Metropolitan State University

LAED 450 : Teaching Language Arts in Urban Middle and High School

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Prerequisites: EDU 300 Assessment of Learning and Teaching in Urban Grades 5-12 AND EDU 306 Urban Middle School and High School Methods AND EDU 400 Literacy Education in Urban Schools and at least 20 credits of English courses required for the English Teaching major.

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week : MnTC Goals: None

In this course, prospective urban teachers learn how to develop, teach and evaluate units and comprehensive teaching plans that implement best practices for middle and high school language arts classes. Students acquire, practice and demonstrate a repertoire of effective techniques and activities for teaching such middle school language arts competencies as vocabulary development; sentence, paragraph and essay construction; and reading skills; and such high school language arts competencies as vocabulary development; creative and technical writing skills; and understanding the characters, plots and messages contained in literary works.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/26/2006 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Knowledge of local and national trends related to the teaching and assessment of reading and literature.
2. Knowledge, skills, and ability to prepare to teach diverse literatures effectively to diverse students.
3. Knowledge, skills, and ability to prepare to teach reading effectively to diverse students.
4. Knowledge of relationships between writing and reading practices in the secondary classroom.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

This contains no goal areas.

G. Special Information

Community Engagement
Note: Permission required contact Taslima Khaled Taslima.Khaled@metrostate.edu. Formerly offered as LIT 437. Admission to Urban Teacher Program and Department approval required to register. Clinical field experience hours part of course requirements. Corequisite: EDU 450 Advanced Urban Teaching Practicum and Seminar