

Using Imagination to Enhance Student Engagement and Learning

EDUO 9909 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

Engaging ones imagination about a subject or topic prior to learning about it can be an effective tool in enhancing ones interest. In addition, utilizing imagination while teaching has been shown to improve a student's ability to retain information over time. This course will not provide statistics or theoretical information about this theory. Rather, participants will experience the theory in action. By using creativity and imagination prior to learning about a particular subject, participants will learn first hand how effective this teaching tool can be. Through this experience, educators will be excited to bring more imagination to their classrooms. By meeting the requirements of this class, participating educators will earn one semester unit of graduate level extension credit from Dominican University of California, a fully accredited university.

Course Objectives:

By completing this course, participants will:

- experience how creativity and imagination can increase student engagement and retention
- reflect on the effectiveness of utilizing more student imagination in the classroom
- brainstorm how to bring more imagination into their classroom.

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

Course Assignments Preview:

For this course, you will experience using imagination and creativity as a teaching tool, reflect on the effectiveness of such a tool, and brainstorm ways to bring imagination into your classroom. This will be accomplished through your participation in a unit of study called, “The Mysteries of Alaska.”

Course Assessment Rubric

Exemplary: A to A-	Acceptable: B+ to B-	Unacceptable:
Reflective, thoughtful ideas relevant to the assignment are clearly stated	Satisfactorily completes all assignment	Ideas are not clear or relevant
Very well organized	Generally well organized	Shows little or no organization
Responses show that resources have been well understood	Responses show that resources were read	Few or no facts or specific details from the resources
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 up to nine months to complete the course.
- For course content questions, contact your instructor by email.
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