SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 370-4

SPECIAL TOPIC: INTRODUCTION TO TEACHING PRACTICES (D1.00) (CAT. #73710)

Fall Semester, 1992

(September 8-December 4) Monday, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Location: Prince George

(NEW CALTEC)

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PREREQUISITE: Educ 401/402

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is specifically designed to meet the needs of students entering the Professional Development Program (PDP) in New Caltec. It is intended to introduce students to aspects of teaching, learning and education in British Columbia today. In order to begin to develop an understanding of classroom practice, systematic observations in school settings will be required. The course recognizes that the process of becoming a teacher is developmental and will, therefore, be flexible in approach in order to provide opportunities for individual growth.

Topics to be explored on campus will include:

- the nature of teaching and learning
- children as learners
- observation methods
- teacher-student relationships
- beliefs and biases
- professionalism
- the changing role of schools
- "Year 2000"

Students will be expected to share their skills and expertise and to help each other develop new strategies for working with children.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Attendance and participation Observations and assignments Individual project Portfolio

TEXTBOOKS

Van Manen, Max. The Tone of Teaching

Henderson, James G. Reflective Teaching