



**Price School of Education**  
***Educating the Whole Person with Challenge and Care***

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**General Course Information**

Course Number and Title: EDU 325 Differentiated Curriculum and Instruction

Semester: Fall 2023

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**Catalog Course Description**

This course will examine curriculum, instructional strategies, and the planning of instruction to support the diverse learning needs of students and to maximize learning. Emphasis is on the development of a nurturing environment of care and challenge that supports differentiated instruction. *Prerequisite: EDU 230 Common Elements of Differentiated Instruction.*

**PSOE Credit Hour Policy**

Over the 15 weeks of this course, students will spend 150 minutes per week of instructional time interacting with course content including, but not limited to, lectures, guest speakers, group work, class discussions, projects, presentations, virtual meetings, and assessments/exams (37.5 hours for the semester). Students will also spend approximately 300 minutes per week in out-of-class work including lesson planning, preparation of projects and presentations, reflection, discussion boards, homework, after-hour conferences, and study/review for exams and quizzes. Included within this out-of-class work is the 30-hour Field Experience and Observation for the semester.

### Text/Course Website

No text is required for this course. Journal articles, websites, and text excerpts will be used throughout the semester.

**Important Course Note:** LiveText Subscription is required. **Please bring your laptop and cell phone to each class.**

### Technical Support:

Eagleweb or Email: [https://eagleweb.reinhardt.edu/ICS/Help/EagleWeb\\_Help.jnz](https://eagleweb.reinhardt.edu/ICS/Help/EagleWeb_Help.jnz)

Canvas Support: [NMC@reinhardt.edu](mailto:NMC@reinhardt.edu)

General Technology: [helpdesk@reinhardt.edu](mailto:helpdesk@reinhardt.edu)

LiveText: [TCG@reinhardt.edu](mailto:TCG@reinhardt.edu)

### PSOE Mission

The mission of all teacher preparation programs at Reinhardt University is to produce **reflective, problem-solving teachers** who respond to the diversity of student needs through differentiated instruction driven by ongoing assessment and adjustments within a nurturing environment.

### Conceptual Framework

The PSOE teacher education conceptual framework establishes the shared vision in preparing educators to work in PK – 12 schools and provides direction for all programs, courses, teaching, candidate performance, scholarship, service, and unit accountability. The conceptual framework is built on three basic beliefs: (1) learner differences are understood, appreciated, and built upon through respectful, meaningful work in a collaborative, nurturing environment; (2) learner growth and success are developed through the process of ongoing assessment and adjusted instruction; and (3) teachers who are extremely knowledgeable about subject matter, a variety of wise and flexible instructional practices, and multiple options for assessment are better equipped to adjust essential curriculum content, their instructional practices, and student assessment options to address learner differences. The purpose of all PSOE teacher preparation programs is to prepare educators who can create a learning community of care and challenge. This purpose is realized through DATA instructional model that describes different approaches for teaching and assessment. The PSOE conceptual framework represents a strong commitment to the preparation of effective teachers who adapt instruction to support student's diverse learning needs and to maximize learning.

### PSOE Essential Question (EQ) What is the impact of practice on the learner?

- What is the impact of practice on the learner?

- How does a teacher's knowledge of student assets impact the development of a lesson plan?
- What data can be used to make the conclusion that a student has mastered the objective?
- Based on what you have learned about differentiated instruction, how could you determine the most effective teaching strategy for teaching any given standard/objective?

### **Course Relationship to Conceptual Framework**

The PSOE DATA model is based on knowledge of curriculum (national, state, and local performance standards) and the necessary instructional strategies to plan differentiated essential content, teaching practices, and student products.

## **Reinhardt University Learning Outcomes**

### **Communication**

*Students will demonstrate:*

1. Effective expression of ideas through writing, speech, and visual media.

### **Critical Thinking and Inquiry**

*Students will demonstrate:*

2. Integrative, critical thinking and inquiry-based learning using evidence, logic, reasoning, and calculation.
3. Knowledge of various research methodologies, information, technological, and scientific literacy.
4. Independent thought and imagination; preparation for lifelong learning.

### **Self, Society and Culture**

*Students will demonstrate:*

5. Knowledge of the traditions of Western civilization and their global context.
6. Knowledge of the diversity of societies and cultures; the ability to view themselves and the world from cultural and historical perspectives other than their own.

### **Values and Ethics**

*Students will demonstrate:*

7. Integrity and ethical responsibility.
8. Understanding of and commitment to physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness.
9. Stewardship and civic engagement, coupled with the ability to work with others both collaboratively and in leadership roles.

### **PSOE Learning Outcomes**

1. The teacher candidate uses knowledge of curriculum, learner differences, and ongoing assessment data to plan for student access to same essential content.
2. The teacher candidate utilizes a variety of strategies to differentiate instruction and provide an academically challenging environment for all students.
3. The teacher candidate uses systematic formal/informal assessment as an ongoing diagnostic activity to measure student growth and to guide, differentiate, and adjust instruction.
4. The teacher candidate displays a professional commitment to the teaching philosophy of differentiated instruction to support students' diverse learning needs and to maximize learning.

GA TEACHER ETHICS LINK:

<https://www.gapsc.com/rules/current/ethics/505-6-.01.pdf>

Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS)
<b>TAPS Standard 1: Professional Knowledge</b>  The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, pedagogical knowledge, and the needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.
<b>TAPS Standard 2: Instructional Planning</b>  The teacher plans using state and local school district curricula and standards, effective strategies, resources, and data to address the differentiated needs of all students.
<b>TAPS Standard 3: Instructional Strategies</b>

The teacher promotes student learning by using research-based instructional strategies relevant to the content to engage students in active learning and to facilitate the students' acquisition of key knowledge and skills.
<b>TAPS Standard 4: Differentiated Instruction</b> The teacher challenges and supports each student's learning by providing appropriate content and developing skills which address individual learning differences.
<b>TAPS Standard 5: Assessment Strategies</b> The teacher systematically chooses a variety of diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and student population.
<b>TAPS Standard 6: Assessment Uses</b> The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses relevant data to measure student progress, to inform instructional content and delivery methods, and to provide timely and constructive feedback to both students and parents.
<b>TAPS Standard 7: Positive Learning Environment</b> The teacher provides a well-managed, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all.
<b>TAPS Standard 8: Academically Challenging Environment</b> The teacher creates a student-centered, academic environment in which teaching, and learning occur at high levels and students are self-directed learners.
<b>TAPS Standard 9: Professionalism</b> The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics and the school's mission, participates in professional growth opportunities to support student learning, and contributes to the profession.
<b>TAPS Standard 10: Communication</b> The teacher communicates effectively with students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel, and other stakeholders in ways that enhance student learning.

## Campus Security

Reinhardt Campus Security provides assistance to students in the event of an emergency. Campus Security can be reached at (770) 720- 5911

*"Reinhardt University is committed to providing a safe environment for its students, visitors, faculty and staff. Long-established policies, approved by Reinhardt's Board of Trustees, prohibit possession of firearms on property owned by the University."*

## Important Contact Information

Campus Nurse within the Student Health Center

[nurse@reinhardt.edu](mailto:nurse@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-5542 or [www.reinhardt.edu/nurse](http://www.reinhardt.edu/nurse).

Public Safety

**Non-Emergency Phone:** 770.720.5789

**Emergency Phone:** 770.720.5911

[publicsafety@reinhardt.edu](mailto:publicsafety@reinhardt.edu)

Dean of Students

[deanofstudents@reinhardt.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-5540

Office of the VPAA

[vpaa@reinhardt.edu](mailto:vpaa@reinhardt.edu), 770-720-9102

As a Reinhardt student, you have unlimited access to doctors, therapists, and on-demand crisis counseling through the Virtual Care Group's telehealth options. This service is in addition to other healthcare and counseling services available through the Student Health Center. In July, you will receive an e-mail from the Virtual Care [Virtual Care Group \(VCG\)](#) Group notifying you that you have full access to their telehealth platform. You will use that email or go through the VCG app to find out more about the Virtual Care Group to activate your account [www.thevirtualcaregroup.com/reinhardt](http://www.thevirtualcaregroup.com/reinhardt). Once activated, you can get the care you need anytime, from anywhere, which includes unlimited medical visits with board-certified physicians, 50-minute behavioral visits, life coaching, and on-demand crisis counseling.

## Attendance Policy

Attendance is required. If an excused absence occurs (i.e. student athletes' participation in RU sporting event, participation in RU School of Performing Arts recital or concert, death in immediate family, or hospital/doctor visit), documentation for absence is required. For any unexcused absence, 20 points will be deducted from the attendance points.

## Eagle360

Reinhardt utilizes an early alert program in which the professors can enter progress reports and academic/behavioral assistance can be utilized. This early alert program is designed to allow each student to be successful in completing their post-secondary education. It is the mission of Reinhardt University to **educate the whole person with challenge and care**.

## Field Experience

**Number of hours:** Student will complete 30 hours of field experience in assigned classroom.

**Expectations:** Establish field experience times with assigned teacher and report as expected as specified time, maintain daily field experience notes, and write a summary/reflection using guiding questions (will be given in class) of your field experience time.

As you are working toward being a professional educator, you will be expected to follow the GA Code of Ethics for Educators. Please see the following link as these were updated January 1, 2022. <https://www.gapsc.com/Rules/Current/Ethics/505-6-.01.pdf>

Field experiences will be completed by **April 21, 2023**. Student timesheets will be submitted and uploaded to Live Text by this time also. Submitting timesheets to Live Text by this date is mandatory to gain credit for the hours. Student will also provide a hard copy to the PSOE Field Experience office.

\*Transportation/traffic issues are not reasons for tardiness and/or absence to field experience sites. **Please be sure to total your hours and include that total on your sheet. Teachers must sign your timesheet for you to gain full credit for your times in the classroom.**

### Course Requirements/Assignments

1. Professionalism/Code of Ethics PSOE Required  
Candidates will read the PSOE Professionalism and Code of Ethics documents attached to this syllabus. At the second class, students will submit a signed page indicating their having read the appropriate documents.
2. Class Attendance/Class Contribution and Participation 560 Points  
Attendance is required. Each class meeting will have important information and will have times for questions and sometimes hands-on activities; therefore, attendance is necessary. If you are ill and miss class, a doctor's note/document is required, however, please send an email prior to the beginning of class to let me know you are sick and bring the doctors note at the next class meeting. Students will be subjectively evaluated for class contributions, which will include substantive participation, preparedness, promptness, and appropriate completion of assignments. Furthermore, graded assignments may be impacted if class is missed and participation in content-related activities does not occur. Absence from class will impact your final grade (20 points will be deducted for each unexcused absence, 5 points will be deducted for tardiness).
3. PSOE Lesson Plan 250 Points  
Students will prepare a lesson plan on an academic topic selected by the student and approved by the instructor. The plan will include pre-assessment, ongoing assessment, post-assessment, and student self-assessment activities. Lesson plans will be graded on a rubric (given in class) and will also be given feedback using the PSOE Lesson Plan

Rubric. Lesson plans will be submitted to Live Text. All submissions must be done in a word document so feedback can be given.

4. PSOE Lesson Plan Recording and Reflection 200 Points  
In addition to the submission in Live Text, the student will present the lesson plan by recording themselves and sending it to the professor. The student will also watch their own recording and will complete a reflection. More information about the rubric and reflection will be given as the course progresses. The presentation must also be uploaded in Live Text.
5. Modeling of Differentiated Instructional Strategies- 2 100 Points each  
After selecting and researching differentiated instructional strategies for use in the development of a PSOE Lesson Plan, students will be assigned a partner and topic and will prepare a class presentation to highlight the research. The student will create an activity/task reflecting the strategy and involve classmates in the task. The purpose for this activity is to demonstrate the use of a variety of instructional strategies when teaching a standard/objective. Peers will participate in the activity and offer feedback about the presentations. Example of presentation and rubric will be given in class. Students will complete 2 presentations on Differentiation Strategies. The second presentation will be done on an individually.
6. Lesson Plan Checks 15 points per check  
Students will be expected to turn in lesson plan sections for periodic checks for progress. Failure to turn in the plans on the required dates will result in loss of points. The purpose of the checks is to ensure that students are progressing through the lesson plan process with the appropriate timing and with the correct application of skills learned in this class. These lesson plan checks are mandatory. The dates for required checks will be published on Canvas and presented in class. All checks will be submitted to Live Text as a word document so feedback can easily be given. Checks turned in late and missing parts will result in a loss of points.
7. Class/Reading Assignment Reflective Journals 15 points per journal  
Candidates will be involved in several activities that demonstrate the use of detailed feedback to students and the ways in which candidates, as future teachers, can provide meaningful feedback to students. Opportunities for candidates to apply feedback will occur during each class meeting.  
Journal entries will also include reflections linked to each of the in-class activities related to Context for Learning, Instructional Materials Used to Execute Lesson Plans, Providing Feedback during Instruction, Academic Language, and Differentiated Instructional



Strategies for Flexible Groups. Article analyses may be incorporated into the Reflective Journal throughout the session.

Submissions are due before the next class meeting. Late submissions will be reflected in the number of points received and will not be accepted.

8. Field Experience Collaborating Teacher Introduction Email 20 Points  
Students will be expected to send their collaborating teacher an introduction email. A template will be provided by the Office of Field Experience. This email must be sent to the collaborating teacher and CC'd to the professor.
  
9. Field Experience Timesheet 20 Points  
Students will spend at least 30 hours in a local classroom with a collaborating teacher and providing instructional assistance when appropriate and as directed by the teacher. The emphasis of the time in the classroom is for the student to gain experience in a classroom setting. The student should attend all scheduled classroom visitations and be prompt. If the student must miss a visitation, he or she must contact the collaborating teacher by e-mail or telephone before the scheduled experience time begins. Please make sure that this communication is professional (SHOULD NOT SOUND LIKE A TEXT MESSAGE). The student will have a timesheet/verification form (3 pages) to record the hours of the field experience. The student is responsible for keeping this timesheet with an accurate record of the hours, but it must be initialed by the collaborating teacher at every visit and signed by the teacher at the end of the experience. At the end of the field experience and before the last class, the student will make a copy of the timesheet signed by the collaborating teacher and submit the timesheet to the EDU 325 instructor via LiveText and send a copy to the Office of Field Experience. The collaborating teacher will then complete the evaluation section of the timesheet, and scan and send the form to the Field Experience Office (make sure they are not faxing these forms). If the form is mailed, the student should provide the collaborating teacher with a stamped and addressed envelope. The teacher submitting this form will not affect the grade for the student but could affect admission into PSOE/DATA semester.
  
10. Field Experience Reflection 50 points  
Candidate will write a summary of his/her observations during the field experience. Guiding questions will be given to the students and used to assist with the completion of this assignment. In addition to this summary, the student is expected to hand in notes completed during each day's observation.

\*\*As the professor, I have the right to improve this plan as deemed necessary.

## Evaluation and Grading

This course is based on total points. Points earned will be divided by total points at the end of the semester to determine final grade. It is imperative that all assignments be handed in on time since losing points for a late assignment will have a great impact on the point total.

### Grading Distribution Range:

90-100	A
80-89	B
70-79	C
60-69	D
59-below	F

## References/Bibliography

**Websites:** [www.learning-styles-online.com/inventory/questions.asp?cookieset=y](http://www.learning-styles-online.com/inventory/questions.asp?cookieset=y)  
<http://ttc.coe.uga.edu/surveys>  
[www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org)

### National Curriculum Standards:

#### English/Language Arts and Reading:

[www.ncte.org](http://www.ncte.org) Home page for the National Council of Teachers of English  
[www.ncte.org/about/over/standards/110846.htm](http://www.ncte.org/about/over/standards/110846.htm) (List of National Standards for English/Language Arts sponsored by NCTE and IRA)  
[www.ira.org](http://www.ira.org) Home page for the International Reading Association

#### Mathematics:

[www.nctm.org](http://www.nctm.org) Home page for the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
[standards.nctm.org/document/chapter3/index.htm](http://standards.nctm.org/document/chapter3/index.htm) National Mathematics Standards Overview

#### Social Studies:

[www.ncss.org](http://www.ncss.org) Home page for the National Council for the Social Studies  
[www.socialstudies.org/standards/strands/](http://www.socialstudies.org/standards/strands/) National Social Studies Strands and Standards

#### Science:

[www.nsta.org/](http://www.nsta.org/) Home page of the National Science Teachers Association  
[www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/nses/6a.html](http://www.nap.edu/readingroom/books/nses/6a.html) Science Content Standards

### State Curriculum Standards:

[www.georgiastandards.org](http://www.georgiastandards.org) Georgia Department of Education Performance Standards for K-12  
[www.georgiastandards.org/Learning/Pages/GPSTraining/GeneralCurriculumTrainingMaterials.aspx](http://www.georgiastandards.org/Learning/Pages/GPSTraining/GeneralCurriculumTrainingMaterials.aspx)

## Academic Assistance

### Center for Student Success

The **Center for Student Success** located in the large classroom in the library, is a free tutoring service available to all students. For appointments, scan the QR code.



### Americans with Disabilities Act

The **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)** is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides reasonable accommodation for their disabilities. If you have a documented disability requiring accommodation, please contact the Academic Support Office (ASO).

Reinhardt University is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities. Therefore, if you are seeking classroom accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are required to register with the Academic Support Office (ASO). ASO is located in the basement of Lawson Building. Phone is 770-720-5567. To receive academic accommodations for this class, please obtain the proper ASO letters/forms.

## Price School of Education (PSOE) Policies for Professionalism

[GaPSC TEACHER ETHICS LINK](#)

The Price School of Education (PSOE) of Reinhardt University is dedicated to creating effective teachers who demonstrate quality teaching and a strong sense of professionalism founded in a solid commitment to the teaching philosophy of differentiated instruction and the PSOE Policies for Professionalism. A critical part of the developing professionalism of all education candidates is attained through establishing a knowledge base of ethical standards as identified in the Code of Ethics for Educators prescribed by the Professional Standards Commission (PSC), the agency responsible for certification, preparation, and conduct of personnel employed in the public schools of the State of Georgia. An education candidate is defined as any student taking classes offered in the program of study from the Price School of Education.

The following PSOE Policies for Professionalism for Education candidates in all teacher preparation programs address Academic Integrity, Attendance/Punctuality, Level of Engagement, Completion of Assignments, Professional Disposition, and Support of a Professional Learning Community:

## 1. **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

The following are recognized as unacceptable forms of academic behavior:

1. Plagiarizing: that is, presenting words or ideas not your own as if they were your own. Three or more words taken directly from another source must be enclosed in quotation marks and documented.
2. Submitting a paper or lesson plan written by another candidate or another person as if it were your own.
3. Submitting a paper or lesson plan written by you for another course or occasion without the explicit knowledge and consent of the instructor.
4. Fabricating evidence or statistics that supposedly represent your original research.
5. Cheating of any sort on tests, papers, projects, reports, field experience documentation, etc.
6. Unauthorized use of the password or account number of another candidate or a faculty member to gain access to computers, data files, or computer output.
7. Aiding or otherwise enabling another candidate to engage in any form of academic dishonesty.
8. Failure to report suspected or obvious incidences of academic dishonesty to the course instructor.
9. Any other behaviors that violate the spirit of ethical and professional behavior.

**Penalties for Academic Dishonesty.** In the event of academic dishonesty, according to the definition stated above and whatever additional definition an instructor has published in the class syllabus, the instructor may do one of the following, according to his or her assessment of the severity of the infraction and any extenuating circumstances:

1. Assign a grade of *F* or *O* on the paper, project, or examination, but allow resubmission, resulting in a maximum combined grade of *C*.
2. Assign a grade of *F* or *O* on the paper, project, or examination without the opportunity for resubmission.
3. Assign a grade of *F* in the course.

**All education candidates must understand that academic dishonesty in any form may have consequences beyond the boundaries of one class and may result in denial of admission to or dismissal from the PSOE.**

In all cases, the instructor will forward evidence of dishonesty to the Dean of the Price School of Education and the Office of the Vice-President and Dean for Academic Affairs.

As education candidates begin to visit PK-12 schools in the community to fulfill course and program requirements, it is necessary to extend the policies of Academic Integrity to field experiences and clinical practice. Any dishonesty connected with field experience or clinical practice will result in failing the field experience component of the course, failing the course, or denial of admission to the Price School of Education. If the education candidate has already been admitted to the PSOE, dismissal from the program may be the consequence. Any unprofessional behavior in field experience will be reported to the Director of Field Experience and the PSOE Dean.

## **2. CLASSROOM AND FIELD EXPERIENCE ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY**

During each semester, education candidates will be expected to attend all classes and scheduled seminars and to be prompt. For each class absence and/or tardiness, points may be deducted from the course grade. Excessive absenteeism and tardiness may result in a lower grade or being dropped from the class. If an absence is unavoidable, the candidate should contact the instructor as soon as possible via telephone, voicemail, and/or e-mail. Each candidate is responsible for all material and information discussed and assigned in class, and he/she must decide with a fellow class member to take notes, collect any handouts, and communicate any new or updated course information in the event of an absence.

It is expected that all education candidates will clearly display professional behaviors as course requirements for field experience are met. These professional behaviors include the following: maintaining consistent attendance and punctuality for scheduled field experiences; demonstrating enjoyment of learning and enthusiasm toward working with children; displaying courtesy and civility when communicating and interacting with local school personnel; and exhibiting appropriate dress and appearance for all field experiences.

- A. Candidates must initially contact their assigned teachers within 5 days after they have been notified via e-mail regarding field experience placement.
- B. If an absence is unavoidable, candidates should immediately contact the collaborating teacher and supervisor via telephone, voicemail, and/or e-mail. It is also expected that any days missed during field experience or clinical practice will be made up by the candidate and clearly documented on the Time Sheet and Verification of Field Experience with Candidate Professionalism Assessment Form submitted by the collaborating teacher at the end of the semester.
- C. Collaborating teachers must mail in the Time Sheet and Verification of Field Experience with Candidate Professionalism Assessment Form directly to the PSOE Director of Field Experience and should never be delivered directly by the candidate.
- D. All field experience and clinical practice placements must be arranged through the Field Experience Office.

### **3. LEVEL OF CLASSROOM / FIELD EXPERIENCE ENGAGEMENT**

The PSOE policy for level of university classroom engagement assumes that all education candidates will proactively contribute to class discussion by offering ideas and asking questions during class time.

For field experience, it is expected that all education candidates will take the initiative to be actively involved from the beginning of the field experience in a variety of school-based activities directed by course instructors, Clinical Faculty, and/or collaborating teachers. Activities may include, but are not limited to, structured observations, teacher interviews, tutoring or assisting individual students, working with both small and large groups of students, assisting the collaborating teacher in class preparation and implementation of instruction, and/or participation in school/agency meetings as directed by the collaborating teacher/supervisor.

### **4. COMPLETION OF UNIVERSITY CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS**

It is expected that education candidates will demonstrate their professionalism through the submission of course assignments when the assignments are due. Except in extenuating circumstances, course assignments will not be accepted by any instructor after the due date unless written documented arrangements have been made between the candidate and instructor prior to the due date. If no prior arrangements have been made, it is expected that the candidate will make provisions to submit the assignment on the due date. Additional written documentation must also be provided by the candidate if the reason for the delayed assignment is related to personal illness, illness of an immediate family member, religious holiday, death of a family member, or the request of the collaborating teacher. If you have read this far, please come see Mrs. Attavar before class time on Wednesday and discreetly ask for your Chick-Fil-A gift card (don't tell your classmates).

### **5. PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITION**

It is expected that education candidates will always display a professional disposition in the University classroom, as well as during field experience and clinical practice in local classrooms. The consistent demonstration of a professional teaching disposition is critical to a candidate's admission to the next stage of his or her preparation program, to the successful completion of the candidate teaching experience during the final semester, and to recommendation for future employment.

The mission of all teacher preparation programs at Reinhardt University is to "produce reflective, problem-solving teachers who respond to the diversity of student needs

through differentiated instruction driven by ongoing assessment and adjustments within a nurturing environment.”

**Evidence of a developing professional disposition includes the following intelligent behaviors:**

- A. Learning from experience and showing improvement over time;
- B. Assuming responsibility for decisions and their consequences;
- C. Managing interpersonal relationships in a mature and professional manner;
- D. Listening with empathy and understanding to perceive another’s point of view and emotions;
- E. Persevering in tasks to completion, remaining focused, and looking for ways to reach a goal when having difficulty;
- F. Thinking before acting, and remaining calm, thoughtful, and deliberate;
- G. Finding humor in unusual, unexplained, inconsistent, and unexpected situations;
- H. Demonstrating enjoyment of thinking and learning and responding with awe and enthusiasm;
- I. Thinking and working interdependently to learn from others in reciprocal situations;
- J. Practicing professional written and spoken communication that is accurate, clear, concise, and grammatically correct;
- K. Reflecting on and assessing one own performance and effectiveness for self-improvement and for making future knowledgeable decisions; and
- L. Displaying characteristics of a lifelong professional learner to deepen one’s ability to problem-solve, to make informed decisions, and to enhance employability (e.g., apply past knowledge to new situations, display inquisitiveness, be willing to try new things and explore new and original ideas, be self-directed, risk mistakes, and remain open to continuous learning).

**6. SUPPORT OF A PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITY**

It is a strong belief of the PSOE that behaviors continuously displayed within the University classroom will often reflect how candidates will interact with students, parents, administrators, teaching colleagues, and other personnel within their present field experience and clinical practice placements in their future local schools and classrooms. Therefore, it is expected that candidates will support a professional learning community within the University classroom to maintain a nurturing learning environment of care and challenge for all.

**Evidence of supporting a professional learning community includes the following consistent behaviors:**

- A. Completing course assignments and other assigned field experience or clinical practice requirements in an organized, accurate, and timely manner.
- B. Being prepared for each class session by bringing all materials to class and completing all readings, assignments, and/or presentation materials prior to class time;
- C. Demonstrating appreciation of and compassion for individual differences and backgrounds of all class members;

- D. Developing positive, accepting, collaborative, and inclusive relationships with all members of the class;
- E. Offering assistance and encouragement to all class members;
- F. Listening openly and dialoguing positively about different perspectives expressed by other class members and faculty members;
- G. Refraining from using any electronic devices, such as cell phones or laptop/tablet computers, for personal communication/social media purposes during class time;
- H. Refraining from engaging in personal conversations or other distracting behaviors while an instructor, visiting speaker, class member, or group is presenting to the class;
- I. Choosing wisely what will be discussed in public, private, or online (e.g., Facebook) with other class members, and keeping information to oneself that concerns academic and disciplinary records, personal confidences, health and medical issues, family status and/or income, assessment/testing results, or any other personal or private affairs of any class member or instructor; and
- J. Using appropriate, respectful, professional language at all times.

**Note: Education** candidates should review each PSOE course syllabus for course-specific penalties related to professionalism expectations. Failure to meet any of the above PSOE Policies for Professionalism may result in denial of PSOE admission or dismissal from the Price School of Education.



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The contents of this form were addressed in class, and I understand the PSOE policies and conditions for professionalism listed above.

Candidate Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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Candidate Signature	Date	PSOE Course

This page must be turned in to the professor.