

DESIGNS FOR LEARNING: PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Fall Semester, 1988
Mondays, 4:30 - 8:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7540 (Gym)

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PREREQUISITES:

Education 401/402

OVERVIEW:

This course is designed to assist teachers in planning physical education programs for the elementary grades in B.C. schools. The curricular organizing principles of the course are threefold:

1. To provide teachers with a pedagogical understanding of curriculum design, teaching strategies, pupil progress, teacher evaluation and unit planning;
2. To examine various practical applications of the theoretical perspective listed in (1);
3. To explore a particular action research approach which challenges teachers to extend their professional development in physical education.

CONTENT:

Classroom sessions on the pedagogical foundations of physical education will be complemented by practical treatment of such topics as creative games, dance, gymnastics, individual and team pursuits, intramural activities, the integration of physical education with other curriculum areas, active health and daily physical education.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. A research paper on an individually chosen aspect of the lifeworld of physical education. Guidelines for conducting a particular style of pedagogical research will be given during the course and pertinent readings will be assigned. A one-two page proposal is to be submitted by week three of the course; two preliminary drafts are to be submitted for class critique in weeks six and ten; and a final version of ten to twelve pages is required upon completion of the course. (40%)
2. A teaching unit on a theme, concept or notion of movement experience as it pertains to the topical areas of either games, gymnastics or dance. (30%)
3. Teach two 20 minute lessons, one each from the areas of games, gymnastics and dance not used in your unit plan. Please hand in the lesson plan and your analysis of it. (20%)
4. Class participation. (10%)

REQUIRED TEXT:

Kirchner, Glenn (1985). Physical Education for Elementary School Children (6th edition). Dubuque, Iowa: William C. Brown & Co.

Kirchner, Glenn (1981). Sequential Unit, Theme, and Lesson Plans for Elementary School Physical Education Programs. Dubuque, Iowa: William C. Brown.