Session: 8.3 Week Class - Fall 2007 (10-15-07 to 12-16-07)
Course Title: Educational Psychology
Course Number: CDES 131
Units: 3
Required Textbook: *Educational Psychology* (10th edition) by Anita Woolfolk
ISBN#: 0-205-45946-3
Division: Social and Behavioral Sciences
Department: Child Development & Educational Studies (CDES)
Ticket#: 24695
Recommended Preparation: ENG 200

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Office Hours: Since this is an on-line course and Mr. Visca is a full-time elementary principal in a local school district during the day, he will respond to student e-mails within one or two days in the evening during the week, typically from Monday through Thursday. E-mail is the best way to contact the instructor.

Instructor’s Comments: “If you are interested in the teaching profession, CDES 131 will give you an opportunity to explore a “real” classroom of your choosing, while completing instruction through Saddleback’s on-line Blackboard program. Students will share their experiences on Blackboard’s Discussion Board during five ‘Teacher Talk Time’ sessions. Please review this syllabus thoroughly so that you can do your very best work in CDES 131. I have 14 years of experience as an elementary school principal and over 21 years of experience as a public school educator (classroom teacher, mentor teacher, master teacher, middle school summer school principal, etc.) in a unified school district in Orange County.”

Catalog Description: CDES 131 focuses on the basic principles of psychology that are pertinent to education, including abilities, intelligence, social and emotional factors, and principles of learning (formerly ED 110).

Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:
- Define Piaget’s four stages of cognitive development and explain how children’s thinking differs at each stage.
- Describe how teachers can foster positive self-concepts in their students.
- Identify and evaluate five specific teaching strategies for encouraging creativity.
- Analyze classroom situations in which CDES 131 students might use behavioral principles to solve problems.
- Discuss the aspects of self-management.
- Compare and contrast potential dangers and the ethical issues involved in the use of behavioral management.

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• Compare and contrast the concept of motivation from behavioral, cognitive, and humanistic points of view, and describe a representative theory from each perspective.
• Compare and contrast intrinsic and extrinsic motivation.
• Describe the special managerial demands of the classroom and relate these demands to students of different ages.
• Describe the functions and levels of teacher planning.
• Summarize the steps that can ensure clarity in a presentation.
• Explain how to improve reliability and validity in testing.
• Compare and contrast norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests.
• Analyze possible sources of bias in a teachers grading policies.

**Discussion Board:** Since we are not meeting in-person in a traditional classroom setting, students in CDES 131 will be expected to contribute to on-line discussions and thoughts on Blackboard’s Discussion Board (called “Teacher Talk Time”) or through other Blackboard postings during the course. Topics will range from themes and content from the textbook, to current events and school observation experiences. Students are asked to remember their Netiquette during these discussions. What is Netiquette? Simply stated, it is network etiquette -- that is, the etiquette of cyberspace. In other words, Netiquette is a set of agreed upon rules for behaving properly on-line. Student also need to type in complete sentences with proper punctuation, etc. Text style messages, slang, or symbols such as :) are not permissible.


**Teaching Portfolio:** Students will create a professional teaching portfolio. To earn full credit, the content is to include a resume, teaching philosophy, two letters of recommendation from educators (teachers), and a classroom management theory page. Each assignment is worth 10 points for a total of 50 points. Specific information will be posted under “Assignments” in Blackboard.

**Teacher Observations:** Students are required to visit two public or private school classrooms at any level (preschool, elementary, middle, and/or high school). Two hours must be spent at a minimum of two schools and at two different levels for a total of four hours. For example, a CDES 131 student can observe an elementary 1st grade class and a high school 10th grade classroom. Students are asked to compare and evaluate the concepts covered in class according to real life examples of teaching practice. Specific directions will be posted under “Assignments” in Blackboard.

**Exams:** A mid-term and a final will be given on Blackboard. The exams will be multiple choice and based on the textbook *Educational Psychology* (10th edition) by Anita Woolfolk. The midterm will cover Chapters 1 to 7 and the final will covers Chapters 8 to 15.
Grading Standards/Criteria:
A = 1,000 to 900 points
B = 899 to 800 points
C = 799 to 700 points
D = 699 to 600 points
F = 599 to 0 points

Mid-Term*: 300 points

Observation #1 & Completion of Observation Form (2 hours): 100 points

Observation #2 & Completion of Observation Form (2 hours): 100 points

“Teacher Talk Time” on Blackboard (20 points each topic/5 total topics): 100 points

Teaching Portfolio: 50 points

Lesson Plan: 50 points

Final*: 300 points

Important Dates
First Week of Class Begins: Monday, 10/15/2007
Add without Instructor Permission by: Sunday, 10/14/2007
Drop with Refund by: Friday, 10/19/2007
Elect CR/NC by: Wednesday, 10/31/2007
Drop without 'W' Grade by: Wednesday, 10/31/2007
Drop with 'W' Grade by: Wednesday, 11/21/2007
Last Week of Class Ends: Sunday, 12/16/2007

Policy Regarding Late Assignments: Students are encouraged to complete and submit assignments on or before the due date to earn full credit (points). College level work is expected. Late assignments will not earn any credit (0 points) since assignments will be posted on Blackboard and then will not be available after the due date.
## 8.3 Week Course Calendar

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| Week #1 10-15-07| Chapters 1 & 2  
*Teachers, Teaching, and Educational Psychology*  &  
| Week #2 10-22-07| Chapters 3 & 4  
*Personal, Social, and Emotional Development*  &  
*Learning Differences and Learning Needs* | “Teacher Talk Time” #1  
Posted: Mon., 10-22-07 |
| Week #3 10-29-07| Chapters 5 & 6  
*Culture and Diversity*  &  
*Behavioral Views of Learning* | “Teacher Talk Time” #2  
Posted: Mon., 10-29-07 |
| Week #4 11-5-07 | Chapters 7 & 8  
*Cognitive Views of Learning*  &  
*Complex Cognitive Processes*  | “Teacher Talk Time” #3  
Posted: Mon., 11-5-07  
Mid-Term (Chapters 1-7)  
Posted: Mon., 11-5-07 |
| Week #5 11-12-07| Chapters 9 & 10  
*Social Cognitive and Constructivist Views of Learning*  &  
*Motivation in Learning and Teaching* | “Teacher Talk Time” #4  
Posted: Mon., 11-12-07 |
| Week #6 11-19-07| Chapters 11 & 12  
*Engaged Learning: Cooperation and Community*  &  
*Creating Learning Environments* | “Teacher Talk Time” #5  
Posted: Mon., 11-19-07  
Mid-Term Due:  
Mon., 11-19-07 |
| Week #7 11-26-07| Chapters 13 & 14  
*Teaching for Learning*  &  
*Standardized Testing* | Final Exam (Chapters 8-15)  
Posted: Mon., 11-26-07 |
| Week #8 12-3-07  | Chapter 15  
*Classroom Assessment and Grading*  | Final Exam, Observation, Lesson Plan, & Portfolio Due:  
Fri., 12-14-07 |

Last Official Day of Class: Sun., 12-16-07
**Absence Policy:** Since this is an on-line class, students need to check the CDES 131 Blackboard schedule each week for updates and assignments.

**Policy on Academic Dishonesty & Consequences:** The expectation is that the principles of truth and honesty will be followed by students in all academic endeavors. This assumes that all work will be done by the person who purports to do the work without unauthorized aids and assistance. When making use of language and some idea not his or her own, whether quoting them directly or paraphrasing them into his or her own words, the student must attribute the source of the material in some standard form, such as naming the source in the text or offering a footnote. Any student who is caught cheating will not receive credit on the assignment, exam, etc. and may be expelled from the class.

**Student Services:** General Student Service Information is available at the Saddleback College website. General, academic, and service information can be obtained by accessing the Counseling Division and Financial Aide websites. Individual and small group counseling information such as academic planning and review of transcripts is available by appointment. All other student services are available on campus during normal business hours.

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** This course meets the requirements set forth in the accessibility checklist and universal design grid provided by Special Services. The web pages, video presentations, textbooks, and class materials used in this course are accessible to students with disabilities. Please check out Saddleback College’s “Special Services” link at [http://www.saddleback.edu/ss/couns/dsps/](http://www.saddleback.edu/ss/couns/dsps/) for assistance, or contact Mr. Visca with any special needs.

**Course Syllabus Questions?** Students are asked to e-mail Mr. Visca at cvisca@saddleback.edu if they have any questions regarding the course Syllabus for CDES 131.