



EDU C444-50

Narrowing the Gap: Working with Economically Disadvantaged Students

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I. Course Description:

Every student has his/her way of learning...and when that way pops up in the classroom, teachers have their students' undivided attention. This is especially true with students who are lacking resources at home. The focus of this class will be to help teachers use strategies that will help [all] students move "the concrete to the abstract" and improve achievement (Payne, 2011).

II. Course Aims and Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to do the following:

- Assess students accurately for problems in academics and behaviors
- Recognize students who face academic problems due to economic challenges
- Concentrate on Time on Task
- Teach Mental Models
- Teach Question-Making
- Teach Sketching
- Use a variety of teaching strategies to improve achievement