A. Course Description

Credits: 3

Prerequisites: EDU 200 Introduction to Urban Education and Reflective Teaching AND EDU 203 Multicultural Education

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: None

This course focuses on assessment as a learning tool to guide the planning, development and implementation of curriculum and instruction. Theories and research related to principles of learning, motivation and multiple intelligences are explored. Practical experience designing short- and long-term learning outcomes and various types of assessment is offered. Topics include standards-based instruction, formative and summative assessment, standardized testing, validity, reliability, bias, rubrics, portfolio-based assessment, performance-based assessment, and communicating with families. State and national standards and performance criteria for the evaluation of teaching are also explored. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/24/2002 - 12/16/2006 12/17/2006 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Describe connections among various assessment, curricular and instructional choices that teachers make and their impact on student learning.
2. Develop competence creating various assessment tools, such as selected response tests and constructed response tests which can be exhibited as part of a teaching portfolio.
3. Interpret state and national subject area standards, and begin assessing student performance toward achievement of the Minnesota graduation standards.
4. Understand current rules and trends in assessing teacher performance, including standardized entrance exams, performance criteria and professional portfolios.
6. Understand how student motivation and learning can be enhanced by working with students to address their multiple intelligences, higher order thinking abilities, various learning styles and diverse cultures.
7. Understand how to interpret and use standardized test data.
8. Understand how to relate assessment data to students, families and colleagues.
9. Understand the characteristics, use and limitations of various traditional and authentic forms of assessment, including criterion-referenced and norm-referenced tests, standardized tests, performance assessment, portfolio assessment, and affective assessment.
10. Understand the differences between assessment, evaluation and testing.
11. Understand the terminology of assessment such as reliability, validity and bias.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information
Community Engagement
Note: Admission to Urban Teacher Program or Department approval required to register. Clinical field experience hours are part of the course requirements.