

EDUC 483 - 8 Curriculum Studies

Mondays and Wednesdays 8:30 - 12:20

Section: D1.00

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PREREQUISITE

Educ 401/402

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this course, students study theory, implications and classroom practices of teaching for thinking. They also work on developing their teaching for thinking classroom skills.

Students are required to participate in several types of learning experiences: reading, seminars, workshops and laboratories. Working in cooperative learning groups on specific developmental tasks is a significant component of this course.

OBJECTIVES

1. To promote understanding of theory, principles, and classroom practices of teaching for thinking.
2. To examine the implications of teaching for thinking for the role of the teacher, the teaching-learning context, the curriculum, for instructional strategies and for evaluation.
3. To examine the instructional framework, "play-debrief-replay" as a way of organizing learning experiences in a teaching for thinking context.
4. To develop teaching skills that emphasize pupils' higher order thinking, within the context of the curriculum.

REQUIREMENTS

- * Attendance and participation in all parts of the program.
- * Completion of assigned readings.
- * Completion of assigned developmental tasks.
- * Completion of audiotapes and videotape demonstrating professional growth in teaching for thinking.
- * Contributions to the professional growth of others in cooperative learning groups.

REQUIRED READINGS

- * Raths, L., Wassermann, S., Jonas, A. & Rothstein, A. Teaching for Thinking: Theory, Strategies and Activities for the Classroom. New York: Teachers College Press.
- * Wassermann, S. Asking the Right Questions: The Essence of Teaching. Indiana: Phi Delta Kappa.
- * Wassermann, S. Serious Players. New York: Teachers College Press.
- * Wassermann, S. Introduction to Case Method Teaching: A Guide to the Galaxy. New York: Teachers College Press.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

- * Wassermann, S. & Ivany, G. The New Teaching Elementary Science: Who's Afraid of Spiders? (2nd ed.) New York: Teachers College Press, 1996.
- * Feynman, R. Surely You're Joking Mr. Feynman. New York: Bantam.
- * B.C. Ministry of Education. Thinking in the Classroom Vol. 1 & 2.