



Farm to School Practicum **EDUO 9535**

2 Semester Units/30 hours

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Public Syllabus

Course Description:

This course is designed for K-12 teachers, administrators and other educators who wish to integrate farm-to-school lessons and activities into standards-based curriculum.

The term “farm to school” encompasses efforts that bring local or regionally produced foods into school cafeterias; hands-on learning activities such as school gardening, farm visits, and culinary classes; and the integration of food-related education into the classroom.¹ By exploring topics in agriculture and creating lesson plans that embed relevant concepts in science, math, literacy and social sciences into experiential activities centered around food production, educators can help enrich children’s bodies and minds while supporting connections with local agriculture.

This 3-credit course is delivered in an online, self-paced format that includes reading assignments as well as a capstone project that implements a Farm to School based activity for a school or campus. This course has the prerequisite, EDUO 9535, Introduction to Farm to School.

Course Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student will be able to:

- Identify potential partnerships with local farmers and organizations that might participate in Farm to School programming
- Create SMART goals for a Farm to School project
- Develop and/or maintain a farm-to-school based project within their district that will be utilized as an instructional resource.

¹ USDA’s Food Nutrition Services: Farm to School.
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/farmtoschool/farm-school> (retrieved July 19, 2014).

Grading Rubric:

Exemplary: A+ to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable: Must be resubmitted
All assignments were submitted and demonstrate research and community connections.	Assignments were submitted but do not show sufficient research or capacity building within the community. Assignments show I	Assignments are incomplete
SMART goals are well developed and are specific, measurable, attainable and connected to a timeline	SMART goals are submitted, but unrealistic or not able to be measured or held up to a timeline	SMART goals are incomplete
Project is designed to connect students to Farm to School concepts while reinforcing academic learning. Project shows impact on student learning outcomes.	Writing contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors	Numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors make the writing difficult to read

Requirements:

- Evidence will be submitted within the enrolled semester and can be in the format of a website, blog, video or instructional resource guide. Evidence should include photos with captions of the project or activity. This can be submitted as a link or embedded in the same document as the other assignments under the title: *Project Artifacts*.
- Project must require at least 30 hours of time. Submit hour log along with finished assignments. Template attached and also available at the Moodle Site for this course under Assignment #3 *Farm to School Project Hour Log*.
- A pre-and post-assessment must be administered to at least 15 participants to determine if learning outcomes designated within the SMART goals. If project is ongoing and will not be completed until after the completion of this course, contact instructor for alternative assessment plans.