

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**EDUCATION 428-4:
NATURE AND NURTURE OF THE GIFTED
(E1.00)
(Cat. #13834)**

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(May 3–June 11)
Tuesday/Thursday, 5:30–9:20 p.m.
Location: MPX 7600F

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PREREQUISITE: 60 hours of credit and EDUC 220.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course has been designed to introduce teachers and those intending to become teachers to concepts and practices related to the nature and nurture of gifted potential in educational settings. Participants will meet with a gifted student and collect knowledge and skills through readings and activities to meet the exceptional educational needs of these individuals.

OBJECTIVES

Participants in this course will be able to:

1. Describe the nature of giftedness in terms of current conceptions and definitions.
2. Recognize behavioral characteristics of gifted students (intellectual, academic, creative, social and emotional).
3. Describe the types of instruments and the procedures used in the design of a process to assess the potential of gifted students.
4. Design learning experiences appropriate for highly able learners in the regular classroom or special programs which enhance thinking and learning skills within and across curriculum areas.
5. Discuss the rationale for modified learning activities and/or programs for gifted students.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

Paper	35%
Lesson Plans.....	30%
Journal and homework assignments.....	35%

READINGS

Assigned readings will be made available in the CET for photocopying on an individual basis. A list of recommended readings will be distributed in class.