Introduction to Education

Grade 11 or 12

Prerequisite: None

Credit Value: 5

ABSTRACT

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| Skills and Topics:   | • identify characteristics of a good teacher  
• determine the knowledge essential to teach  
• assess how reforms in the classroom affect teachers  
• collaborate to determine the contents of a teaching portfolio  
• analyze the benefits of a mentoring relationship  
• research professional development opportunities open to teachers | • track the process of becoming a teacher from coursework through application for licensure  
• research local teacher preparation programs  
• compare and contrast the requirements of programs in the United States and other nations  
• discuss induction and internship programs  
• analyze the components of a high quality student teaching program | • investigate the origins of mandated education  
• compare and contrast early educational opportunities for minorities  
• determine the goals of education during the Revolutionary Period  
• research the struggle for state supported common schools  
• assess how compulsory education affected the profession  
• analyze the aims of education during the Progressive Era  
• track developments in public education from the mid-twentieth century to present day | • determine the role of the schools in present day society  
• describe metaphors for schools  
• assess how schools reflect global societies  
• compare and contrast the cultures of diverse schools  
• analyze the characteristics of successful schools  
• research social problems that affect schools and place students at risk  
• assess community resources that aid schools to address social issues  
• create mock programs to address identified social problems | • assess the beliefs that contribute to educational philosophies  
• define the branches of philosophy  
• compare and contrast the five modern philosophical orientations to teaching  
• research psychological orientations that have impacted teaching philosophies, e.g. humanism, behaviorism, and constructivism  
• construct and defend a personal educational philosophy statement |
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<td>Writing: Open-ended responses, conclusions and analysis of exploratory activities, online communication with peers, reflective electronic journal entries</td>
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### 21st Century Themes:
- Global Awareness
- Civic Literacy
- Financial, Economic, Business, and Entrepreneurial Literacy
- Health Literacy

### 21st Century Skills:
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- Media Literacy
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
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<td>research school governance and finance in the United States</td>
<td>compare and contrast the needs of diverse learners</td>
<td>research state and common core standards</td>
<td>analyze a variety of lesson/unit plans including UBD and locally designed</td>
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<td>analyze the need for a professional code of ethics for teachers</td>
<td>assess the issues that impact on learners, e.g. cognitive ability, moral development, stress, learning style</td>
<td>discuss the purpose of assessments</td>
<td>research a topic to teach in practical lessons</td>
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<td>assess teachers’ and students’ rights in the state of New Jersey</td>
<td>analyze personal learning style and intelligence</td>
<td>collaborate to determine the components of an effective lesson</td>
<td>create unit plan</td>
<td>employ scoring rubric to assess personal and peer work on lessons</td>
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<td>determine teachers’ legal responsibilities</td>
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<td>compare and contrast teacher evaluation instruments</td>
<td>create individual lesson plans</td>
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<td>Utilize technology to research current legal issues in education in New Jersey and the United States</td>
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<td>debate issues in the legal rights of students, e.g. corporal punishment, home schooling, religious expression</td>
<td>analyze moral issues surrounding classification of students</td>
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<td>create a differentiated lesson plan to meet the needs of diverse learners</td>
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Course Content

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- Schools and Society
- Philosophical Foundations of Education
- Legal Concerns in American Education
- Teaching Diverse Learners
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Course Objectives

The student will demonstrate the ability to answer in detail the following essential questions:
- What does it mean to be a teacher?
- What knowledge is essential to good instruction?
- How does the past affect the present and future of public education?
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• How do teachers plan?
• What makes a meaningful lesson?
• What are the post-graduation and/or career options that apply to the course content?

Evaluation Process

A final average of 65% or better is required to be awarded course credit. Throughout the length of this course, students may be evaluated on the basis of, but not limited to:
• Formative Assessments, such as writing prompts, journals, and portfolios
• Summative Assessments, such as quizzes, tests, and midterm and final examinations
• Performance Assessments, such as projects and presentations
• Technology-based Applications, such as electronic portfolios, Web Quests, ThinkQuest, and podcasting
• Class Participation
• Homework

Specific weights will be determined by course and level.
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Student Agreement

STUDENT NAME: _____________________________________________

Last Name                                      First Name

GRADE: __________________

My signature below indicates that I have received a copy of the
Somerville Public Schools Course Requirements for Introduction to
Education.

I acknowledge my responsibility to read and understand all of the
information contained in the Introduction to Education Course
Requirements information and syllabus packet.

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Student Signature                                      Date

Note: Please share the course requirements for Introduction to Education with your parents.