Coastal Carolina University

EDSP 490 Specific Learning Disabilities (SLD): Nature and Needs (3)

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Course section, Meeting Days, Time, and Location:

Intended Audience: Special Education Majors

Prerequisite(s): Admission to PPTE

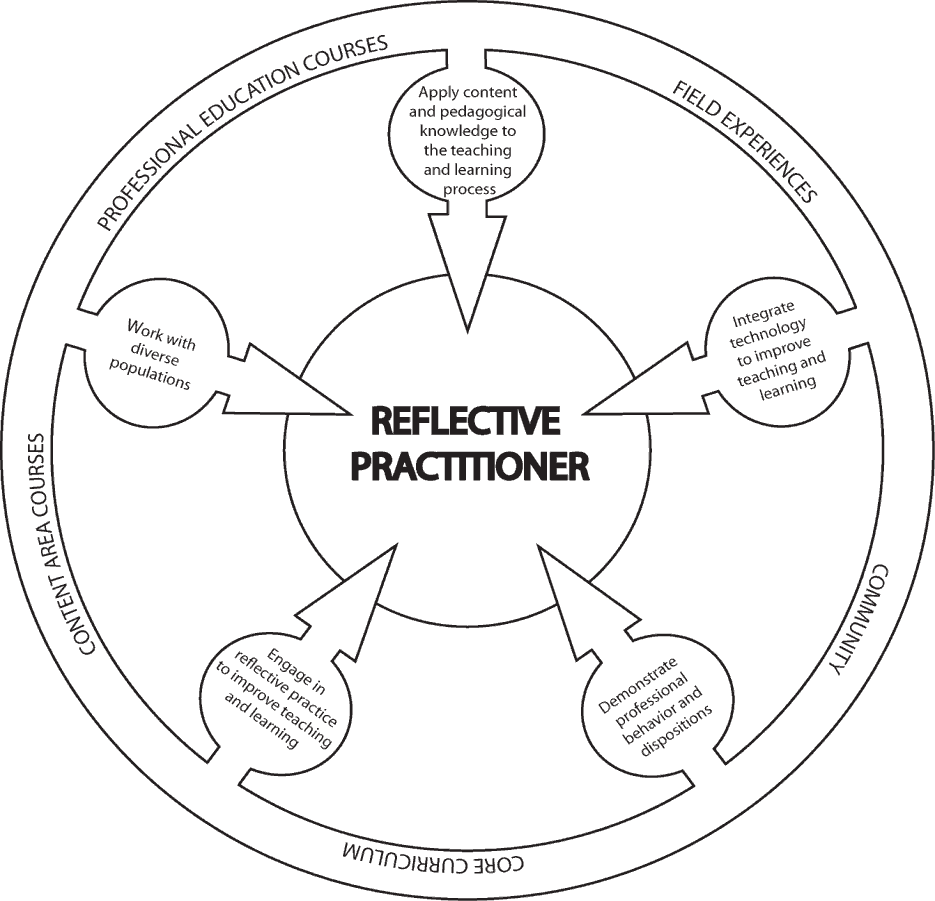
**Course Description**

This course provides a critical analysis of foundation knowledge of Specific Learning Disabilities, including the history, theoretical base, legal aspects, terminology, etiology, definitions, medical aspects, and approaches to identification and intervention. Professional literature reviews and experiences in schools required. F.

**Course Text and Other Resources:**

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# Conceptual Framework

The overarching theme of the Conceptual Framework for all educator preparation programs is ***"The Educator as Reflective Practitioner."*** The initial and advanced teacher education programs and the advanced program in educational leadership focus on the development of knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions to ensure that all candidates are well prepared and meet all institutional, state, and professional standards at the completion of their program. The Conceptual Framework describes the shared vision of teaching, learning, and the preparation of teachers and school leaders. It outlines our philosophy and commitment to the education profession; guides programmatic decisions; and ensures coherence among curricula, field experiences, clinical practice, and the unit’s assessment system. The Conceptual Framework reflects our commitment to integrate technology, demonstrate professional behavior and dispositions, engage in reflective practice, work with diverse populations, and apply content and pedagogical knowledge to the teaching and learning process.

# Unit Assessments and SPA Assessments

No SPA assessments are required for this course; however, this course aligns with the standards for teacher licensure/certification in special education established by CAPE and the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), the major special education professional organization in the United States, which is the Specialized Professional Association (SPA) for special education.

Standards Alignment Information:

CF = Conceptual Framework & Candidate Proficiencies (2010)

CEC = Council for Exceptional Children [Specialized Professional Association (SPA)] [Content](http://www.ncate.org/ProgramStandards/CEC/CECStandards.doc) [Standards](http://www.ncate.org/ProgramStandards/CEC/CECStandards.doc)

APS=ADEPT Performance Standards for classroom-based teachers

InTASC = Interstate Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium ISTE-E = International Society for Technology in Education

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| **Student Learning Outcomes** | **Alignment** |
| Students who successfully complete EDSP 490 should be  able to: |  |
| Use person- first language when discussing people with disabilities. | CF: 3.1  CEC: 6  APS 10c |
| Identify the types of difficulties students with learning disabilities have and explain how these difficulties affect academic and social development | CF: 1.1, 1.2  CEC: 1  InTASC 1, 2  ISTE-E 1c  APS 3b |
| Explain the process for identifying students with learning disabilities. | CF: 1.5, 3.1  CEC: 1, 4, 6  InTASC 6  ISTE-E 1c, 7c  APS 1a |
| Explain critical issues and practices related to students with learning disabilities. | CF: 1.1, 3.1  CEC: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6  InTASC 6, 7, 8, 9 ISTE-E 1c, 4b, 4c  APS 6a |
| Research evidence-based practices related to the field of learning disabilities. | CEC: 3, 5, 6  InTASC 9  ISTE-E 1c, 3b  APS 10e |

**Field Experience assigned to this course:** There is no field experience connected to this course. However, one or more assignments may require pre-service candidates to work with children and/or teachers in an educational setting.

# Policies

**Academic Integrity Statement**

Coastal Carolina University is an academic community that expects the highest standards of honesty, integrity and personal responsibility. Members of this community are accountable for their actions and are committed to creating an atmosphere of mutual respect and trust.

# Honor Pledge: (required of all entering CCU students)

On my honor, I pledge:

* + - That I will take responsibility for my personal behavior; and
    - That I will actively oppose every instance of academic dishonesty as defined in the Code of Student Conduct.

From this day forward, my signature on any University document, including tests, papers and other work submitted for a grade is a confirmation of this honor pledge.

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all parts of all classes, actively participate in all classes, demonstrate professional behavior in the classroom, and complete all assignments with professional quality and in a timely manner. When absence from class is unavoidable, students are responsible for getting all class information (e.g., handouts, announcements, notes, syllabus revisions) from another class member prior to the class meeting that follows the absence. A candidate who misses more than two classes will drop one letter grade. The grade of F will be assigned for absences in excess of 25% of the regularly scheduled class meetings.

Written documentation is needed to confirm any and all excused absences such as: a recognized emergency or from a serious illness. It is the responsibility of each student to assume the loss of instruction when not in attendance. It is also the sole responsibility of each student to obtain and missed instructional materials and/or notes. It is advisable that you designate another classmate to collect your materials in your absence. Please note that the Coastal Carolina University catalog states that an instructor is permitted to assign an F to a student with unexcused absences in excess of 25% of regularly scheduled class meetings. Please see the LiveWell@Coastal program for matters both personal and academic that may prevent you from completing your course responsibilities: <https://www.coastal.edu/services/studenthealth/healtheducation/livewellccu/>

**Inclement Weather Policy for EDSP 490**

In the event of hazardous weather, faculty, staff, and students are requested to listen to local radio and television stations or visit the Coastal Carolina University website for official University closing announcements. Announcements about hazardous weather are also posted on the University’s homepage. Review the [Hazardous Weather and Emergency Conditions Leave Policy](https://www.coastal.edu/policies/pdf/hreo-144%20hazardousweatherandemergcond.pdf) (FAST-HREO- 220). Instructors may refer to the [Contingency Instruction website](https://libguides.coastal.edu/contingency) or Section VIII N. Contingency Instruction for information about what to do if class has been cancelled.

In the event that the university is closed due to poor weather conditions, log onto the Moodle Course page for EDSP 490 and check for any directions from Dr. Miller. Remember to upload any assignments that are due for that session to avoid a deduction of points for lateness.

**Support for Candidates with Disabilities**

Coastal Carolina University is committed to equitable access and inclusion of individuals with disabilities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Individuals seeking reasonable accommodations should contact Accessibility & Disability Services (843-349-2503 or <https://www.coastal.edu/disabilityservices/>).

# Student Services

Academic Support:

Link to [Learning Assistance Center](http://www.coastal.edu/lac) Link to [Kimbel Library Website](http://www.coastal.edu/library/index.html) Link to  [Counseling Services](http://www.coastal.edu/counseling/)

Link to [online orientation](http://www.coastal.edu/nsfp/orientation/onlineorientation/)

Technology Support

Link to [Technical Support from Student Computing Services](http://www.coastal.edu/scs)

Link to [A list of on-campus HelpDesks and the Help Request Form](http://www.coastal.edu/scs/index.html?type=helpdesk)

Other Student Services

Link to [Office of the Registrar](http://www.coastal.edu/registrar/)

Link to [Financial Aid and Scholarships](https://www.coastal.edu/financialaid/) Link to [Student Activities and Leadership](http://www.coastal.edu/osal/) Link to [Dean of Students Office](http://www.coastal.edu/deanofstudents/)

# Course Objectives

This course is designed to prepare prospective teachers to:

* Demonstrate knowledge of basic concepts and terminology in the field of learning disabilities, including the term learning disabilities as it relates to key theories and models.
* Define various characteristics (e.g. academic, cognitive, social/emotional, & behavioral characteristics) of students with learning disabilities and describe how medical, cultural, environmental, family, and socioeconomic factors relate to etiology, diagnosis, and treatment.
* Articulate the role teachers play in providing service to individuals with similar or associated conditions such as students with attention deficit-hyperactivity disorders or who are at risk for school failure.
* Describe the prereferral intervention, referral, evaluation, identification, and individualized education plan development processes for students with learning disabilities, including students’ rights and major legislation that has had an impact on educational practices.
* Describe the general features of the Responsiveness-to-Instruction approach to providing early intervention services and as a method for identifying students with learning disabilities.
* Assess and interpret results of diagnostic tools commonly used in educational assessment of students with learning disabilities and analyze different identification criteria and labelling issues.
* Relate how the demands of various learning environments, including the general education classroom, contribute to the delivery of individualized instruction.
* Discuss the impact of various learning characteristics on the academic and social skills development of students with disabilities, including adult learners.
* Describe specific academic problems that students with learning disabilities exhibit frequently in the areas of oral language, reading, writing, and/or mathematics.
* Identify EBPs related to the field of learning disabilities.

# Course Requirements/Grading

Grading: Grades will be based on the total points accumulated by the student. A total of 210 points are divided over the following course requirements:

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| **Assessments** | **Maximum Point values\*** |
| Application of Understanding (15) | 30 |
| Two exams (midterm and final) (2@ 25 pts.) | 50 |
| EBP Study Reports (2 @ 15 pts.) | 30 |
| Person First Language Activity | 5 |
| CBM Self-study project | 30 |
| Lesson plan | 15 |
| Class Participation (2 @ 15 weeks) | 30 |
| Case Study | 20 |
| **MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE** | 210 |

***\*Point values subject to change as specific assessment tools are developed.***

Course grades: Grades will be calculated as a percentage of possible points earned for course assignments and exams.

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| Grading Procedures (percentage of possible points) | | | |
| A | 93-100% | C | 77-81% |
| B+ | 90-92% | D+ | 74-76% |
| B | 85-89% | D | 69-73% |
| C+ | 82-84% | F | 0-68% |

# Course Expectations & Assignments

### **Application of Understanding**

Students will complete 15 Application or Understanding assignments. These assignments will allow the student to be either prepared to discuss class content or apply material that was covered in class. Examples of an Application or Understanding include reading guides, data sheets, and graphing module

**EBP Study Reports**

Candidates will read an article from a scholarly journal pertaining to an EBP. After reading the article, candidates will describe the study and explain the implications for instruction (See Appendix A for assignment format). The topics shall relate to instructional techniques, models, or interventions in various areas of providing services to students with LD. The peer reviewed article must be approved by the instructor.

**Small Group Lesson Plan**

Students will develop a lesson plan for a small group of students with learning disabilities. Students will use the template provided on Moodle.

**Midterm and Final Examinations**

A midterm and final examination will be administered at the mid-point and end the semester. MAKE-UPS WILL NOT BE GIVEN WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL.

**Course Procedures**

**Class Engagement and Professional Dispositions**

As professional educators, your students are entitled to be served by professionals prepared with knowledge you will gain in this course. Students in this course are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner in relationship to the opinions, ideas, and values of fellow classmates.

Examples of in-class behaviors that are unprofessional include: (a) carrying on side conversations during class instruction and/or while another individual is speaking, (b) arriving late to class and disrupting others already engaged in the session’s activities, (c) attending class unprepared, causing a lack of meaningful participation and/or effort on the part of the student, and (d) texting/ emailing/browsing the internet during class.

**Late Assignments**

For each late assignment, ten percent of the total point value of the assignment will be deducted from the total points available per week after the due date until it is turned in. An assignment is considered "late" if it is not submitted by the time and date it is due. Dr. Miller will allow one assignment from each student to be submitted late without penalty. If you choose to use the late assignment option, it is then critical that you submit a document stating that you are using your one free late assignment. Then, the assignment MUST be submitted by the NEW due date which would be exactly one week from the original due date.

Example:

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| Total possible points for assignment | 20 |
| Earned score | 17 |
| Submitted one class session late | -2 (10% of total possible score) |
| Final score | 15/20 |

**Extra Credit**

Please do not request extra credit work, as each assignment for this course was carefully designed to stimulate specific learning experiences among students that superfluous assignments cannot replace nor fulfill.

**Communication with the Professor**

* + - Routine access (daily) to CCU email and Moodle for communication and assignments is crucial to participation in this class.
    - Please come see me in my office during office hours if we need to discuss anything.
    - If your question can be solved through a simple email, please email me with the course name (EDSP 490) in the subject line. I should respond to you within 24 hours unless I am out of town at a conference which may cause a longer response time.

# Journals consulted and reviewed on a regular basis

*Behavior Disorders*

*Career Development for Exceptional Individuals Education & Treatment of Children*

*Exceptional Children*

*Focus on Exceptional Children*

*Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Intervention in School and Clinic*

*Preventing School Failure*

*Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis*

*Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders Learning Disabilities Quarterly*

*Remedial and Special Education*

*Teacher Education and Special Education TEACHING Exceptional Children*

*The Journal of Special Education*

# Additional Online Resources

* South Carolina State Department of Education: [http://ed.sc.gov](http://ed.sc.gov/)
* Horry County Schools: <http://www.horrycountyschools.net/>
* Wrightslaw: [www.wrightslaw.com](http://www.wrightslaw.com/)
* LD Online: [www.ldonline.org](http://www.ldonline.org/)
* CEEDAR Center: <http://ceedar.education.ufl.edu/>
* Council for Learning Disabilities: https://council-for-learning-disabilities.org/
* American Institutes for Research (Special Education): [http://www.air.org/focus- area/education/?id=9](http://www.air.org/focus-area/education/?id=9)
* National Association of Special Education Teachers: <http://www.naset.org/>
* Council for Exceptional Children: [www.cec.sped.org](http://www.cec.sped.org/)
* National Dissemination Center for Children with Disabilities: [www.nichcy.org](http://www.nichcy.org/)
* Center for Effective Collaboration and Practice: <http://cecp.air.org/>

# Appendix

**EBP Study Report Format**

This assignment should be written in APA format. It should include a cover page including Course Number, Course Name, Title of Assignment, and Student Name. Section headers should be included and all pages should be numbered.

**Introduction:** Provide an introduction to the paper. Describe what the research is about and explain its focus. State the EBP being examined in this study. State the hypotheses or research questions.

**Methods (*Paragraph 1*):** Identify the subjects in the study. Discuss who are the participants, where they are located, and other demographic data provided. Identify the procedures/methods used in the study. (e.g., design of study, how many subjects, what they did)

***(Paragraph 2):*** Describe the variables and explain how each variable was measured. Be specific. Identify the name of the measurement and a brief description of each.

**Results and Discussion:** Discuss the results of the study. What did the authors learn from conducting the study? Did the data support or fail to support the stated hypotheses? You can find this information in the results and discussion section of the article.

**Critique *(at least 2 paragraphs):*** Critique the study. Specify what was done well and what could have been improved. Describe if you think the research was valuable. Explain if you believe the study was practical and/or helpful? If so, to whom? State if there should be more research conducted in this area. Describe to whom the results of this study apply. Make recommendations for next steps in this line of research.