GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
School of Recreation, Health and Tourism
Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning Program (ASTL)
PHED 670 – Analysis of Teaching in Physical Education
Fall 2010

DAY/TIME: Tues. 4:30-7:10 pm
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COURSE DESCRIPTION:
Presents a variety of research techniques for studying teacher and learner behaviors in physical education, engaging the teacher as researchers and grant writers. Goal is to prepare teachers to be leaders in their field.

COURSE OUTCOMES: At the conclusion of this course, class members will:
1. Show knowledge of current and relevant research literature for analyzing teaching and learning in physical education and teacher education.
2. Discuss and write summaries/critiques on text chapters and other outside readings on the teaching-learning process while relating them to one’s own classroom.
3. Examine and reflect on one’s own teaching practices & evidence of student learning as data sources for self development.
4. Show competence in the use of systematic observation instruments to examine teacher actions and student learning.
5. Use informal teacher and student assessments to improve your teaching and achieve curricular goals.
6. Evaluate one’s ability to become a model teacher.
7. Demonstrate the ability to write and submit a grant for teacher and program development.

RELATIONSHIP TO PROGRAM GOALS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION
PHED 670 is one of four required courses in the Physical Education Concentration in the ASTL Program. It is aligned with the School of RHT priorities to provide rewarding learning experiences, disseminate exemplary scholarship, and prepare professionals committed to service. The PHED Concentration is also aligned with the College of Education and Human Development priorities of diversity and equity, student development, high standards of research and research-based practices within the community. PHED 670 is inclusive of selected National Teacher Standards (Moving Into the Future, National Standards for Physical Education: A Guide to Content and Assessment, 1995). The NASPE TEACHER STANDARDS set the framework for what teachers should know and be able to do:

3 - Diverse Learners - the teacher understands how individuals differ in their approaches to learning and creates appropriate instruction adapted to diverse learners.

4 - Management and Motivation - the teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a safe learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.
6 - **Planning and Instruction** - the teacher plans and implements a variety of developmentally appropriate instructional strategies to develop physically educated individuals.

7 - **Learner Assessment** - the teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to foster physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of learners in physical activity.

8 - **Reflection** - the teacher is a reflective practitioner who evaluates the effect of his/her actions on others and seeks opportunities to grow professionally.

**WORK REQUIREMENTS:** Class members are expected to attend class prepared to engage in dialogue related to the assigned readings and other weekly assignments. Written assignments must be typed and submitted when due for full credit.

**Required Text:**

**Other Resources:**
Blackboard Website: [http://courses.gmu.edu/](http://courses.gmu.edu/)

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCE**

**Research and Professional Articles**
Articles that will be used to support learning in this class may be accessed through the GMU Library E-Reserves and E-Journals. *One of the most direct ways to access the E-Reserves is through the class Blackboard site by clicking on the External Links button.* Follow the instructions provided there for the E-reserves. The course password will be provided in class and posted under the link, as well. The GMU Library may also be directly accessed at: [http://www.gmu.edu](http://www.gmu.edu)
E-journals include Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport; Physical Educator; Sport, Education and Society; JOPERD; Teacher Education Quarterly; Educational Leadership; Kappan; Harvard Education Review; Teaching and Teacher Education and Review of Educational Research.


**MODE OF COURSE DELIVERY**
The delivery of EDUC 670 is accomplished through a combination of experiential learning activities to meet the need of all learners and learning styles including:

- Class presentations consisting of mini-lectures, use of Power Point, etc
- Whole class and small group discussions
- Cooperative learning in small groups emphasizing learning from others
- Student sharing examples, projects and teaching/learning experiences
- Problem solving challenges
• Use of Blackboard

**GSE SYLLABUS STATEMENTS OF EXPECTATIONS**
The Graduate School of Education expects all students to abide by the professional behaviors and dispositions cited on the website, http://gse.gmu.edu

**CEHD Core Values:** This class will engage five core values throughout the semester that include Social Justice, Collaboration, Research based practice, Innovation, and Ethical Leadership. We will include these values in our daily practices.

**HONOR CODE**
Your work must be your own when given an assignment individually. All work by others must be documented for outside contributions. Students must follow guidelines of the University Honor Code. See [http://ww.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/#TOC_H12](http://ww.gmu.edu/catalog/apolicies/#TOC_H12) for the full honor code. Students must agree to abide by the university policy for Responsible use of computing. Type in “Responsible Use of Computing” after logging onto [http://www.gmu.edu](http://www.gmu.edu)

**STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**
Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the Mason Disability Resource Center and inform the instructor, in writing, at the beginning of the semester. See [www.gmu.edu/student/drc](http://www.gmu.edu/student/drc) or call 703-993-2474 to access DRC.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** [http://www.gmu.edu/facstaff/policy/newpolicy/2207adm.html](http://www.gmu.edu/facstaff/policy/newpolicy/2207adm.html)
Call GMU information by 6am on the day in question at 703-993-1000.

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS, ASSIGNMENTS, AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**
All students must use their Mason email addresses, use Blackboard and check emails daily.

1. a. **Teacher Action Research Project.** Review and cite current professional and research literature that contribute to your reflection, analysis and improvement of your teaching. Use informal and formal instruments to examine your teaching and present an initial document for improving selected aspects of your curriculum and teaching goals based on your classroom data **100 pts, written document; 25 points, presentation**

   b. **Impact on Student Learning.** Class members will administer learner assessments to determine student learning. (Standard 7) To collect data you **must** videotape at least three class sessions of your teaching and student responses to show evidence of their learning. Additional data is collected without use of video. You will collect quantitative and qualitative data using valid, and reliable observational tools and other means of data collection that you may modify. You will reflect on the data to the degree of student learning and your teaching adaptations based on these findings. Presentations will be part of the assignment. (Standard 3-4) **100 pts., written document; 25 points, presentation**

2. **Grant writing experience.** Class members will identify a small grant that will assist student learning. The type of grant will be determined by the need of the physical educator who researches the needs of students. Steps for grant developed will be presented in class using PowerPoint and each class member will submit the grant. (Standard 8) **150 pts**

3. **Advance your use of technology in your classroom that increases student learning.** **50 pts.**

4. **Class members must be prepared to discuss assignments in detail and share pertinent points.** (Standard 4) **50 pts**
PHED 670 Grading Scale

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MASON GRADUATE ACADEMIC STANDARDS – GRADING
The university-wide system for grading graduate courses is as follows:

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*Although a B- is a satisfactory grade for a course, students must maintain a 3.00 average in their degree program and present a 3.00 GPA on the courses listed on the graduation application.

Important Dates: November 12-14, 2010 – VAHPERD Conference, Virginia Beach
March 29- April 2, 2011 – AAHPERD National Convention, San Diego, CA

NOTE: Topics addressing Social justice, Ethical leadership, Research-based practice, Innovation & Collaboration will be addressed throughout the course.

Note: Faculty reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary.
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| Aug 31 | T | 31 | Course Introduction, Assignments  
Learner Centered teaching- Weimer  
Your psychology of Teaching in Physical Education  
Introduce Concept mapping |
|  |  |  | Syllabus, Grading, GMU Library services, ASTL  
*Introduce* Blank. Ch. 1, Psych of Teaching & 2 Reinforcement; Veal. Ch. 1 & 2 |
| September 7 | T | 7 | Teacher research that informs & improves teaching.  
Examining the use of informal observations  
Begin developing your *concept map*  
PE Curriculum Assessment Tool  
[www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/pecat/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/pecat/) p. 109, MS |
|  |  |  | Blank Ch 1 & 2 ; Veal Ch 1&2  
Examine your curriculum using PECAT |
| September 14 | T | 14 | Ways to study your teaching-using research.  
Begin *plans* for T-L Action Research project-refer to your concept map (6 weeks to complete) |
|  |  |  | Blank Ch. 3, Modeling  
Veal, Chapter 3 |
| September 21 | T | 21 | Discuss your use of technology for student learning.  
Veal, Task 1 or 2 due on bkbd (Bkbd assignment)  
Begin T-L action project |
Blankenship, Ch 4, Children’s moral development; Connect to teacher dispositions  
3 articles from JOPERD. On your own : Preparing students for a lifetime, Cathy Ennis : Unlocking the power of Situational interest in PE, Raj Sub. : Research Works : Rel Bet PFitness and Academic Achievement |
| September 28 | T (Bkbd) | 28 | Discuss the Weiss article – motivation  
Task 3 & 5, Time sampling of a single student’s behavior, post on Sept 28. |
<p>| October 5 | T | 5 | Data collection for Act Res Project, report on progress. Receive grading rubric |
|  |  |  | Blank Ch. 5. Achievement goals |</p>
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| T (Bkbd)| October | 7 weeks                                                                | No class- Mid -term                                                                                           | Veal, Ch.4  
Blank, Ch. 6, Self Perceptions |
| T       | October | 19                                                                     | Grant Writing- read Money for the asking & McKenzie, et al, SOPLAY.  
Continue student assessment plans                                                  | Ch. 5 Veal Class analysis |
| T       | October | 26                                                                     | Examine observation tools for examining teaching: Time analysis, QMTPS, SOFIT & SOPLAY. Grant writing in Physical Education  
Samples of previous grants                                                     | Bowers, L. (2005).  
Physical Educators’ Guide to Successful Grant Writing. Reston : NASPE.  
| T       | November| 2                                                                      | Due: Teacher analysis project & presentation  
Discussion of attributions                                                        | Ch. 7, Attributions  
Chapter 6, Self-perceptions.                                                      |
| T       | November| 9                                                                      | Parts of grant development & justification of need.                                                        | Bring your #1 &#2 grant agency selection with applications from online. State need for the money. |
| T       | November| 16                                                                     | Lifelong PA and health                                                                                       | Ch. 10, PA & Lifestyle Enhancement  
Bring 2 research studies in PE that examines this topic |
| T       | November| 23                                                                     | How must the profession change?                                                                           | Status of PE today. Readings |
| T       | November| 30                                                                     | Due: Grant Assignment                                                                                        | Class presents, discussion |
| T       | December| 7                                                                      | Due: Use of technology for student learning                                                                |                                                                                  |
| T       | December| 14                                                                     | Overall teacher analysis/student learning projects 1 & 2: Using new knowledge                              |                                                                                  |
All students are held to the standards of the George Mason University Honor Code.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES: Students having documentation on file with the Disability Support Services Office should bring this to the attention of the professor.

All electronic devices must be turned off during classes. Laptop will not be tolerated if used for any purpose not related to this course.