

# DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY of CALIFORNIA

## **Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Student Behavior**

**EDUO 9442 – One Graduate Level Credit**

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### **Course Overview**

The world of education has become extremely challenging over the past few years. From teacher shortages to the mental health crisis, both educators and students are struggling. The reform needed to fix such problems is often impractical and can take years! We do not have the time to wait. By implementing practical ideas and strategies incrementally, educators can continuously improve each issue and ultimately make a big shift. Educators will walk away from this course ready to tackle one of education's biggest challenges, Student Behavior.

Welcome to **EDUO 9442 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Student Behavior**. This course is part of a six-course series entitled **Fixing Education's Biggest Problems**. The other five courses in the series are:

- EDUO 9441 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Curriculum/Achievement
- EDUO 9443 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Teacher Retention
- EDUO 9444 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Student Engagement
- EDUO 9445 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Mental Health
- EDUO 9446 Fixing Education's Biggest Challenges: Equity

**Please Note:** No class is a prerequisite for another. They do not have to be taken sequentially, and you are not required to take all 6 courses. You are free to take as many or as few as you want.

### **Course Objectives**

In this course, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Discuss and reflect on the biggest challenges facing education today.
- Learn practical ideas and strategies that will help address one of education's biggest challenges: Student Behavior.
- Participate in activities that demonstrate the ability to create curriculum and learning environments that support student engagement, behavior, and social-emotional skills.

### **Course Relation to CCS or other Professional Standards**

This course aligns to the following professional teaching standards:

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ps/index.asp>

- Engaging and Supporting all Students in Learning
- Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning
- Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning
- Planning Instruction and Designing learning Experiences for all Students

## How to Submit Coursework

You have nine months to complete this course from the day that you registered. However, you are free to turn in all your work for a grade at any time along the way. Nonetheless, we are flexible. Please reach out to your instructor if you do not feel as though you can complete the class in time.

Place each assignment (1-8) in a separate word processing document with clear labels and submit it into the corresponding assignment's Dropbox. Be sure to e-mail your instructor after each submission. If your assignment is too large for the Dropbox or it is in a format that the Dropbox will not accept (i.e. Google docs), feel free to e-mail or share the document directly with your instructor at [rpickett.dominicanaonline@gmail.com](mailto:rpickett.dominicanaonline@gmail.com).

## Course Assignments

### 1. Staying Positive

*Objective:* Discuss and reflect on the positive aspects of education and what keeps the participant active in their career.

- a. Read the article titled “*And Now for Some Good News.*” This article can be found in the online resources section of this course at: <https://dominicanselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691>. After reading the above article, discuss what surprised you the most and what made the most sense based on your experience in education.
- b. Write a paragraph or two discussing the most positive aspects of the past school year. While doing so, explain what motivates you to stay in education.

### 2. Educational Challenges

*Objective:* Discuss and reflect on the biggest challenges facing education today.

Watch the video called “*Teacher Shortages*”, which can be found in the online resources section of this course at: <https://dominicanselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691>. After watching the video, rank the following 6 educational challenges in relation to the teacher shortage crisis and explain the choices that you made.

- Teacher Retention
- Student Behavior
- Mental Health
- Equity
- Student Engagement
- Curriculum/Achievement

### 3. Educational Challenges 2.0

*Objective:* Discuss and reflect on one of the biggest challenges facing education today, Student Behavior.

Without doing any research, write one paragraph on the educational challenge, Student Behavior, and why you believe this area is currently such a challenge throughout the nation.

#### 4. Someday/Monday

*Objective:* Brainstorm practical ideas and strategies that will help address one of education's biggest challenges: Student Behavior.

Read the article, *"The Someday/Monday Dilemma."* The article can be found in the online resources section of this course at: <https://dominicancaselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691> After reading the article, come up with one small "Someday / Monday" idea to test that may improve student behavior at your school/classroom/district. Essentially, you are to create a plan to start small and test your idea out. In your plan, describe your idea and why you choose it. There does not need to be a lot of details in your ideas, nor do you need to create any lesson plans. The basic idea is ok for this assignment.

#### 5. Introduction to Student Behavior

*Objective:* Discuss and reflect on one of the biggest challenges facing education today, Student Behavior.

- a. Watch the video, *"School Psychologist Shares Her Number One Tip"*. This video can be found in the online resource section of this course at <https://dominicancaselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691> After watching the video write a paragraph about your experience with significant student behaviors.

#### 6. Student Behavior

*Objective:* Learn practical ideas and strategies that will help address one of education's biggest challenges: Student Behavior.

Read the following 7 articles. These articles can be found in the online resources section of this course at <https://dominicancaselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691>

- *"Are We Teaching Care or Control"*
  - *"To the Teacher Feeling Unsupported with Student Behavior"*
  - *"Dysregulated Students Need Regulated Adults"*
  - *"De-escalating the Hulk Brain"*
  - *"A Matter of Perspective"*
  - *"Connection Before Correction"*
  - *"What is Behind the Rise in problem Behavior..."*
- a. Write a paper, create a newsletter, a blog, or even a vlog regarding student behavior in schools and how it could relate to the teacher shortage. Be sure to reference the articles within your work. In addition, include what you currently do and/or how you can improve student behavior in your classroom.
  - b. Create a picture collage depicting your opinion of the information that you learned in the 7 articles. This collage can be made with digital imagery or with pictures cut and glued from magazines. If you choose a non-digital method of creating your collage, take a picture of the collage to turn in. After making your collage, write a summary of your opinion.

## 7. Teachers: The New Professional Athletes

*Objective:* Demonstrate gained knowledge on creating curriculum and learning environments that improves student outcomes and supports student engagement, behavior, and social-emotional skills for all students while improving the educational challenge of Student Behavior.

- a. Watch the Video, “*If We Treated Teachers Like Professional Athletes.*” This video can be found in the online resources section of this course at <https://dominicancaselfguided.com/course/view.php?id=691>
- b. Although the video about teachers being treated like professional athletes was a segment from a comedy skit, this should be the goal of education and how teachers should be treated. Given what you have learned in this course, explain what it will take to improve student behavior and how this could lead to the above video becoming a reality someday.

## 8. Fixing The Student Behavior Problem

*Objective:* Review the concepts of the course while communicating how the information can improve upon one of education’s biggest challenges, Student Behavior.

- a. Pretend that you just wrote and published a new book entitled, “Fixing The Student Behavior Problem.” Create the outer cover of the book. This includes the front and back of the cover. The goal of the book cover is to entice people to read the book, not for them to learn all the information presented in this course. We want this cover to look more like one that was created to make the book stand out in a bookstore.
- b. Pretend that you are attending your first book signing for the book above. This signing includes time to discuss the book with an audience that can ask questions. Write an opening statement for the crowd, as well as a script of some questions from the audience and your responses. Essentially, you are to review the concepts of this course.

### Course Assessment Rubric

<b>Exemplary: A to A-</b>	<b>Acceptable: B+ to B-</b>	<b>Unacceptable Must be resubmitted</b>
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated	Presents some relevant ideas and connections to the assignment	Ideas are not clear or relevant
Very well organized	Generally well organized	Shows little or no organization
Responses relate numerous facts and specific details of the program materials	Some facts and specific details of the program materials are included	Few or no facts or specific details of the program materials are included
Free of spelling and/or grammatical errors	Writing contains a few spelling and/or grammatical errors	Numerous spelling and/or grammatical errors make the writing difficult to read

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- For questions involving your registration, please contact us at [support@dominicanCAonline.com](mailto:support@dominicanCAonline.com) or call (800) 626-5080.
- To change your address, link to your Dominican account at [https://www.dominicancaonlinestore.com/store/index.php?main\\_page=login](https://www.dominicancaonlinestore.com/store/index.php?main_page=login)

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