

**DOMINICAN
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School of Liberal Arts and Education

Creative Thinking

EDUO 9825

1 Semester Credit/Unit

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

Course Overview

Welcome to **EDUO 9825 Creative Thinking**. This class was created by Dominican University of California in conjunction with Educational Development and Services as part of a seven course series entitled **Core Thinking Skills**. Embedded in the Common Core State Standards is an overarching idea of creativity and innovation. It has been said that innovation can only occur when creative thought has been put into action. To do so, one must learn how to generate ideas, associate or link them to other ideas, and create a hypothesis. The content learned in the class, Creative Thinking, will help you teach your students how to demonstrate authentic evidence of what they have learned across disciplines. In turn, your students will grow up solving problems and making decisions effectively. By meeting the requirements of this class, participating teachers will earn one semester unit of graduate level extension credit from Dominican University of California, a fully accredited university. The other six courses in the series are:

- **EDUO 9824 Cognitive Transfer**
- **EDUO 9826 Complex Thinking**
- **EDUO 9827 Comprehensive Thinking**
- **EDUO 9828 Collaborative Thinking**
- **EDUO 9829 Communicative Thinking**
- **EDUO 9830 Critical Thinking**

All seven courses in the **Core Thinking Skills** series require the same book titled How to Teach Thinking Skills Within the Common Core by James Bellanca, Robin Fogarty, & Brian Pete. This book is available for purchase at www.amazon.com.

Course Objectives:

After completing the course titled Creative Thinking, you will demonstrate or indicate:

- How to teach students the skill of generating ideas.
- How to teach students the skill of associating their ideas to other information.
- How to teach students the skill of creating a hypothesis.
- The ability to plan lessons or activities that teach Creative Thinking.

Course Relation to CCS or other Professional Standards

This course aligns with the Common Core standards found at <http://www.corestandards.org> .

Course Assignments Preview:

1. Current Practice/Reflection

For the first assignment you will explore how your current practices allow students to generate ideas, associate their ideas with others, and create hypotheses.

2. Generate

While completing assignment two, you will demonstrate how to get your students to generate ideas.

3. Associate

In this section you will communicate how you will help your students link multiple ideas together.

4. Hypothesize

For this assignment you will demonstrate how you teach your students to create hypotheses.

5. Creative Thinking

In the final assignment you will review everything you learned and provide an explanation as to how your new knowledge will help your students become creative thinkers and achieve success on the current standards.

Course Assessment Rubric

Exemplary: A+ to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable Must be resubmitted
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

- You are allowed 9 months to complete the course. Course questions? Contact your instructor by email.
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