

Gifted and Talented Education

EDUC 5600	Education of the Gifted and Talented	3 Credits
<p>This course prepares teachers of GT learners to better understand the field as an evolving and changing discipline influenced by philosophies, research-based principles and theories, relevant laws and policies, cultural and historical points of view, and human issues that influence professional practice, including assessment, instructional planning, delivery, and program evaluation. This course explores characteristics of gifted individuals with emphasis on identifying needs and a general overview of possible services for gifted learners. It also prepares teachers to advocate for GT students and their programs in schools and school districts.</p>		
EDUC 5610	Social and Emotional Needs of the Gifted	3 credits
<p>This course will explore current research and material relevant to the social and emotional issues that may arise for gifted and talented students. Through reading of the current research, thoughtful discussions and projects, and classroom observation students in this course will develop a deeper understanding of social and emotional issues that students with gifts and talents experience in K-12 classrooms. <i>15 hours of field experience/practicum hours are required in addition to class time.</i></p>		
EDUC 5620	Identification and Evaluation in Gifted Education	3 Credits
<p>This class will prepare teachers to use the results of a variety of assessment tools for both identification and learning progress decisions. Students will be able to define the processes of identification, legal policies, and ethical principles of measurement and assessment related to referral, eligibility, program planning, instruction, and placement. <i>15 field experience/practicum hours are required in addition to class time.</i></p>		
EDUC 5630	Theory into Practice in Gifted and Talented Education	2 Credits
<p>This class will prepare teachers to understand societal influences on the development of curricula. Students in this course will develop long- and short-range units of instruction anchored in both general and special curricula for gifted and talented students, taking into consideration each individual's abilities and needs, the learning environment, and cultural and linguistic factors.</p>		
EDUC 5635	Theory into Practice in Gifted and Talented Education	2 Credits
<p>This course will require teacher-participants – with guidance from the course instructor - to locate, create, and or adapt curricular materials needed to implement differentiated instruction for gifted and talented learners. These materials should encourage creative problem-solving and should be adaptable for a variety of student abilities and needs, the learning environment, and cultural and linguistic factors that may influence instruction.</p>		
EDUC 5640	Improvement of Curriculum Instruction in the Content Areas	3 Credits
<p>This course will prepare teachers of gifted and talented students with the selection, adaptation, creation, and implementation of differentiated instructional models and strategies, especially those related to fostering creativity. <i>15 field experience/practicum hours are required in addition to class time.</i></p>		
EDUC 5650	Leadership in Gifted and Talented Education	3 credits
<p>Prepares teachers to effectively use leadership principles to collaborate with students and their families, other educators, and related service providers to advocate for individuals with gifts and talents as they promote the learning and well-being of individuals with gifts and talents across settings and diverse learning experiences.</p>		