

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

EDUCATION 459-4

INSTRUCTIONAL ACTIVITIES IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Summer Semester, 1995
(May 8-July 31)
Mondays 8:30-12:20
Location: MPX 7540

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PREREQUISITE: EDUC 401/402 & 405 and permission of the instructor.

OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

Consideration is given in this course to the pedagogical principles underlying the development of physical education programs for the elementary grades in British Columbia schools. These pedagogical principles, derived from a theoretically-informed reflection on students engagement in selected instructional activities, will be applied to matters of curriculum design, teaching strategy, pupil progress and program evaluation.

COURSE CONTENT

Lectures on the pedagogical foundations of physical education will be combined with practical sessions in activity settings that exhibit varying degrees of structure. From the open activity settings of parks and outdoor spaces to the closed setting of the school gymnasium, students will participate in instructional activities that provide insight into the dynamics of effective pedagogy in physical education.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. Written pedagogical reflections on the instructional activities undertaken in the course (20%).
2. A narratively-constructed paper on an individually chosen aspect of the lifeworld of physical education. Guidelines for conducting narrative, pedagogical research will be given during the course and pertinent readings assigned. A one page proposal is to be submitted in the third week of the course, two working drafts are to be submitted in weeks six and ten, and a final version is required upon completion of the course (60%).
3. Class participation (20%).

READINGS

Assigned readings will be given out at the start of the course along with a list of suggested readings.