations and graph functions	A,B	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
8. Quantify data by using the mean, mode, and median	A	1,2,3,4,5,6	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC
9. Define and discuss probability	A,B	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	IA1-IA5, IIA, IIB, IIC, IIIA, IIIB, IIIC

#### IV. Primary Empirical Base

A number of learning theories have been applied to the domain of mathematics. ACT has been used to develop a computer tutoring program for geometry. Repair Theory provides a detailed analysis of the cognitive process involved in subtraction. Conversation Theory served as the basis for studies in learning probability. Schoenfeld has developed a comprehensive theory of mathematical problem solving that suggests four kinds of skills are necessary to be successful in mathematics: resources, heuristics, control processes, and beliefs. Research on mathematics instruction is reported in Charles & Silver (1989), Cocking & Mestre (1988), and Grouws & Cooney (1988).

Charles, R & Silver, E. (1989). *The Teaching and Assessing of Mathematical Problem Solving*. Hillsdale, N.J.: Erlbaum.

Cocking, R. & Mestre, J. (1988). *Linguistic and Cultural Influences on Learning Mathematics*. Hillsdale, N. J.: Erlbaum.

Grouws, D. & Cooney, T. (1988). *Perspectives on Research on Effective Mathematics Teaching*. Hillsdale, N. J.: Erlbaum.

#### V. Proposed Resources and Materials

- Required Text: None



- Handouts on Math Problems & Concepts
- Required Websites

#### Online Resources for Mathematics Teachers

- 1.) Louisiana K-12 Mathematics standards  
<http://www.doe.state.la.us/DOE/asps/home.asp?l=CONTENT>
- 2.) The Math Forum  
<http://mathforum.org/library/topics/arithmetic/>
- 3.) The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
<http://www.nctm.org>
- 4.) PK-2 Resources  
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/pages/prek2.html>
- 5.) Grades 3-5 Resources  
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/pages/35.html>
- 6.) Grades 6-8 Resources  
<http://illuminations.nctm.org/pages/68.html>

#### Canvas web-enhanced activities

[www.mometric.com](http://www.mometric.com)

[www.ets.org](http://www.ets.org)

[www.kaptest.com](http://www.kaptest.com)

[www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org)

#### Assessment Strategies

- A. Knowledge and Comprehension level: traditional methods such as objective examinations (multiple choice, fill in the blank, true/false, short answer, and essay) to assess knowledge and comprehension of key ideas and terms.
- B. Application, analysis, synthesis, and evaluation level: written performance assessments of candidates work samples. (e.g., mathematics problem-solving, personal applications, critical



thinking exercises, individual and group research projects and presentations, web-based activities, field-based observations and reflective journals.

## VII. Grading Scale

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
Below 60	F

## VIII. Grading Procedures

There will be two practice 100-pt exams, and 10 homework assignments @ 100 pts each.

PRACTICE EXAM 1: 100

PRACTICE EXAM 2: 100

HW AVERAGE: 100

ATTENDANCE: 100

1 \*Average=EXAM +EXAM 2 +HW AVG +ATTENDANCE

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\*Grade: Compare average to Grading Scale above

## IX. Weekly Homework Assignments and Exam Dates

- **DIAGNOSTIC EXAM**
- **HW #1:** Rational number operations
- **HW #2:** Ratios and proportion
- **HW #3:** Percentages
- **PRACTICE EXAM #1:**
- **HW #4:** Data representations
- **HW #5:** Scatterplots
- **HW #6:** Correlation and Causation
- **HW #7:** Probability
- **PRACTICE EXAM #2:**
- **HW #8:** Algebraic word problems
- **HW #9:** Linear equations
- **HW #10:** Geometry (Circles, Perimeter, area, and volume)