

**Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education Department**  
**ELE 1050.001 Introduction to Teaching as a Profession – Spring 2014**

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**Unit Theme:** Educator as Creator of Effective Educational Environments: Integrating diverse students, subjects, strategies, societies, and technologies.

**Catalog Course Description:** This course is designed to enhance the transition, integration and retention of freshmen and transfer students who wish to pursue a career in Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level education. Students will be introduced to the EC/ELE/MLE program, with particular emphasis on the specific skill sets and dispositions necessary for success in the major.

**Teaching Model:**

The Social Family Models: Building the Learning Community

- When we work together, we generate a collective energy that we call synergy. The social models of teaching are constructed to take advantage of this phenomenon by building learning communities. Essentially, “classroom management” is a matter of developing cooperative relationships in the classroom. The development of positive school cultures is a process of developing integrative and productive ways of interacting and norms that support vigorous learning activity.

The Behavioral Models

- Behavioral models concentrate on observable behavior and clearly defined tasks and methods for communicating progress to the student.

Joyce, B., Weil, M., & Calhoun, E. (2009). *Models of teaching*. (8th ed.). Boston: Pearson.

**Dispositions:** Teacher candidates in the Department of EC/ELE/MLE will exhibit professional ethical practices, effective communication, sensitivity to diversity, the ability to provide varied teaching practices evidenced in a supportive and encouraging environment. Failure to adequately meet dispositional requirements will lead to remedial requirements set forth by the instructor.

**Standards:**

**Course requirements and demonstrated competencies are aligned with the following standards:**

The Illinois Professional Teaching Standards (IPTS)

<http://www.isbe.net/>

[http://www.isbe.state.il.us/peac/pdf/IL\\_prof\\_teaching\\_stds.pdf](http://www.isbe.state.il.us/peac/pdf/IL_prof_teaching_stds.pdf)

Association for Childhood Education International Elementary Education Standards (ACEI)

<http://www.acei.org/>

<http://www.american.edu/cas/seth/pdf/upload/ACEIMLElementaryStandardsSupportingExplanation-5-07.pdf>

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

[http://www.naeyc.org/ncate/files/ncate/file/faculty/Standards/NAEYC%20Initial%20and%20Advanced%20Standards%203\\_2012.pdf](http://www.naeyc.org/ncate/files/ncate/file/faculty/Standards/NAEYC%20Initial%20and%20Advanced%20Standards%203_2012.pdf)

Illinois Social Emotional Learning Standards (SEL)

[http://www.isbe.net/ils/social\\_emotional/standards.htm](http://www.isbe.net/ils/social_emotional/standards.htm)

Eastern Illinois University Professional Dispositions

<http://www.eiu.edu/clinical/forms/DispositionsforEIUCandidates.pdf>

**Outcomes specific to ELE 1050:**

- Describe the requirements for successful completion of the Early Childhood and/or Elementary /Middle Level teacher certification program.
- Apply information and articulate strategies, interests and goals through reflection.
- Develop positive teaching dispositions.
- Analyze, evaluate and participate in a variety of opportunities for enriching their academic experience.

<b>Course Core Requirements</b>	<b>Demonstrated Competencies</b>	<b>Aligned Standards</b>
<b>Topic Reflections</b>	Weekly electronic reflection on the speaker's topic and the topic's role in the preparation of teacher candidates.	<b>IPTS:</b> 6E, 9G, 9I, 9T <b>ACEI:</b> 5.1 <b>NAEYC:</b> 6C <b>SEL:</b> 1B.5b, 2A.5a, 3A.5a, 3A.5b <b>Dispositions:</b> PEP, EC, SDE
<b>Disposition Report</b>	Students will consider the dispositions necessary to guide educators toward success in motivating and supporting children's development socially, emotionally, and cognitively. They will be challenged to introspectively analyze their own dispositional identity.	<b>IPTS:</b> 1F, 6E, 9D, 9E, 9H, 9K <b>ACEI:</b> 5.1 <b>NAEYC:</b> 6B <b>SEL:</b> 1B.5a, 1B.5b, 1C.5b, 3B.5a, 3B.5b <b>Dispositions:</b> IWS, PEP, EC, PTSL, SDE
<b>Participation</b>	Performance includes presence and contribution during class meetings and support of peers. Focus is on responsible, enthusiastic, and effective communication and cooperation with classroom instructors and peers.	<b>IPTS:</b> 9H, 9I, 9P, 9T <b>ACEI:</b> 5.1 <b>NAEYC:</b> 6b, 6c <b>SEL:</b> 1A, 1C. 2A, 2C <b>Dispositions:</b> PEP, EC, SDE

<b>Course Core Requirements</b>	<b>Brief Description</b>	<b>Points/Due Date</b>
<b>Disposition Report</b>	<p>Written summary and reflection on the role of the five Eastern Illinois University Professional Dispositions and analysis of their own personal perspectives concerning each disposition as they enter the profession.</p> <p>An initial report will be submitted at midterm after participating in a teacher panel discussion. The final report will be submitted during finals week after participating in another teacher panel discussion. The final report must include reflections from the teacher panel participation to complement their analysis and synthesis of professional dispositions.</p>	<p>60 pts for the initial report Due March 19<sup>th</sup></p> <p>60 pts for final report Due May 7<sup>th</sup></p>
<b>Topic Reflections</b>	<p>Additional to the two submissions of the Dispositional Report expectation, students will submit 4 topic reflections (2 before midterm and 2 before finals week) based on given topics and the role of each in their preparation as a teacher candidate. Students may opt between:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a reflection combining the speaker's contributions and an experience/activity participated in by the student</p> <p>OR</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a reflection combining the speaker's contributions and articles/website reviews/information provided on D2L or through their own investigation</p>	<p>45 pts each</p> <p>2 due by March 5<sup>th</sup></p> <p>2 due by April 30<sup>th</sup></p>

	All topic reflections are to be submitted to D2L through the Assignments link by the listed due date. No late reports will be accepted. If a student does not attend a class session, they cannot submit a reflection on that week's topic.	
<b>Participation</b>	Active participation in classroom activities signified by active listening, reflection, and questioning. Preparedness for class and regular attendance is expected.	Fifteen points reduced from overall grade for each class session missed  Reflections cannot be submitted on topics when absent from class that corresponding week.

**Grading Scale:**

Students will need to participate productively in class, attend class consistently and complete all assignments satisfactorily, demonstrating effective critical thinking, writing and reflection.

A 100-93%, B 92%-84%, C 83%-75%, D 74%-66%, F 65% and below

**COURSE OUTLINE**

- 1/15: Class introduction – welcome to the department/teaching as a possible profession/course expectations
- 1/22: Pre-service teacher dispositions/Teacher Education expectations – Dr. Bower
- 1/29: Professional Organizations – Ms. Flood
- 2/05: Community Involvement/Volunteering – Ms. Fisher, Student Community Service
- 2/12: Study Abroad – Director of Study Abroad Department
- 2/19: Career Services – Ms. Kingery, CEPS Career Counselor
- 2/26: Advising and EC/ELE/MLE departmental expectations – Dr. Russell and Mr. Duck
- 3/05: Teacher Panel – break-out sessions with teacher at their grade level of interest
- 3/19: Library Services and Primary Sources – Dr. Rich
- 3/26: Special Education – Dr. Jones-Bromenshenkel, Associate Professor SPE Department
- 4/02: Technology – Dr. Grissom, ITC Director
- 4/09: Counseling Services – Dr. Larson, Counseling Department Representative
- 4/16: Ed TPA – Dr. Padmaraju, EC/ELE/MLE
- 4/23: Educational Leadership – Mr. Tomblin, Moulton Middle School Principal
- 4/30: ELE 4100 Student Panel Recommendations / Q&A

All information in this syllabus should be considered subject to change based upon professional discretion.

**Academic Integrity**

"The Department of EC/ELE/MLE is committed to the learning process and academic integrity as defined within the Student Conduct Code Standard I. "Eastern students observe the highest principles of academic integrity and support a campus environment conducive to scholarship." Students are expected to develop original and authentic work for assignments submitted in this course. "Conduct in subversion of academic standards, such as cheating on examinations, plagiarism, collusion, misrepresentation or falsification of data" or "submitting work previously presented in another course unless specifically permitted by the instructor" are considered violations of this standard."

**Student Success Center**

Students who are having difficulty achieving their academic goals are encouraged to first contact their instructor. If needing additional help, please contact the Student Success Center ([www.eiu.edu/~success](http://www.eiu.edu/~success)) for assistance with time management, test taking, note taking, avoiding procrastination, setting goals, and other skills to support academic achievement. The Student Success Center provides individualized consultations. To make an appointment, call 217-581-6696, or go to 9<sup>th</sup> Street Hall, Room 1302.

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Students with Disabilities: If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations,  
please contact the Office of Disability Services at 581-6583.  
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