

EDSP 6347

Section 793, Summer, 7 week 2,
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Syllabus



Basic Information

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This course is a Web Course and is conducted within Canvas at

<http://utpb.instructure.com>

Course Description

Course Catalog Description: This course focuses on the typical characteristics associated with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other developmental disorders, identification, procedures used, and the development of appropriate intervention programs.

Measurable Learning Outcomes:

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course learners will be able to

1. Investigate the characteristics and needs of students with ASD and other developmental disorders.
2. Evaluate the assessment and education placement options for individuals who are considered in need of special education services
3. Appraise the procedures for planning instruction for individuals with ASD and other developmental disorders, including procedures related to functional academics and life skills.
4. Formulate procedures for implementing behavior management techniques, including procedures related to applied behavior analysis and positive behavior supports.
5. Evaluate procedures for improving communication skills, including procedures related to the use of various augmentative and alternative devices or other communication systems.
6. Investigate procedures for improving social skills, including procedures related to the use of social stories.

7. Design procedures for managing the teaching and learning environment, including procedures related to the use of assistive technology and sensory integration.
8. Evaluate transition issues and procedures across a life span.

Course Prerequisites: None

Conceptual Framework of the School of Education of UT Permian Basin Vision Statement

The vision of the School of Education is a community of life-long learners who actively reflect on the impact of their values, attitudes, beliefs, and practices.

Mission Statement

The mission of the School of Education is to prepare pre-service and professional educators who are proactive in nurturing the life-long development of all learners.

This mission will be accomplished by:

- Facilitating the acquisition of necessary knowledge, skills, and dispositions;
- Cultivating the value of diversity
- Encouraging collaborative inquiry, innovation, and research;
- Promoting collegiality and service in schools and communities;
- Integrating technology into practice;
- Providing opportunities for professional growth; and
- Influencing educational practices and policies at the local, state, and national level.

Learning Outcomes for Teacher Candidates and Other School-Based Professionals:

The faculty expects that candidates will:

- Demonstrate content knowledge in their respective content - area
- Use appropriate processes and teaching practices
- Apply knowledge about child and adolescent development
- Incorporate knowledge of diversity in planning and delivering instruction
- Incorporate technology in planning and delivering instruction
- Plan for and assess students' learning
- Create an appropriate learning environment
- Communicate and collaborate with all stakeholders
- Engage in professional growth

Candidate Proficiencies:

To achieve the learning outcomes, candidates must demonstrate that they “are gaining the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to have a positive impact on P-12 student learning” (NCATE, 2000, p. 9). The following is a list of the specific knowledge, skills, and dispositions that the faculty has determined are important for each candidate to possess and exhibit.

KNOWLEDGE (K):

Our candidates will exhibit knowledge about and understand the impact on teaching and student learning of:

1. Theoretical perspectives of the profession
2. The content, processes, and practices appropriate for their students
3. Child and adolescent developmentDiversity
4. Technology
5. Planning and assessment
6. The learning environment and classroom management
7. Collaboration
8. Legal and ethical issues related to education

SKILLS (S):

Our candidates will be able to:

1. Select appropriate content for use in lesson planning and delivery
2. Apply best practices to promote learning in all students
3. Use knowledge of child and adolescent development to direct their teaching
4. Select from an array of techniques to meet the needs of diverse learners
5. Integrate the use of technology into the learning environment
6. Use appropriate assessments to measure students’ developmental progress
7. Develop an appropriate learning environment
8. Apply classroom management techniques
9. Communicate with all members of the educational community (students, families, other educators, administration, community members)
10. Reflect on their professional performance in order to improve their professional effectiveness
11. Employ ethical and legal standards in education

DISPOSITIONS (D):

Our candidates will demonstrate a/an:

1. Respect for themselves and a positive regard for others
2. Passionate nature about learning
3. Belief in the value of a learner-centered instruction
4. Dedication to providing a safe and supportive learning environment
5. Acknowledgement of and respect for the fact people are shaped by their cultures
6. Commitment to clear and accurate communication
7. Professional and ethical attitude
8. Desire to keep current on educational research and practice

DIVERSITY PROFICIENCIES:

1. Instill the awareness of diversity for implementing inclusive instruction
2. Incorporate the diverse nature of learning and teaching as exemplified in the global community.
3. Model critical global thinking through coursework
4. Conceptualize diversity experiences from a variety of perspectives:
 - a) to strive for social justice, equality, and equity for all learners
 - b) to continue the process of self-growth, narrowing the student achievement gap in our nation

c) to empower all learners as citizens in a global society

Materials

Required Materials: Boutot, E.A. (2016). Autism Spectrum Disorders: Foundations, Characteristics, and Effective Strategies. Pearson.

Recommended Materials: Various online materials will be provided.

Other materials: *None*

Important Academic Dates

UTPB [Academic Calendar](#)

Course Overview

This course is divided into 7 modules. All seven modules are open at the beginning of the course, however, there are **SPECIFIC DUE DATES** for each assignment. Information regarding those due dates can be found by viewing the **Course Schedule** in this Syllabus and in the Start Here module in Canvas.

Module Readings: You are expected to read each article, website, or lecture provided in the module thoroughly prior to completing the assignments - failure to do so will undoubtedly result in low assignment grades. I generally find that students "don't understand" because they have not bothered to read the text. Please don't be one of those students. The expectations for each module may vary according to the topic and available online resources (i.e. you will not always be reading from a textbook) but the information is still necessary for completion of assignments and discussion.

Exams/Quizzes: There will be no exams or quizzes for this course. Assessment of skills will be gathered via unit discussions and assignments.

Unit Discussions: You will participate in **4 group discussions**. You will need to carefully review the rubrics provided in order to fully understand the grading expectations for the discussions.

You will need to respond to 2 of your peers posts.

Assignments: For each module, you will complete reflective activities that allow you analyze and evaluate the information covered in the module in order to synthesize and apply the knowledge and skills you have learned. You will need to carefully review the rubrics provided in order to fully understand the grading expectations for these activities. Directions and

rubrics for each assignment can also be found at the end of this rubric.

Keep in mind the following standards/practices for submission of assignments. All files that will be submitted to the instructor should:

- Be saved as .doc or .docx files as I cannot always open .wps files on my computer.
- Be sure to put your name at the top of each page header
- Always keep a copy of all the work you submit so that you will not need to re-do it if it should get lost in cyberspace.

****If you have not completed an assignment by its assigned due date, you will receive a 5 point deduction for each day it is late. Discussions posts will NOT be accepted after the due date****

Course Assessment, Schedule & Grading Scale

Course Assessment	Due Date	
Start Here Module		
Video Introduction	July 3	
Secondary Authentication	July 3	
SMART Goal in "Practice"	July 3	
Module 1: Characteristics, History, Causes		
Assignment 1	July 5	100
Module 2: Evidence Based Practices		
Discussion 1 – Initial Response Response to Peers	July 10 July 12	25
Assignment 2	July 12	100
Module 3: Behavioral Interventions		
Assignment 3	July 19	100

Module 4: Communication Interventions		
Discussion 2 – Initial Response Response to Peers	July 24 July 26	25
Assignment 4	July 26	100
Module 5: Social/Emotional Skills		
Assignment 5	Aug 2	100
Module 6: Academic Instruction and Practices		
Discussion 3 – Initial Response Response to Peers	Aug 7 Aug 9	25
Assignment 6	Aug 9	100
Module 7: Assistive Technology, Family Collaboration, Transition Planning		
Discussion 4 – Initial Response Response to Peers	Aug 12 Aug 14	25
Assignment 7	Aug 14	100
TOTAL		800

Grading Scale:

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90 – 100% (810-900 pts)	A
80- 89 % (720 - 809 pts)	B
70 – 79% (630- 719 pts)	C

no grades of "D" are given - Below 70% (<630)	F
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**Unless otherwise stated, all materials, activities, and assessments are required and are not optional.*

Communication, Grading & Feedback:

I will have your work graded and returned to you with feedback within 1 week of the submission date for each assignment. On the grading of each assignment I will use the rubric to indicate where points were earned/lost. I may also provide you with comments and feedback to help you improve your performance. Please review your assignment once it has been graded in order to improve your performance in the future if necessary. If there is any discrepancy in the grade, you must contact me immediately. You can check your grades by going to "Grades". You can also see recently graded assignment on the right hand column under "recent feedback."

As an online course you can expect email response to questions from the instructor within 48 hours. You may also call during my posted office hours. If I am going to be out due to ill health, attending a conference, etc., I will notify you using email and the announcements page on Canvas. There is a communication tools file in the start here portion of the website. This will provide you with all of the instructors contact information.

Please check Canvas announcements frequently for general communication about assignments and other feedback or class wide concerns. I generally try to make a class announcement every Monday morning to provide you with feedback on assignments, upcoming due dates, and bonus point opportunities. You will be able to see upcoming due dates on the right hand column of the screen in Canvas. Also, if you click the "view course stream" you will be able to see announcements, assignment notifications, and discussions added to the course since your last login.

Time Management: Each semester credit hour at U. T. Permian Basin represents commitment on an average of three hours of "out of class" preparation and one hour of class attendance (or its equivalent) per week. For example, enrolling in a three semester credit hour class commits the student to a total of twelve hours of work per week. Students who are employed or who have family responsibilities are especially encouraged to bear this commitment in mind and to seek guidance from their academic advisors in determining a suitable academic schedule.

I have provided the approximate times for each activity in canvas and total approximate time for each module is listed below the module content. Keep in mind that this is "approximate" and will depend on your individual learning styles and pace. Please be sure to review these approximate times and set aside enough time in your week to accomplish all of the module activities.

Policies

- 1. Discussion Board:** Discussion Board is primarily for discussing course related topics and issues. Best practices are:
 - a. Read all message postings in online discussion.
 - b. Respond to the question directly
 - c. Reply to minimum of two other student posts.
 - d. Use a person's name in the body of your message when you reply to their message.
 - e. Avoid postings that are limited to 'I agree' or 'great idea', etc.
 - f. Ensure responses to questions are meaningful, reflective.
 - g. Support statements with concepts from course readings, refer to personal experience, examples.
 - h. Follow **Rules of Behavior**.
- 2. Rules of Behavior:** Discussion areas are public to every student in this class (including your instructor) who will see what you write. Please pay attention to the language you use and adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Do not post anything too personal.
 - b. Do not use language that is inappropriate for a classroom setting or Prejudicial in regard to gender, race, or ethnicity.
 - c. Do not use all caps in the message box unless you are emphasizing (it is considered shouting).
 - d. Be courteous and respectful to other people on the list
 - e. Do not overuse acronyms like you would use in text messaging. Some of the list participants may not be familiar with acronyms.
 - f. Use line breaks and paragraphs in long responses.
 - g. Write your full name at the end of the posting.
 - h. Be careful with sarcasm and subtle humor; one person's joke is another person's insult.
- 3. Make-Up/Late Submission Policy:** All course activities must be submitted before or on set due dates. If the student is unable to abide by the due dates, it is her/his responsibility to contact the instructor immediately. There will be a 5 point deduction for each day an assignment is late. Discussion posts will not be accepted passed the due date. Students will not be allowed to make corrections. Extensions will be provided only to individuals who provide sufficient evidence of need (doctors note, etc.) 24 hours in advance of the deadline.
- 4. Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism/Cheating:** The academic community

regards academic dishonesty as an extremely serious matter, with serious consequences. Any effort to gain an advantage not given to all students is dishonest whether or not the effort is successful. Any suspicion of academic dishonesty will be reported and investigated. A student who engages in scholastic dishonesty that includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, and collusion will receive an "F" for the course.

All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. For complete information on UTPB student conduct and discipline procedures consult the [University's Handbook: Scholastic Dishonesty](#).

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, falsifying academic records, misrepresenting facts, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student such as, but not limited to, submission of essentially the same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor, or the attempt to commit such acts.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to the appropriation of, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means material that is attributable in whole or in part to another source, including words, ideas, illustrations, structure, computer code, other expression and media, and presenting that material as one's own academic work being offered for credit.

5. **Attendance and Class Participation:** Regular and active participation is an essential, unmistakably important aspect of this online course. Students will log on a minimum of three times every seven days. All students are expected to do the work assigned, notify the instructor when emergencies arise.
6. **Tracking:** The learning management systems have a tracking features. Statistics are collected that quantifies how often and when students are active in the course and provides information if the student has accessed different pages of the course.
7. **Absenteeism:** All the course activities have set dates to be completed and submitted. After the due dates the activities will not be available for the students. Not logging into an online course is considered absenteeism. Contact instructor immediately in case of emergency medical situation.
8. **Course Incomplete/Withdrawal/Grade Appeal:**
All students are required to complete the course within the semester they are signed up. Incomplete grades for the course are rarely given, will only be granted if the student provides a valid, documented excuse for not being able to complete the course on time, and has contacted the instructor prior to the scheduled last class to request an extension. The student signs a contract that includes the incomplete course activities and the new due dates.

Find information and dates regarding drops and withdrawals consult the University Handbook: [Drops and Withdrawals](#) and [Appeal Process](#).

NOTE: The due dates and times for the activities will adhere to the Central Time Zone.

9. **Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:**

Students with Disabilities: The University of Texas of the Permian Basin in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act provides "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities. Any student with a disability who is requesting an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter from the ADA Officer for Students. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. **Adapted from UTSA ADA syllabus statement.**

ADA Officer for Students: Mr. Paul Leverington
Address: Mesa Building 4243 /4901 E. University, Odessa, TX 79762
Voice Telephone: 432-552-3702
Email: Leverington_P@utpb.edu

Computer Skills, Technical & Software Requirements

Student will need to create word processing documents, save files, submit files. Additionally, students will need to access YouTube for uploading and sharing videos.

Students can use cloud version of Word, PowerPoint and other Microsoft products through use of their UTPB Outlook 365 and UTPB email address. For more information refer to [UTPB Office 365 Page](#).

Computer Technical Requirements

See [Technical Requirements](#).

For the accessibility and privacy statements of external tools used within courses, go to [Accessibility and Privacy Statements](#).

Online Student Authentication

UTPB requires that each student who registers for a distance course is the same student who participates in, completes, and receives credit for the course. UTPB's Distance Education Policy requires faculty members to employ at least two methods of verification to ensure student identities. To access online courses students must login to the UTPB learning management system using their unique personal identifying username and secure password. UTPB's Distance Education Policy requires at least one additional student identification method within the course that has been determined and approved by the faculty or academic program. This process will be:

Upload a clear image of yourself

- a. In color
- b. Well lit, and no shadows on your face or your ID that can obscure your image
- c. Must be taken on the day you submit the photo to reflect your current appearance
- d. Taken in full-face view directly facing the camera
- e. With a neutral facial expression and both eyes open

Then a picture of your ID (can be a UTPB ID or government issued ID) with only your name and picture showing (Picture ID card in which the ID number has been covered (tape over any numbers)).

Make sure to attach **both image files** in either JPEG or PNG format to the

assignment BEFORE you submit it.

*Approved up to date photo identifications are: passports, government issued identification, driver's licenses, military ID from DoD. Dual credit and early college high school students use school district identifications.

Preparation for Emergencies

Computer Crash: Not having a working computer or a crashed computer during the semester will NOT be considered as an acceptable reason for not completing course activities at a scheduled time. NOTE: Identify a second computer before the semester begins, that you can use when/if your personal computer crashes.

Complete Loss of Contact: If you lose contact with course connectivity completely (i.e. you cannot contact me via Canvas or email), you need to call instructor, and leave message regarding connectivity loss and contact information.

Lost/Corrupt/Missing Files: You must keep/save a copy of every project/assignment on an external drive, UTPB Outlook 365 OneDrive, or personal computer. In the event of any kind of failure (e.g. virus infection, student's own computer crashes, loss of files in cyberspace, etc) or any contradictions/problems, you may be required to resubmit the files.

End-of-Course Evaluation & Instructor Evaluation

Every student is encouraged to complete an end-of-course evaluation/survey provided by UTPB. During the last few weeks of class, you will receive an announcement through email notifying you that the Course/Instructor Survey is available. You may follow the link in the email to complete the survey using the same credentials to access your courses here. When entering the emailed Survey link you will see a list of surveys for you to complete. Another way to find End-of-Course Evaluations is through your my.utpb.edu account > My Surveys & Evaluations are on the first page after you login.

The survey is anonymous and your responses are confidential. Your feedback is critical to us and to your instructor as we strive to improve our offerings, and our support of you, the students.

Student Support Services

SERVICE	CONTACT
ADA Accommodation/Support	Testing Services & Academic Accommodations Department (432) 552-2630
Advising	UTPB E-Advisor (432) 552-2661 UTPB Academic Advising Center
Bookstore	UTPB Campus Bookstore (432) 552-0220
Email, Outlook 365, my.utpb.edu	Information Resources Division (IRD)
Financial Aid and Scholarship	UTPB Financial Aid (432) 552-2620
Library	The J. Conrad Dunagan Library Online at (432) 552-2370
Registrar	UTPB Registrar (432) 552-2635
Student Services	Dean of Students (432) 552-2600
Technical Support	Canvas 1-866-437-0867
Tutoring & Learning Resources	If you are taking courses through UTPB the following links provide services: Smarthinking Online Tutoring (provides tutoring services), SmarterMeasure (measures learner readiness for online course).

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