

**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY
SUMMER SESSION 2008**

**EDUC 471-4
CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT: THEORY & PRACTICE
(E100)**

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Monday & Wednesday 5:30-9:20pm WMC 2220

PREREQUISITES: 60 Credit hours

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will focus on concepts related to curriculum theory and development. Curriculum theory will be examined in order to assess its impact on the teaching and learning process in British Columbia's educational system. These theoretical underpinnings will also be explored in relationship to the development of meaningful educational methods in practice. Understanding how to utilize the curriculum in order to develop engaging and comprehensive educational experiences can help teachers to creatively compose plans that uncover as opposed to cover curricular outcomes. For a teacher to be effective, he or she must integrate Best Practices into the planning and delivery of curricular content. Curriculum as praxis will be the focus where teachers think critically about educational outcomes and reflect on how these are most effectively addressed in practice.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

On completion, it is hoped that this course will:

- Increase your understanding of curriculum theory;
- Develop your ability to apply curricular outcomes effectively in practice;
- Enable you to develop creative educational experiences that include Best Practices;
- Enable you to create educational plans that include a diversity of learning styles and include 'minds-on' and 'hands-on' opportunities for learners;
- Develop your ability to plan, act, and evaluate the teaching and learning process through praxis.

REQUIRED READINGS:

Readings will be provided by the instructor.

ASSIGNMENTS/EVALUATION:

Final grades will be based on the following:

1. Multiple Intelligence Project
2. Curriculum Project
3. Classroom Presentation
4. Reading and Participation

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