Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education Department
MLE 4760: Student-Social/Emotional Development in the Middle Grades

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Unit Theme: Educator as Creator of Effective Educational Environments: Integrating Students, Subjects, Strategies, and Societies

Course Description:
Instruction and planning in exploratory and teacher-based advisor-advisee programs.

Prerequisites & Concurrent Enrollment:
MLE 3110 or equivalent or permission of Department Chairperson. Concurrent enrollment with the MLE 3150 and MLE 4280 desired. University teacher education requirements apply and department requirements for enrollment must be met.

Course Purpose:
• Provide a psychological basis for working with middle level students.
• Offer individual and small group advisory techniques.
• Plan a unit for an advisory-advisee program.
• Model strategies for student ownership of school and classroom tasks promoting responsible behavior of students.

Course Textbooks:

Teaching Model:
The Information-Processing Models
• Information-processing models emphasize ways of enhancing the human being’s innate drive to make sense of the world by acquiring and organizing data, sensing problems and generating solutions to them, and developing concepts and language for conveying them.

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.


Dispositions:
Teacher candidates in the department of EC/ELE/MLE will exhibit professional ethical practices, effective communication, and sensitivity to diversity, the ability to provide varied teaching practices evidenced in a supportive and encouraging atmosphere for learning.

Live Text Assessment Requirement: For those classes with Live Text or Practicum- If the portfolio or Live Text requirements are rated, by the instructor, to have been completed in less than a satisfactory manner then no more than a "D" may be earned in the class regardless of the number of points earned.

Outcomes specific to MLE 4760
• The student will understand the models for the advisor-advisee programs within the middle school context.
• The student will offer alternative designs for middle school programs.
• The student will provide classroom management strategies in a middle-level setting.
• The student will demonstrate a knowledge of higher-order, critical thinking, and creativity.
• The student will provide ideas for middle school students to participate in community/service related activities.
• The student will demonstrate a knowledge of cultural diversity and provide curriculum for special needs children.
• The student will demonstrate knowledge on how to create an atmosphere where middle level students become adept in using technology for learning.

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- The student will understand the problems common to the middle level student (puberty, divorce, sexual identity, drugs, gangs, violence, anorexia, bulimia, pregnancy, suicide, etc.).

**Standards**

**Course Requirements and Demonstrated Competencies are Aligned with the Standards:**

- **Illinois Core Technology Standards (ICTS):** [http://www.isbe.net/profprep/CASCDvr/pdfs/24100_coretechnology.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/profprep/CASCDvr/pdfs/24100_coretechnology.pdf)
- **Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI):** [http://ncate.org/ProgramStandards/ACEI/ACEIstandards.doc](http://ncate.org/ProgramStandards/ACEI/ACEIstandards.doc)

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<td>Article Review</td>
<td>Performance includes analyzing professional articles and their implication to the teaching profession. Students' writings will be evaluated by a rubric.</td>
<td>IPTS 2, 7, ICTS 1A, 2A, 2E, 5B, 7, ICLAS 1, 2, 3, 5, ACEI 3.1, 3.3, 3.5</td>
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<td>Current Event</td>
<td>Performance includes analyzing current information as presented by the media and their influence on education.</td>
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<td>Technology Integration</td>
<td>Search for article, email, navigate the internet, (possible use of WebCT), etc.</td>
<td>IPTS 2, 7, ICTS 1A, 2A, 2E, 4, ICLAS 3, 5, ACEI 3.5</td>
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<td>Tests (Assessments)</td>
<td>The student will demonstrate their content knowledge of the social and emotional development of the middle school child by completing assessment tools.</td>
<td>IPTS 2, 7, 11, ICTS 1A, 2E, 5B, 7, ICLAS 1, 2, 3, 5, ACEI 3.1, 3.5</td>
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<td>Exemplary Middle School</td>
<td>The students research information about an exemplary middles school</td>
<td>IPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ICTS 3A, 3F, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, ICLAS 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, ACEI 1, 2, 3.2</td>
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<td>Advisory Unit</td>
<td>The student demonstrate knowledge by a group project with group presentation on a unit of study for the advisory class.</td>
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<td>Problem Paper</td>
<td>The student will develop a richer awareness and better understanding of middle school children and their own common and unique problems.</td>
<td>IPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, ICTS 3A, 3F, 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, ICLAS 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, ACEI 1, 2, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 4, 5.4</td>
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### Core Assignments Brief Description Approximate Weight

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<td>Article Review</td>
<td>Select two current (2000 -) articles to research regarding any component of childhood and early adolescent development.</td>
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<td>Current Event</td>
<td>Select a current event item from a newspapers, magazines, TV or radio, etc. that is relevant to this class</td>
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<td>Problem Paper</td>
<td>Write a paper on a selected topic and present to the class.</td>
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<td>Technology Integration</td>
<td>Search for article, email, navigate the internet, (possible use of WebCT), etc.</td>
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<td>Participation</td>
<td>Participation in class discussions on a regular basis is expected.</td>
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<td>Tests and/or Quizzes</td>
<td>The exams will consist of multiple measures. Questions will be derived from lecture, assigned readings, videos and discussions.</td>
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<td>Exemplary Middle School</td>
<td>Locate all information you can about the school’s program.</td>
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<td>Advisory Unit</td>
<td>Prepare an Advisory Unit for two weeks.</td>
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<td>Advanced Teaming at the Middle School</td>
<td>The students will be practicing their teaming strategies emphasizing conflict resolution.</td>
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### Course Requirements and Evaluation:

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**Extra credit:**
A maximum of 20 bonus points can be earned. (See professor for details.)

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Late Work Policy:
Due dates will be set for all assignments, **one point** shall be deducted for each calendar day that a paper or project is late. A **10%** deduction will be assessed on all tests **not** taken on the assigned test day. That means tests taken early or late.

Grade Scale: 92%-100% = A, 82%-91% = B, 72%-81% = C, 62%-71% = D, Below 62% = F

Assignments:

**Journal Reviews**:
Locate an article about advisory, exploratory, and/or academic enrichment in the middle school. The review will be a minimum of one to two typewritten pages (double-spaced) and presented orally to the class. Please submit a copy of the article with the review.

a. Type the complete citation using APA style, at the top of page one.
b. Write a succinct summary of the content of the article.
c. Write your reaction to the article.
d. Quality – grammar, spelling, punctuation, page length, etc.
Be sure to use appropriate journals such as Phi Delta Kappan, Educational Leadership, Middle School Journal. If you use an article from the Internet, you must have the author, where and when the article was published, and a copy of the entire article.

**Current Event**:
You will select a current event item form a newspaper, magazine, television, radio, etc that is relevant to this class. It must be about the socio-emotional development of the middle school student, advisory, testing, etc. You will report on this news item orally to the class. Also, please write a small summary on a 3x5-notecard to be turned in to the professor.

**Partner Advisory Unit**:
Prepare an advisory unit for two weeks. (Assume that the advisory is a 30-minute period.)
Inside cover page (title of unit, your name, date, level)
Table of Contents
Theme and rationale (why the unit is important)
Objectives for each day (purpose, materials, explanation, worksheet if appropriate)
Daily activities for two weeks
Materials for each day listed
One activity and outline of unit for each class member (may be back to back)
Evaluation tool for students to fill out

**Video Reviews**:
Type a one-half to one page *reaction* to each video telling what you saw in the video, how this could be helpful in your classroom, and your general overall critique of the video. (Video reviews are due the next class day after viewing the video.)

**Exemplary School**:
Group activity: Locate your assigned school on the internet and locate all information you can about the school’s program. (teaming, exploratory, advisory, clubs, enrichment, sports program, discipline, interdisciplinary activities) Contact someone at the school to find out more about the school. What makes this particular school exemplary? What grade levels are represented? (5, 6, 7, or 8?) How many students are in the school? How many teachers? Are the teams 2, 3 or 4 person teams? Do they have inclusion? How does inclusion work in their school? What is the ethnic makeup of the school? What is their schedule like? Type your findings and report to the class.

**Internet Assignment**:
Locate the following organizations on the internet and type a paragraph explaining the mission of each one:
- www.flms.org
- www.elmle.org
- www.aims.uiuc.edu/
- www.nmsu

**Problem Paper**:
Use the APA Manual, 5th Edition as a source. Your paper should be a minimum of 8 pages long. You need to have the following in your paper. Put the paper in a notebook.

a. Design a Title page (title of paper, course number, your name, date, instructor’s name) the title page should be inside the notebook. (5)
b. Introduction of the problem (10)
c. Research findings—keep personal comments out of your writing (25)
d. Discussion of findings and conclusions (15)
e. Bibliography with a minimum of 10 sources. The sources should be within the last ten years. Only five may be Internet sources. Internet sources must have an author, periodical/book name, publisher, date published. (10)
f. Use of APA (10)
g. Use of grammar/spelling throughout the paper (10)
h. Present in class using Power Point. (This is the time for personal comments.) Limit presentation to 15 minutes. (15)
i. For assistance with APA style, check out this web site: [http://landmark-project.com/citation](http://landmark-project.com/citation) machine

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Advance Teaming Activity in the Middle School:
You will each participate in a variety of teaming activities throughout the semester. At the end of the semester you will evaluate, using a rubric, how your group worked as a team.

TOPICS RELATING TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHILD OR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
Possible Problem Paper Topics as it relates to the Middle School Child:
1. alcoholism 18. teen cults
2. pregnancy 19. abuse
3. anorexia 20. latch key kids
4. divorce/one parent families 21. sexual harassment (teacher, peers)
5. violence in the school 22. inhalants
6. suicide in adolescents 23. bulimia
7. self esteem 24. fitting in
8. drugs 25. parental pressure
9. gangs/teen cults 26. technology concerns
10. obesity 27. motivating middle school students
11. smoking 28. obesity
12. achievement 29. peer counseling
13. transition to high school/career choices 30. relating to the middle school student’s
14. nutrition needs as a parent 31. school uniforms
15. exercise 32. year-round schools
16. sexually transmitted diseases (STD’s) 33. competitive sports in middle school-good or bad?
17. charter school/Edison schools

Partner – Possible Advisory Unit Themes:
• character education goal setting test taking skills
• organizing myself self esteem anti-drug/tobacco/alcohol
• personal health relationships conflict resolution
• my parents and me planning for the future what is a friend?
• knowing myself wellness
• entering the dating game--boy/girl relationships
• the big move--adjusting to a new town, school, and new people

Tentative Schedule
Jan. 13, (Tues.) Syllabus, etc.
* Rationale for a new school in the middle
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Jan. 15, (Thurs.) * Today’s preadolescent learner
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Jan. 20, (Tues.) * Effective organizational structures
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Jan. 22, (Thurs.) * Teachers in the new middles school
  * Heterogeneous/homogeneous grouping
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Jan. 27, (Tues.) * Organizing the middle school curriculum
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Jan. 29, (Thurs.) * Developing instructional materials
  Presentations
  Advisory Activity
Feb. 03, (Tues.) * The new full-service middle school
  * video on inclusion/mainsteaming
  Presentation
  Advisory Activity
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<td>Exploratory/Academic Enrichment</td>
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<td>Catch-up</td>
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<td>Video on adolescent behavior</td>
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<td>Designing the new American middle school</td>
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<td>Instruction in the new middle school</td>
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<td>Evaluation of middle school programs</td>
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<td>Mar. 23 – Apr. 17</td>
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<td>Recap of class/hand back papers, etc.</td>
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The professor reserves the right to change the syllabus during the semester with notification to all class members.

Middle Level Educators’ Club (MLEC)
MLEC Meeting Dates:
It is important to have documentation for all meetings/professional conferences/participation
$6 per semester (MLEC) or $10 per year (MLEC)
$15 AIMS

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MLE 4760 References:

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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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