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IMPORTANT:

For student policies and procedures relating to assessment, attendance and student support, please see website, <https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/students/courses/course-outlines/>

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1. LOCATION

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
School of Education
EDST4080 Special Education: Inclusive Strategies (6 units of credit)
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2. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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3. COURSE DETAILS

Course Name	Special Education: Inclusive Strategies	
Credit Points	6 units of credit (uoc)	
Workload	Includes 150 number of hours including class contact hours, readings, class preparation, assessment, follow up activities, etc.	
Schedule		
Lecture	Mon 1-3pm; Matthews Theatre B	Weeks 1-12
Tutorial/s	Tues 9am; Red Centre 4034	Weeks 1-12
	Tues 10am; Red Centre 4034	Weeks 1-12
	Tues 12pm; Ainsworth 201	Weeks 1-12
	<i>Tues 1pm; Ainsworth 201</i>	Weeks 1-12
	Wed 9am; John Goodsell LG19	Weeks 1-12
	Wed 1pm; Mathews 227	Weeks 1-12
	Wed 2pm; Mathews 226	Weeks 1-12

Summary of Course

This course provides an overview of the field of special education. It surveys the characteristics, training, and educational needs of students with disabilities, and twice exceptional students, emphasizing accommodating students with diverse needs in inclusive settings, including: legal mandates and regulations, characteristics and educational needs of students with diverse needs, and practical, research-based instructional techniques which can be used with these students in the general education classroom.

By the end of the course, students will have a broad overview of the field and its key concepts, issues, and the relevant Department of Education policies. They will be conversant with the main categories of students with special educational needs, and know some ways of dealing with these students in the inclusive classroom.

The main ways in which the course has changed since last time as a result of student feedback:

The inclusion of updated frequently asked questions will be available for assignment 1 and assignment 2.

Important Information

Assessment: Students must pass ALL assignments in order to pass the course. Only by passing all assignments can the Graduate Attributes (AITSL Professional Graduate Teaching Standards) be achieved.

Attendance: Students are expected to give priority to university study commitments. Unless specific and formal permission has been granted, failure to attend 80% of classes in a course may result in failure.

Student Learning Outcomes

Outcome		Assessment/s
1	Demonstrate proficiency in the knowledge of the current issues and attitudes affecting policymaking, identification of needs, and educational provision for diverse students in NSW.	1, 2
2	Understanding of differentiated instruction and layered curricula	2
3	Demonstrate the ability to apply research-based decision making to select appropriate programming options for students with diverse needs.	1, 2
4	Develop strategies to implement Board of Studies (BOS) syllabus documents including Life Skills outcomes and content, and additional literacy and numeracy support.	2

Program Learning Outcomes (AITSL Professional Graduate Teaching Standards)

Standard		Assessment/s
1.3	Demonstrate knowledge of teaching strategies that are responsive to the learning strengths and needs of students from diverse linguistics, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds	2
1.4	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of the impact of culture, cultural identity and linguistic background on the education of students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds	2
1.5	Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of strategies for differentiating teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities	1,2
1.6	Demonstrate broad knowledge and understanding of legislative requirements and teaching strategies that support participation and learning of students with disability	1,2
3.1	Set learning goals that provide achievable challenges for students of varying characteristics	2
3.7	Describe a broad range of strategies for involving parents/carers in the educative process	1,2
4.1	Identify strategies to support inclusive student participation and engagement in classroom activities	1,2
7.3	Understand strategies for working effectively, sensitively and confidentially with parents/carers	1,2

National Priority Area Elaborations

Priority area		Assessment/s
A. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education	Weeks 1,2,3,4,5,11,12,13	2
B. Classroom Management	Weeks 1,2,3,4,5,9,11,12,13	1,2
C. Information and Communication Technologies	Weeks 5, 6, 9	1,2
D. Literacy and Numeracy	Weeks 1, 2, 8, 11	1,2
E. Students with Special Educational Needs	Weeks 1-13	1,2
F. Teaching Students from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds	Weeks 11, 12, 13	1

4. RATIONALE FOR THE INCLUSION OF CONTENT AND TEACHING APPROACH

In line with the UNSW Guidelines on Learning that Inform Teaching at UNSW, the learning and teaching philosophy behind this course is that students are actively engaged as they discuss current beliefs and learn new things. Course material is designed to be relevant to students' experience and assessment is intended as part of learning. In this course, students are required to take responsibility for their own learning.

5. TEACHING STRATEGIES

- small group cooperative learning to understand the importance of teamwork in an educational context and to demonstrate the use of group structures as appropriate to address teaching and learning goals;
- explicit teaching including lectures and a range of teaching strategies to foster interest and support learning;
- structured occasions for reflection on learning to allow students to reflect critically on issues discussed;
- extensive opportunities for whole group and small group dialogue and discussion, allowing students the opportunity to demonstrate their capacity to communicate

These activities will occur in a climate that is supportive and inclusive of all learners.

Course text available in e-book or hard copy from the UNSW Bookshop

Foreman, P., Arthur-Kelly, M., Gargiulo, R., & Metcalf, D. (2017). *Inclusive education*. Compiled by Grima-Farrell, C., Strnadová, I., & O'Neill, S. Cengage.

6. COURSE CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Week Beginning	Topic	Readings
		Supplementary readings will be available on Moodle and chapters will be relevant to multiple weeks
1 24th July Face to face lecture and tutorial	Introduction to course Special and inclusive education: legislation, policies, principles Evidence-based practice in education Tools for assessment	Chapter 1 Legislation and Policies Supporting Inclusive Practice <i>Disability Standards for Education</i>

<p>2 31st July Online lecture and tutorial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Differentiated Instruction Layered Instruction</p> <p>This week we will explore the concept of differentiation through an alternative approach. Please interact with the online lecture and please complete the required tasks and bring them to your tutorial for discussion.</p> <p>The Iris training module that you will complete is: Differentiated Instruction: Maximizing the Learning of All Students http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/di/#content</p> <p>Your lecture attendance will be counted based on submission of completed Differentiated Instruction</p> <p>Please make sure you bring your notes to our tutorial this week.</p>	<p>Chapter 2</p> <p>Collaboration and Cooperative Teaching: Tools for Teaching All Learners</p>
<p>3 7th August Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Students with low-incidence disabilities – Hearing and vision impairments</p> <p>Characteristics, learning needs, teaching and classroom accommodations</p>	<p>Chapter 7</p> <p>Designing Learning That Works for All Students</p>
<p>4 14th August Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Students with high incidence disabilities - Intellectual disability</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Iva Strnadová</p> <p>Characteristics, learning needs, instructional strategies, interventions</p>	<p>Chapter 6</p> <p>Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Assessment Adjustments</p>
<p>5 21st August Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Students with high incidence disabilities – Communication disorders and assistive technology</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Terry Cumming</p> <p>Assessment for AAC devices and Assistive Technology, Behaviour and Communication Disabilities, Teaching strategies, Response to Intervention</p>	<p>Chapter 3</p> <p>Assistive Technologies and Innovative Learning Tools</p>

<p>6 28th August Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Students with low-incidence disabilities –Physical Disabilities, Complex Health Issues, Multiple Impairments</p> <p>Twice-exceptional students</p>	<p>Chapter 5</p> <p>Learners with Gifts and Talents: Learned Who Are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, and Other Learners at Risk</p>
<p>7 4th September Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Students with mental health issues Encouraging positive interactions</p> <p>The prevalence and characteristics of mental health problems in adolescence; supportive and resilient learning environment; mental health first aid; practical teaching/management strategies; what's new in mental health and schools</p> <p><i>Terry Taylor, School principal – Hopetown School</i></p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Ethical Practice</p>
<p>8 11th September Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Supporting students with Students with low-incidence disabilities</p> <p>Physical impairment, epilepsy</p> <p>Characteristics, learning needs, instructional strategies, interventions</p> <p>Planning effective teaching strategies</p>	<p>Chapter 8</p> <p>Diversity in the Classroom: Students with Low-Incidence Disabilities</p>
<p>9 18th September Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Students with low-incidence disabilities – Autism Spectrum Disorder</p> <p>Students with high incidence disabilities - Learning disabilities, ADHD</p> <p>Implementing curriculum adjustments</p> <p>Characteristics, learning needs, instructional strategies, interventions</p>	<p>Chapter 10</p> <p>Understanding Learner Diversity</p>

Mid-Semester Break

2 October: Labour Day Public Holiday No classes this week (See week 13 for UDL content)

<p>11 9th October Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Identification and misidentification of ESL vs students with special education's needs, Indigenous perspectives (Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders)</p> <p><i>Guest lecturer: Prof. Chris Davison, Head of School of Education</i></p>	<p>Chapter 9</p> <p>Creating Literacy-Rich Environments for All Learners</p>
<p>12 16th October Face to face lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Schooling transitions for students with disabilities</p> <p>Effective school-home collaboration Identifying learning support team, collaborating with SLSO, IEP meetings</p> <p>Incorporating transitional skills and activities into subject area classes Overview of Universal Design for Learning</p>	<p>Chapter 11</p> <p>Ethical Practice</p>
<p>13 23rd October Online lecture and tutorial</p>	<p>Universal Design for Learning</p> <p>This week we will explore the concept of Universal Design for Learning.</p> <p>The Iris training module that you will complete is: Universal Design for Learning: Creating a Learning Environment that Challenges and Engages All Students http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/module/udl/#content</p>	<p>Chapter 4</p> <p>Introducing Universal Design for Learning</p>

7. RESOURCES

Required Readings (e-book or hard copy available)

Disability Standards for Education (2005)

Foreman, P., Arthur-Kelly, M., Gargiulo, R., & Metcalf, D. (2017). *Inclusive education*. Compiled by Grima-Farrell, C., Strnadová, I., & O'Neill, S. Cengage.

Recommended Readings

Australian Research Alliance for Children & Youth, (2013), *Inclusive education for students with disability: A review of the best evidence in relation to theory and practice*. available at:
http://www.aracy.org.au/publications-resources/command/download_file/id/246/filename/Inclusive_education_for_students_with_disability_-_A_review_of_the_best_evidence_in_relation_to_theory_and_practice.pdf

Hyde, M., Carpenter, L. & Conway, R. (2013). *Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement*. South Melbourne, VIC: Oxford University Press.

Mitchell, D. (2014). *What Really Works in Special and Inclusive Education*. 2nd edition. Routledge.

Tomlinson, C.A., & Imbeau, M. (2010). *Leading and managing a differentiated classroom*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

Woodstock, S., Dixon, R., & Tanner, K. (2013). *Teaching in Inclusive School Environments*. David Barlow Publishing.

Electronic resources

www.aase.edu.au

www.adcet.edu.au

<http://help4teachers.com>

<http://www.nds.org.au/projects/article/68> - The Aboriginal Resources and Pathways project

<http://aiidd.org.au/aiid/interaction/24/24.1.pdf>

<http://www.aihw.gov.au/publication-detail?id=10737418977> - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability: wellbeing, participation and support

The following links may also be beneficial

www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/special_ed/ Information on students with special needs and syllabuses

www.curriculumsupport.education.nsw.gov.au/ Curriculum issues for special education. Also Quality Teaching resources

8. ASSESSMENT

Assessment Task	Length	Weight	Student Learning Outcomes Assessed	Program Learning Outcomes Assessed	National Priority Area Elaborations	Due Date
Assessment 1 Evidence-based Practice Guide	3,000 words	45%	1,3	1.5, 1.6, 3.7, 4.1,7.3	B 2, 5, 9 C 3, 11 D 4, 15 E 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9	21 st August 2017 by 5pm
Assessment 2 Information Booklet for High School Teachers	10 - 15 pages	55%	1,2,3,4	1.3,1.4,1.5, 1.6, 3.1, 3.7, 4.1, 7.3	A 5, 6, 9, 12 B 2, 3, 5 C 2, 3, 4, 11 D 12, 15 E 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	9 th October 2017 by 5pm

Students are required to follow their lecturer's instructions when submitting their work for assessment. All assessment will be submitted online via Moodle by 5pm. Student no longer need to use a cover sheet. Students are also required to keep all drafts, original data and other evidence of the authenticity of the work for at least one year after examination. If an assessment is mislaid the student is responsible for providing a further copy. Please see the Student Policies and Procedures for information regarding submission, extensions, special consideration, late penalties and hurdle requirements etc.

Assessment 1 – Evidence-based Practice Guide (45%)

This assessment will help you to:

- develop familiarity with the evidence based practices in special and inclusive education,
- develop critical thinking skills,
- improve research and evaluation skills

Your assignment 1 task is to create an evidence-based practice guide for beginning teachers, in which you demonstrate how selected evidence-based practices could be used in a high school classroom where there are students with special educational needs included. Select one area of skills that you wish to address in your guide (e.g., communication skills, social skills, literacy, numeracy, self-determination).

This guide must contain a minimum of 4 evidence-based practices. Begin the guide with an introduction that describes the importance of having a solid knowledge base of research-based teaching strategies and interventions. The practices you include can be strategies (proactive) or interventions (reactive). For each strategy or intervention, please be sure to provide:

- a complete description of the practice, including when/why it would be used,
- implementation instructions detailed enough that a beginning teacher could follow the directions and use the strategies,
- a summary of the evidence supporting the practice for the area you decided to focus on.

The practices should be well-aligned with each other.

The evidence you provide should be from peer-reviewed journal articles from the last ten years (that is

from 2008-2017). Articles must be sourced from high-quality peer-reviewed journals. You should include a minimum of ten (10) references.

The guide should be **double-spaced and written in APA 6th edition style**; see the following website for assistance with this: <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

Assessment 2 – Developing Information Booklet for High School Teachers (55%)

Each student will develop an information booklet for high school teachers focused on **one** of the following topics:

Topic 1 Creating an inclusive learning environment for all in high schools: Responding to the strengths and needs of students with diverse (dis)abilities, students from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds, and students from diverse linguistics, cultural, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds

Your booklet should include (but not be limited to) the following:

- strategies for the full inclusion of Indigenous students in the educational life of classrooms and schools
- strategies for the establishment of partnerships with Aboriginal parents and communities for the education of Aboriginal students
- strategies for the establishment of partnerships with parents and community for the education of students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Topic 2 Applying Universal Design for Learning (UDL) in a high school class: Guidelines for mainstream high school teachers

Your booklet should include (but not be limited to) the following:

- tips how to present the material in a variety of ways in order to engage and teach students of all abilities, including gifted and talented
- examples from your subject area
- examples of teaching materials you would use
- tips for preparing assessment criteria

Topic 3 Differentiating curriculum to enhance student engagement and success: Guidelines for mainstream high school teachers

Your booklet should include (but not be limited to) the following:

- evidence-based knowledge of the strengths and challenges associated with differentiation
- strategies for differentiating instruction and student assessment to provide effective learning opportunities for all students
- examples of teaching and assessment approaches for your subject area

Each information booklet should:

- be written in user-friendly language for high school teachers
- have a clear structure, using headings and subheadings
- have introduction on the topic of the information booklet
- provide advice to teachers based on evidence-based practice
- provide useful examples and tips for teachers
- list of references that you would recommend to high school teachers
- list of resources/references that you used in order to create the information booklet.

This must be **your** original work!

The Information Booklet for High School Teachers should be submitted through Turnitin on the course's Moodle website.

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Student Name: _____
 Assessment Task 1: Evidence-based Practice Guide

Student No.: _____

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-) → (+)				
Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of the task and its relationship to relevant areas of theory, research and practice • clarity and accuracy in use of key terms and concepts in the researched area 					
Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion paper contains key information and sources on this topic and will generate a comprehensive review paper. • Well-written, unique to the source, avoids vague statements 					
Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All sources demonstrate careful consideration of credibility, variety and perspectives. • All components of annotation comprehensively addressed for all citations. 					
Structure and organization of response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriateness of overall structure of response • clarity and coherence of organisation, including use of numbering, referencing 					
Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarity, consistency and appropriateness of conventions for quoting, paraphrasing, attributing sources of information, and listing references • clarity and appropriateness of sentence structure, vocabulary use, spelling, punctuation and word length 					
GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME					

Lecturer Recommended: /20 (FL PS CR DN HD)

Date Weighting: 45%

NB: The ticks in the various boxes are designed to provide feedback to students; they are not given equal weight in determining the recommended grade. Depending on the nature of the assessment task, lecturers may also contextualize and/or amend these specific criteria. The recommended grade is tentative only, subject to standardisation processes and approval by the School of Education Learning and Teaching Committee.

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Student Name:

Student No.:

Assessment Task 2: **Developing Information Booklet for High School Teachers**

SPECIFIC CRITERIA	(-)	—————>			(+)
Understanding of the question or issue and the key concepts involved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of the task and its relationship to relevant areas of theory, research and practice • clarity and accuracy in use of key terms and concepts in special education/ disability studies • clear connection between your information booklet's topic and provided advise and examples 					
Depth of analysis and/or critique in response to the task <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • depth of understanding of key principles, concepts and issues explicitly raised during the course and in your follow up readings • depth of analysis of information provided to high school teachers • introduction on the topic in your information booklet • provided advice to teachers based on evidence-based practice • useful examples and tips for teachers 					
Familiarity with and relevance of professional and/or research literature used to support response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • familiarity with the topic of your information booklet • list of related and appropriate references recommended to high school teachers for further reading • list of resources/references that you used in order to create your information booklet (use citations and reference pages) 					
Structure and organisation or response <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriateness of overall structure of response • clarity and coherence of organization 					
Presentation of response according to appropriate academic and linguistic conventions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clarity, consistency and appropriateness of conventions for quoting, paraphrasing, attributing sources of information, and listing references • clarity and consistency in presenting your information booklet • clarity and appropriateness of sentence structure, vocabulary use, spelling, punctuation and word length 					
GENERAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEXT TIME					

Lecturer

Recommended: /20 (FL PS CR DN HD)

Date

Weighting: 55%

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