

Course description for Core M.Ed. Summer 2008

Summer 2008: How all students learn: Supporting Diverse Learners.

Intended learning outcomes:

Through connecting theory and practice, candidates will deepen their understanding of the interdependence of the brain, culture and language development on the academic achievement of all learners.

Through connecting theory and practice, candidates will increase their ability to assess and address the learning needs of all students, thereby increasing the candidates' positive impact on student learning.

As you can see from our intended course outcomes, we will engage in a core coordinated studies curriculum encompassing the needs of diverse learners in multicultural settings. We will consider the latest research on how the function and role of the brain, culture and language development influence learners. Included in the core will be topics such as culturally responsive teaching, teaching for diversity and social justice and anti-bias education. Another focus of the program will be on the effects of culture and language development on academic achievement and effective, research-based classroom practices for all students, further focusing our attention on those students who have been traditionally underserved by our educational system.

The M.Ed. core curriculum will lay the foundation for deepening our understanding of the needs of our students. Throughout this program we will build on this understanding in order to increase our positive impact on all of our students.