



**EDUO 9110**  
**1 Semester Credit/Unit**  
**Pictello the Story Maker**  
**Instructor – Joe Herz, MA**

***Note: This is a Public syllabus of the course. For a full detailed syllabus please email the instructor.***

## **Course Description**

Creating talking stories will brighten the lives of every student! Pictello is a wonderful, inexpensive and easy app used to create talking photo albums and books on an iPad, iPhone or iPod touch. Students and teachers can create text-driven speaking photo or image-rich stories using text-to-speech technology in a variety of voices. Projects can be shared through iTunes Sharing, via WiFi using a free account on the Pictello sharing server or by exporting stories to PDF. Completed stories can also be printed! Designed by Assistware for special needs students, Pictello is a super-exciting way for all non-readers and developing readers and writers of all ages to enjoy and share their creativity! Learn more at [Pictello](#).

\*Pictello requires iOS 9.3 or later. Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.

## **Course Rationale**

“As technology integration continues to increase in our society, it is paramount that teachers possess the skills and behaviors of digital age professionals. Moving forward, teachers must become comfortable being co-learners with their students and colleagues around the world.” ISTE: International Society for Technology in Education

### **Relevant Professional Standards**

This course and its materials are aligned with ISTE.Nets Advanced Digital Age Teaching standards and performance indicators:

1. Facilitate and Inspire Student Learning and Creativity
2. Design and Develop Digital Age Learning Experiences and Assessments
3. Model Digital Age Work and Learning
4. Promote and Model Digital Citizenship and Responsibility
5. Engage in Professional Growth and Leadership

## **Course Assignments and Assessment**

- Completed work will be submitted to the instructor for review. **You will receive feedback** for each assignment stating successful completion or the need for revision. Project assignments will be evaluated based on a list of required tasks or by rubric.
- Upon completion of the course a letter grade will be issued. The course is designed to take 15 hours on average to complete.

## **Resources and Requirements**

- Internet access including an email account
- Agreement to purchase the Pictello app from the Apple App Store.
- Agreement to share Pictello stories with fellow students. You will not be sharing stories containing pictures of students or stories containing any student information.

## **Learning Objectives**

- Create talking photo albums and talking books on an iPad, iPhone and iPod touch devices
- Share and publish Pictello projects online, email and print
- Assist Special Needs students
- Assist students of all ages and needs
- Develop skills in social interaction and conversation
- Develop writing and reading skills

## **Outcomes**

- Learn to use the app, Pictello on your iPad, iPhone or iPod device
- Interact with the instructor as assignments are completed
- Create Pictello projects to share with the instructor and with fellow students
- Create a lesson project where students uses Pictello
- Post to an ongoing discussion board your reflective thought on the use of Pictello

## **Course Assignments**

- Establish proper Pictello accounts after purchasing the app
- Explore instructional documents and tutorials explaining how Pictello works
- View pre-made Pictello stories
- Create a Pictello story using images provided by the instructor
- Create a Pictello story that will be posted for all course enrolled students to view
- Create a final Pictello story of your choice

### **From AssistiveWare's site:**

“Pictello is used by many different people. Anyone can make a story to share important events or their latest holiday pictures with family who live far away. Individuals who have difficulty speaking use it to share their news and interests or to participate in a social conversation. Teachers use it for social stories, schedules or language learning. Pictello is developed for all ages and skill levels, so it is easy to use and requires no reading skills to locate and read stories. Pictello offers two story creation modes: an easy wizard that guides you through the whole process step-by-step and an advanced editor that gives full control of the editing capabilities.”

### **End of Public Syllabus**