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## **EDSP 423 Educational Programming for Gifted Learners**

Prerequisite: None

# I. Catalog Description

Teaches educators the characteristics of various service delivery options in K-12 gifted education programs and assists them in determining which options are best for which types of gifted learners. How the concept of giftedness has changed, and how these changes have influenced service delivery, will be examined. Students will explore methods of modifying classroom instruction for gifted learners and learn which methods fit best with the various service delivery options. The importance of a systemic approach, that is the reciprocal impact of students, schools and families on each other, will be an underlying theme.

#### II. Course Outcomes

Students completing this course will:

- Compare the distinguishing characteristics of various service delivery options
- Explain how various options address the gifted education standards of the National Association for Gifted Children
- Discriminate pertinent terms and themes that have emerged from research on service options for gifted children
- Recommend how teaching techniques can be modified to effectively implement options
- Analyze the benefits and associated complications of each service delivery option
- Develop a repertoire of procedures for improving gifted education programs
- Appraise the systemic challenges associated with carrying out each service delivery option for classroom teachers and the school as a whole
- Plan methods and procedures for enhancing home/school communication efforts
- Employ knowledge & understanding to improvement of student program planning

# III. Detailed Course Outline (Each session is 2 1/2 hours)

Reading

Session 1 Introductions/ Who are the gifted?
What is giftedness?
Discussion of Syllabus
Giftedness in Childhood vs Adult Eminence

(Suggested activities: Each student writes a definition of giftedness & shares description/ descriptions of the childhoods of various eminent people are read to see if giftedness was apparent/

people are read to see if giftedness was apparent/ students are asked to write their own description of gifted people-later they evaluate their descriptions for bias based on what they have learned)

Session 2 What do the experts say?

D & R Ch1 & 2

A brief review of

Sternberg, Gardner, Renzulli, & Wechsler How do we identify gifted learners?

How do we determine needs?

Session 3 Timeline Due

D & R Ch 4 Ch 16 of PA Code

Effect of the history of giftedness on current

practice

Review of PA Regulations/Chapter 16 (Suggested activities: Have small groups react to statements about equity, excellence, tracking, & cooperative learning & share high points of discussions with class/Have small groups take portions of the current regulations & discuss how history of giftedness might relate to that section)

Session 4

Key service options at the elementary level: What are differentiation, enrichment, acceleration, cluster grouping, & compacting?
Review of research on acceleration

Ch 5 & 6

Session 5

Individualized services: The role of mentoring, internships, vocational planning & competitions. (Suggested activities: Present life-like scenarios & have class discuss possible service options. What information would they need to decide on service options?)

Check for understanding quiz

Session 6

Additional service options at the middle/high school level including advanced class sections, interdisciplinary courses, honors courses, early to college Preschool programming: Is it too early?/Early entrance Review NAGC Standards on line

Session 7

How to decide on service options: Use of standardized & curriculum-based assessments/Use of intelligence test results (Suggested activities: Give results of achievement & intelligence tests to small groups & have them tell what they now know about the child. How might this information

## influence educational programming?)

# Session 8 MIDTERM on all course material & readings to date

#### Session 9 Review of midterm

Features of effective curriculum for gifted learners
Problem-based learning/Performance assessment
(Suggested activities: Bring samples of William &
Mary problem-based learning units for review/
Show video on performance assessment/Have
class practice development of rubrics given description
of an assignment)

Session 10 Obstacles to effective programming:
Systemic approaches

Critique of secondary gifted education article due

Session 11 Factors in underachievement

The role of counseling in gifted programming

Ch 13 & 17

Session 12 Resource Room vs General Education Settings: Pros & Cons

Position paper due

Session 13 Effective decision making: The process of program development from assessment to evaluation of effectiveness

Need to Know Board Assignment Due

Session 14 The teacher as advocate in programming for gifted learners/Working with administrators & parents/
(Suggested activity: Provide life-like parental concerns & have students outline how they would address them/Get copies of real GIEPs and have students evaluate)

General Review & discussion of questions re: Final Exam

Session 15 FINAL EXAM on all course material and readings since the midterm

# IV. Evaluation Methods

Points will be awarded for Activities, Assignments, & Tests. Activities are intended to enhance student learning, foster communication with other students, and facilitate reaction to material presented. Activities are carried out in class and, if missed, can not be made up. Two points will be awarded to each student per class for participation in activities. Assignments and tests are intended to evaluate the student's attainment

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of specific course objectives each of which are specifically noted within the assignments. Rubrics will be provided as additional course materials. A total of 150 points are possible for the entire course. See the course schedule for due dates.

	Points
Evolution of Gifted Education Timeline	10
Check for Understanding Quiz	10
Midterm Exam	30
Critique of Secondary Gifted Education Article	15
Position Paper	20
Need to Know Board (Decision-making guide)	9
Final Exam	30
13x2 for in class activities	26

# V. Example Grading Scale

- A 90%-100% of all points possible
- B 80%-89% of all points possible
- C 70%-79% of all points possible
- D 60%-69% of all points possible
- F Less than 60% of all points possible

# VI. Undergraduate Course Attendance Policy

Class attendance and participation are important. Any absences should be reported by telephoning the Department of Educational & School Psychology office and leaving a message or by contacting the instructor directly. Illness or family emergency are the only acceptable excuses for missing an exam. Due to the interactive nature of in-class activities, missed activities can not be made up.

Students are advised to read the IUP undergraduate student handbook and to be aware of University policy regarding unethical behavior, dropping and adding of courses, and grading issues.

#### VII. Required Reading

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Chapter 16 of the Pennsylvania Educational Code (Available from ProPacket)

#### VIII. None

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#### **Assessment Matrix**

Standard of the National Association of Gifted Children		
Develop differentiated curricula to meet the unique needs of gifted students  Know & understand current	Objective Compare the distinguishing characteristics of various service delivery options	Assessment Quizzes, Papers, Mid Term Exam
educational policies, issues, & practices and their relationship to the field of gifted education	Explain how various options address the gifted education standards of the National Association for Gifted Children	Papers, Final Exam
Know & understand research based rationale for differentiating programming for gifted students.  Vary teaching styles &	Discriminate pertinent terms and themes that have emerged from research on service options for gifted children	Timeline, Article Critique*, Mid Term & Final Exams
instructional strategies to help meet the needs of gifted students.  Use grouping effectively for	Recommend how teaching techniques can be modified to effectively implement options	Position Paper*, Final Exam
appropriate instruction & individualized planning to assist gifted students in reaching their potential	Analyze the benefits and associated complications of each service delivery option	Position Paper*

Design, implement, facilitate, & evaluate differentiated learning experiences	Develop a repertoire of methods for improving gifted education programs	Need to Know Board, Article Critique*, Final Exam
Forge integrated program of excellence between general education & gifted education	Appraise the systemic challenges associated with carrying out each service delivery option for classroom teachers	Position Paper*, Article Critique*
Communicate and work in partnership with colleagues,	and the school as a whole	
families, business, & the public Know & understand influence of social, cultural,	Plan procedures & methods for enhancing home/school communication efforts	Need to Know Board, Final Exam
political & economic environments on gifted education.	Employ knowledge & understanding to improvement of student program planning	Mid Term & Final Exams, Need to Know Board, Position Paper*

<sup>\*</sup>Notes Key Assessment

# New Course Proposal – EDSP 423 Educational Programming for Gifted Learners

# Part 1. Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet

Original is still with the committee. I can send a copy. Since it has signatures, it is not available electronically.

# Part II. Description of Curricular Change See syllabus of record.

#### Course Analysis Questionnaire

- A1. This course is to eventually be part of a Certificate of Recognition planned with Special Education & Clinical Services. In that regard, it will be part of a new program, not part of existing programs in the Department of Educational & School Psychology. However, in its graduate form, it can be taken as an elective by EDSP students. It will also be open to any undergraduate student in education who would like to take it. Gifted education can be covered minimally in other courses in special education and school psychology, but not in this depth.
- A2. Does not require changes in any other course.
- A3. Yes, This course was offered as a distance special topics course, EDSP 681 Educational Programming for Gifted Learners, during second summer session in 2004 (18 students) and first summer session in 2005 (13 students).
- A4. This course is to be dual level. The graduate approval is on hold pending undergraduate approval.

## A5. Not variable

A6. Introductory courses in gifted education are offered at The College of William and Mary in Virginia, the University of Toledo, and the University of Virginia. Titles of some of the courses that appear comparable to what is described here are:

At the College of William and Mary in Virginia:

Curriculum and Instruction for Gifted Learners

At the University of Toledo:

Introduction to Talented and Gifted Education

Curriculum I: Differentiation for the Gifted and Talented

At the University of Virginia

Introduction to Gifted Education

Curriculum for Gifted

Instructional Strategies for Teaching the Gifted

Models and Services for Gifted Learners

A full undergraduate program of 12 semester hours is available at the University of Iowa. Some comparable courses are:
Introduction to Gifted Education
Differentiated Curriculum for the Gifted
Programming and Curriculum for High Ability Students

# A7. In Pennsylvania

Giftedness is a formal exceptionality in the state of Pennsylvania as outlined in Chapter 16: Special Education for Gifted Students, of the Pennsylvania Code. *Pennsylvania Department of Education Gifted Guidelines* (2004) state that, "...it is necessary for both gifted education teachers and regular education teachers to be knowledgeable about gifted education (p.32)." Also, "To have an effective program for gifted students, administrators, counselors, librarians, psychologists and other support personnel must ... receive training in gifted education (p. 32). The following are some of the goals for professional development listed in the Guidelines:

- Promote an understanding of Chapter 16: Special Education for Gifted students;
- Promote awareness of gifted student characteristics and needs;
- Increase positive attitudes toward gifted students and their unique qualities;
- Generate enthusiasm for curriculum differentiation;
- Build a repertoire of teaching strategies that maximize potential for gifted behavior;
- Promote an understanding of current research and trends affecting programming for the gifted;
- Integrate gifted education within the total school curriculum;
- Nurture a collaborative spirit and skills among professional educators, families, and community members; and,
- Provide to teachers information about resources for facilitating learning.

The responsibilities placed upon school districts to provide gifted education are clarified in the Basic Education Circular (BEC) titled Special Education for Gifted Students. In this BEC, district responsibilities fall into four general categories:

- 1. Identify and evaluate gifted students.
- 2. Develop a Gifted Individualized Education Program (GIEP) for each gifted student.
- 3. Determine educational placement based upon each gifted student's individual needs.
- 4. Safeguard gifted students' due process rights.

Chapter 16 is currently under review. If adopted as proposed, it will include an endorsement (but not a certification) in gifted education for teachers of the gifted in Pennsylvania's public schools.

Nationally

The National Association for Gifted Children and the Council for Exceptional Children have jointly published standards for graduate programs in gifted education titled, NAGC-CEC Teacher Knowledge and Skill Standards for Gifted and Talented Education (2006). Some of the current standards that relate to EDSP 623 Educational Programming for Gifted Learners are:

#### Foundations:

- Historical foundations of gifted and talented education including points of view and contributions of individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Local, state/provincial and federal laws and policies related to gifted and talented education

# Development and Characteristics of Gifted Learners

• Similarities and differences within the group of individuals with gifts and talents as compared to the general population

### **Instructional Strategies**

- Curricular, instructional, and management strategies effective for individuals with exceptional learning needs
- Preassess the learning needs of individuals with gifts and talents in various domains and adjust instruction based on continued assessment
- School and community resources, including content specialists, which support differentiation

#### **Instructional Planning**

 Design differentiated learning plans for individuals with gifts and talents, including individuals from diverse backgrounds

#### Assessment

• Develop differentiated curriculum-based assessments for use in instructional planning and delivery for individuals with gifts and talents

## Collaboration

- Collaborate with families, community members, and professionals in assessment of individuals with gifts and talents
- Advocate for the benefit of individuals with gifts and talents and their families.
- B1. This course will be taught by EDSP faculty. Two of the other courses in the proposed program will be taught by EDEX faculty.
- B2. Planning with the Department of Special Education & Clinical Services for the four-course proposal has gone on for years. There is no conflict that I am aware of. See attached emails of support.
- B3. See B1.
- B4. I don't see why not.
- C1. I have taught this course in the summers. Most other faculty in my department could also teach it, since it is an introductory course. Of the nine faculty members currently in

the Department of Educational and School Psychology, seven would have the expertise to teach this course. All are certified school psychologists with doctoral degrees. If the course is taught online, faculty will have to be familiar with WebCt

- C2. None of these resources are required. Library resources have been reviewed.
- C3. No. It was originally written with grant resources. But, that was several years ago.
- C4. Probably just summer.
- C5. Just one in the summer.
- C6. Enrollment during the last two summers this course was offered as special topics was 18 in 2004 and 13 in 2005. With a position paper and article critique as assignments, 20 is reasonable limit for a single instructor. However, the course has been successfully team taught and the number could go higher under this arrangement.
- C7. Not that I am aware of.
- C8. I will do the distance education application at a later time. I don't want to hold this one up any longer.

From: "Joseph W. Domaracki ,Ph.D." <jwdomara@iup.edu>

Subject: EDSP 423/523

Date: Mon, 23 Apr 2007 14:26:16 -0400 To: Victoria Damiani <vdamiani@iup.edu>



#### Vickie,

I am writing to confirm that the EDSP 423/523 course you have proposed in does not in any way conflict with information presented in any of courses offered in any of the programs within the Department of Special Education and Clinical Services.

Joe Domaracki Department Chair Susan J Glor-Scheib" <sglorsch@iup.edu>
Subject: Re: support for new EDSP course
Date: Thu, 26 Apr 2007 15:17:18 -0400
To: Victoria Damiani <vdamiani@iup.edu>



Dear Committee,

I'm submitting this email to confirm that the course elements associated with EDSP 624 Social, Emotional, and Cultural Factors in the Education of Gifted Learners, and, EDSP 423/523 Educational Programming for Gifted Learners in no way overlap with the course elements associated with EDEX 560 Family Perspectives on Disability. Although the topic of students who are gifted and learning disabled may be mentioned in class, such issues are not discussed in any substantive way.

Susan Glor-Scheib Professor Special Education and Clinical Services Indiana University of PA

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."
Aesop

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