

DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY *of CALIFORNIA*

The Inclusive Classroom
EDUO 9400 One Semester Credit/Unit
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Course Syllabus

Course Overview

Experts agree that for the successful inclusion of students with special needs into the general education classroom, a collaborative partnership should be formed between the regular classroom teacher and the special education teacher. Extensive and ongoing planning is needed for both teachers to adapt or modify instructions, materials, and the general education classroom environment for the benefit of the included student with special needs. This course is designed to facilitate the planning and preparation necessary for all students to succeed.

Course Objectives:

By the conclusion of this course, participants will have the opportunity to:

- complete an inclusion plan that will enhance their educational program and add to their knowledge and skills.
- Collaborate with colleagues and parents.
- Adapt the physical and instructional environment.
- Review classroom management techniques.
- Search for and obtained new resources.
- Develop relevant assessment tools.
- Research a current article relevant to inclusion.

Course Relation to CCS or other Professional Standards

This course aligns to the standards for the general education teacher, the special education teacher and students who have special needs. Teachers can access their state's Common Core Standards in English language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects.

- <http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ps/index.asp>
- [CCS; National and State Standards](#)

• **How to Submit Coursework**

Each completed assignment in this course is submitted to the instructor for review. Follow directions at the end of each assignment on how to prepare and in which Moodle Dropbox to place completed work. Name each file submitted with your last name and assignment number (i.e. BrownAssignment3. Make sure you place your full name, course number and assignment number at the top of each document page. You will receive feedback from your instructor within 2-5 days indicating successful completion of the assignment or the need for revision. Assignment grades will be averaged for the final course grade.

Grading rubrics for written projects and for presentation projects are found in this document.

Enrollees in this course are required to respond to all questions posed in each of the following sections:

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| B1 Inclusion Plan | B6 Assessment a & b |
| B2 Collaboration a & b | B7 Checklist-General Educator or Special Educator |
| B3 Adaptations a & b | B8 Log of Inclusion Activities |
| B4 Classroom Management | B9-Online Article Summary |
| B5 Resources a & b | |

Grading Rubric for Coursework Sections: B1-B9:

| Exemplary: Met and Exceeds Expectations A+ to A- | Acceptable: Meets Expectations B+ to B- | Unacceptable: Needs Improvement. Must be resubmitted. |
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| Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated. | Presents some relevant ideas and connections to the assignment. | Few relevant ideas connected to the assignment, some ideas unclear. |
| Very well organized | Is generally well organized | Shows little organization |
| Reflective piece covers numerous facts and specific details of the learning experience | Some facts and specific details of the learning experience are included. | Few or no facts or specific details of the learning experience are included. |
| Free of Spelling or grammatical errors | Writing contains a few spelling or grammatical errors. | Numerous spelling or grammatical errors. Writing is difficult to read. |

Assignment B1: Inclusion Plan

Your assignments for this course will document your progress in collaborating with a colleague as you work to successfully include one or more special education students in a regular education classroom. For the first assignment, complete the following information as you meet to plan for the inclusion.

Date: _____ School Site: _____

Special Education Teacher _____

Classroom Teacher _____

Grade level or subject of students _____

Disability(s) of included student(s):

Briefly describe the problems and concerns to be addressed in implementing the successful inclusion of students at your site.

Assignment B2: Collaboration

- a. Describe how you worked together with other teachers at your site to plan, prioritize objectives and implement inclusion for students.
- b. How have you worked to improve communications with parents in the inclusion process?

Assignments B3: Adaptations

- a. Describe how the physical classroom environment was adapted for the included student(s).
_____ No adaptation needed. Explain.
- b. Describe some adaptations in the instructional procedures, curriculum materials, or equipment that were implemented.

Assignment B4: Classroom Management

Describe how the classroom management procedures were modified to help the included students(s).
_____ No adaptation needed. Explain.

Assignment B5: Resources

- a. Cite evidence of any disability resources, websites, organizations or specialists that were consulted to provide additional support and information for the inclusion process.
- b. If a paraprofessional was available in the classroom, how was that person's effectiveness increased?

Assignment B6: Assessment

- a. How was the testing and/or grading system modified for the included student(s)?
 _____ No modifications needed. Explain.
- b. Evaluate your inclusion plan: What successes have been documented? What are the areas of difficulty for the included students that still need to be addressed.

B7 – Checklist of Special Education Teacher’s Activities for Inclusion Plan (complete at least 6 of these)

| Date | Activity |
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| | Conferenced with classroom teacher or team of teachers on inclusion |
| | Reviewed IEP Plan of included student(s) with classroom teacher |
| | Researched website or library resources or emailed instructor |
| | Compiled articles to share with staff on collaboration & inclusion best practices |
| | Reviewed district core curriculum & obtained supplementary materials supportive of the curriculum |
| | Planned modifications of curriculum for included student(s) with classroom teacher input |
| | Planned with classroom teacher input, seating & other environmental changes for included student(s) |
| | Planned accommodations for included student(s) with classroom teacher input |
| | Planned & implemented with classroom teacher input, classroom management techniques for included student(s) |
| | Planned with classroom teacher input, alternate methods of evaluation/grading for included student(s) |
| | Planned one or more lesson(s) to co-teach with the classroom teacher |
| | Planned with classroom teacher input for effective use of the special education paraprofessional |
| | Planned for effective use of the special education paraprofessional |

B8-Log of Inclusion Activities

Log under the following headings all the preparation, implementing and assessing you did to complete your inclusion plan. Include dates and associates involved with you.

| Date | Activity | People Involved |
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B9-Online Article Summary.

Conduct a search for one or more online articles pertaining to the inclusion of students with special needs in the general education setting. Submit the title, website, and author(s) of the article along with a short summary of the article. Additionally, describe what information in the article was useful and pertinent in your inclusion efforts.